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Welcome Message

Welcome Curlers – old and new! In this time of a world pandemic, we as New Brunswickers have not felt the impact as have those in many other regions around the world. We are happy to have the chance to enjoy curling this winter.

The return to play this season will look different. The Club has taken efforts to limit close contact among curlers. The focus of these efforts has been on the safety of our volunteers and the members and non-members who will play the game we love and enjoy.

General Procedures

No one is to enter the Club if they feel ill or do not satisfy any of the COVID-19 screening requirements, i.e. have you been diagnosed with Covid-19, have you been in contact with anyone with Covid-19, have you recently travelled outside the Maritime bubble, have you come in contact with anyone who has travelled outside the Maritime bubble, do you have any symptoms of Covid-19 such as cough, runny nose or fever?

All members are encouraged to arrive to the club dressed for game-play. Upon arrival, each person shall sanitize their hands. Each person will select a chair for the evening.

Each curling event will have a designated *Covid Marshall* responsible to answer any questions and to remind members of procedures to be followed.

When bartenders arrive in the building, they will immediately wash or sanitize their hands. They are required to wear a protective mask when serving customers. They must wash their hands prior to serving customers and after coming into contact with cash or other items not previously sanitized.

Our Club will follow recovery level changes, restrictions and/or procedures the Government of New Brunswick and/or curling governing bodies implement throughout the season.

Mask wearing:

Everyone inside the club facility is required to wear a mask. This includes moving throughout the facility as well as while seated and not consuming food or drinks.

Signage

Various signage will be posted throughout the building related to modified game-play information and measures taken by the Club for safe game-play.

Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures

During this time, it is imperative that we must maintain a clean and sanitary facility to ensure the health and well-being of all who enter our facility.

Cleaning and sanitation procedures for frequently touched surfaces can help protect from COVID-19. The Club will clean and sanitize the facility's common touch points and before any user occupies the facility.



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Additionally, the Club will sanitize all club owned equipment that is used during an event. If a curler uses a broom or a stabilizer, or other club owned equipment, it is requested that the user place it inside the lounge door, at the designation location, after use.

Contact Tracing

All members will be requested to provide contact information when purchasing a membership. Non-members will be requested to provide information the first night they attend.

The *Covid Marshall* will ensure that there is a record of those present for each event. This record shall be kept for 21 days.

Washroom Use

The washrooms will be open for use. There will be only 1 person per washroom at given time.

Lounge and Banquet Area

The lounge area setup will be modified to accommodate curlers. The upstairs banquet hall can be used, when available.

No spectators will be permitted at the club.

Ice Sheet, Score Keeping and Game-play

The ice sheet area and game-play will look different this year. We hope the actions taken and implemented will not impact your enjoyment of the game.

Ice Sheet

New markings have been put in each ice sheet. These markings indicate the locations for team members to stand when not delivering. Player movement will be modified. A diagram is posted in the lounge area to help show the intended flow of players.

Score Keeping

The scoreboard tiles will be used. A designated person per sheet will handle the score for both teams. This player will also leave the used score markers in place to be disinfected by a club representative.

Game-play

Each event night coordinator will determine the start method; for example, staggered starts, to limit congestion prior to and after the game.

Masks are **not** required to be worn while on the ice surface; however, it is encouraged that those not actively involved during game-play wear their mask (i.e. non-delivering team members, skips, etc.)

Prior to starting the game, curlers are asked to have washed or sanitized their hands upon entering the facility.



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In lieu of the traditional hand shake, waving or other alternative greeting will suffice. Rock, paper scissors will replace the coin/token flip.

Each player is to select two specific stones to be used/touched by them alone during the game. If you rotate positions throughout the game, you will be expected to use the same stones you threw in the first end.

Designated positioning markings, mentioned above, are used specifically for the non-delivering team. Refer to the diagram that will be posted for your information or discuss with the event coordinator.

Delivering team will have a few modifications. These are as follows:

- Only one sweeper will be used each for each delivery;
- The non-sweeping player will be positioned either behind the hack (as shown on the diagram) or in a position properly distanced from the non-delivering team players;
- The skip (or person in charge of the house) is not permitted to sweep under any circumstances. The delivering team sweeper is the only player permitted to sweep, including raised or tapped rocks;
- The non-delivering team skip (or person in charge of the house) must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest and it is their team's turn.

Post Game

Once players finish the game, they are asked to leave the ice sheet. The score markers will remain on the scoreboard. The markers and the stones will be sanitized by our cleaning committee. The ice sheets will be cleaned by our ice committee.



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Key Points

- Players to arrive no earlier than 15 min before game-play
- Players are to sanitize their hands
- Spectators are not permitted
- Players are encouraged to arrive dressed to play
- Players are to choose a chair upon arrival, which will serve as their chair for the evening. On that chair they can place their belongings
- Masks are required to be worn at all times, except during game-play and when consuming food or drink
- Coordinators may organize staggered start times
- No handshakes
- Players on the non-delivering team are to position themselves in accordance with the posted diagrams
- Only one sweeper
- Although not required, players are encouraged to wear masks when on the ice surface
- Players will select two stones for the duration of the evening. They will be the only person to touch his/her stones.
- Club owned equipment (brooms, stabilizers, sliders) used by curlers is to be placed in the designated area in the lounge for cleaning
- Score keeping is completed by one person per sheet. The markers are to remain on the score board