

# **BEAUMONT**

***CURLING CLUB***

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**RETURN-TO-PLAY PLAN FOR THE  
2020/21 SEASON**





The Beaumont Curling Club Policies and Procedures Return-to-Play Plan for the 2020/21 season have been created with the requirements and recommendations set forward by the Government of Canada, the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services, Curling Canada, and Curling Alberta. The results and comments from the Beaumont Curling Club Planning for Reopening and Membership Survey have also been taken into account to help create this document.

The health and safety of our members, guests, and staff is of utmost importance - it has and will continue to remain the top priority of the Beaumont Curling Club. While we will follow all protocols and procedures from governing bodies related to operations of a curling club, all patrons of the Beaumont Curling Club are expected to adhere to our Policies and Procedures as part of our Return-to-Play Plan for the 2020/21 season. These Policies and Procedures protect members, guests, staff, and the club itself in ways ranging from health and safety to financial sustainability.

## PRIORITIES

### THE BEAUMONT CURLING CLUB WILL:

- Implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among members, guests, and staff;
- Develop procedures for rapid response if a member, guest, or staff member develops symptoms of illness;
- Ensure that staff, members, and guests maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- Comply, to the extent possible, with the COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance and any other applicable guidance from government and sport organisations.



### BEAUMONT CURLING CLUB POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RETURN-TO-PLAY PLAN FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON VERSION 1

**Approval Date** - August 17, 2020 by the Beaumont Curling Club Board of Directors

**Effective Date** - August 17, 2020

Reviews will be made “on a per” basis in line with the current COVID-19 situation and government recommendations.



# RISK MITIGATION OF INFECTION OF COVID-19

## MASKS

- **Masks are required to be worn at all times OFF the ice** except in the following situations:
  - When sitting in the lounge, or eating/drinking
- It is up to the individual if they would like to wear a mask on the ice
- Masks will not be provided for members or guests
- Reusable BCC masks will be available for purchase

*In accordance with  
City of Beaumont Bylaw 984-20*

## SYMPTOM ATTESTATION

- Upon arrival, members and guests must answer a screening checklist for symptoms
- TBD - This info may be recorded on your phone through an app connected to our website or by paper copy
- This information may be shared with Alberta Health Services for contact tracing should a member, guest, or staff test positive for COVID-19

## HAND SANITIZER, DISINFECTANT SPRAY/WIPES

- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the entire club
- It is recommended that curlers bring their own hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant spray/wipes are available and will be used for cleaning rocks, tables, and high touch-point areas such as door handles, sink taps etc.

**The BCC will have a curling-specific checklist and logbook for cleaning.**

## HEALTHY HYGIENE REMINDER

- Remember to wash or disinfect your hands before eating, drinking
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Cough or sneeze into your arm
- Avoid strong scents to prevent fellow members from coughing or sneezing
- All staff will wash or disinfect their hands after handling cash

## WAIVERS AND DECLARATIONS OF COMPLIANCE

- Curlers (over age-majority) are required to sign a Waiver accepting the physical and legal risks of the sport.
- Parents/Guardians (of curlers under age-majority) are required to sign an Assumption of Risk form accepting that their child is subject to the physical risks of the sport.
- Curlers are also required to sign a Declaration of Compliance pledging that they have not been exposed to COVID-19 within 14 days of every game, and that they are taking reasonable steps to avoid being exposed.



# LEAGUE MODIFICATIONS

## START TIMES

- Sheets 1, 3, & 5 start at 6:10pm - please arrive no more than 20 minutes before
- Sheets 2, 4, & 6 start at 6:30pm - please arrive no more than 20 minutes before

## END TIMES

- All games are 2 hours in length
- At the 2 hour mark, games may go into one (1) more end
- For tied games after the one more end, do a draw-to-the-button to decide the winning team
- Exit the ice arena through the door which you entered

## JUNIORS

- Junior programming may be postponed until January 2021, however we are working on a plan to start our Junior programming in November.

## SCHEDULE AND RESULTS ENTRY - MEMBER LOGIN

- The schedule will now be integrated on our website through the “Member Login”
- All past and upcoming games, teams, and standings will be available online
- Results will now be entered on our website
- Skips and Thirds will have access to select a ‘Winner’ and ‘Loser’ for their game

**The BCC will help guide members on how to use the Member Login portion of our website.**



# FACILITY MODIFICATIONS

## ENTRANCE AND EXIT

- Use the KNRRC entrance to access the curling club
- The outside doors will only be used as an exit
- To access the lounge, head up the stairs in the club -- these stairs will only be used for going UP
- If you need to get to the lobby from the lounge, use the stairs in the KNRRC by going through the far-corner door

## PHYSICAL BARRIERS

- Plexi-glass barriers have been placed on the office desk and bartop
- Some tables haven been used to encourage distancing - do not use these tables

## DISTANCING AND SIGNAGE

- **Maintain 6 feet between yourself and others at all times**
- Physical distancing circles are placed by the office, bar, in locker rooms, and in the ice
- Directional wayfinding signage and floor markings are being used
- Screening signs posted by entrance
- Reminder signage - distancing, hygiene, masks, game modifications, other protocols

## SPACE SET-UP AND OCCUPANCY

### Locker Rooms

- Maximum occupancy in locker rooms is set to three (3) people
- It is recommended that all curlers come dressed for curling

### Washrooms

- All stalls in the Men's and Women's washrooms are available
- Some sinks and urinals are not available to meet physical distancing requirements

### Lobby

- With staggered start-times, there should be a maximum of 24 people in the lobby
- Chairs will be placed 6 feet apart to allow curlers to put on their curling shoes

### Lounge

- The lounge is permitted to its maximum occupancy allowing that physical distancing is in place
- Tables will be set-up in a way to allow socialising while maintaining 6 feet
- The lounge will be operated under specific Alberta Health guidelines
- We are looking into text-to-order -to-table for our lounge to reduce lineups at the bar



# SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Payment by card (debit/credit) is strongly encouraged in-person
- Online payment for league/event registration is required
- Cash is accepted, but not recommended

## REFUND POLICY

- The Beaumont Curling Club's refund policy is in the form of a credit towards the 2021/22 curling season's league fees or for use in the lounge. This refund policy will be offered if AHS requires curling clubs like the BCC to shut down during our 2020/21 season.
- We have scheduled 21 games with room to reschedule up to 4 games if the club is required to shut down mid-season and is able to reopen. If we are shutdown for more than 4 weeks, curlers will be credited for each game after 4 weeks. At \$400 per person for 21 games, each game is worth \$19.05. If the club was shutdown for 5 weeks, 4 games will be rescheduled, and curlers will be credited \$19.05 for the 5th game missed.
- No credit will be offered for rescheduled games.

## WATER COOLERS

- The water coolers on the backboards are NOT available for filling-up water bottles to minimize touch-points
- Curlers are to bring their own water bottle filled from home

## BONSPIELS AND EVENTS

- All policies and protocols will be in place for all bonspiels and events
- Necessary changes will be made to adapt to each individual bonspiel and event

## RENTAL EQUIPMENT

- Rental equipment will not be available every night
- Rather, curlers will sign-out a broom (and if needed a slider) at the start of the season by paying a refundable **\$50** deposit in case of damage or being lost.
- Curlers can take the equipment home with them and must return it at the end of the season intact to which the deposit will be returned.



# SHEET MODIFICATIONS

## STARTING LOCATIONS - PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- All sheets will start at the HOME end as usual
- Sheets 1, 3, & 5 should be at the AWAY end by the time Sheets 2, 4, & 6 are ready to start their game at HOME

## STANDING LOCATIONS - PHYSICAL DISTANCING

### Non-Delivering Team

- Players must stand on the circles between hoglines
- Skips (and Thirds if discussing shots) must stand behind the hack

### Delivering Team

- The player who is not sweeping must stand on a circle between hoglines
- Skip must be in front of the hack

Avoid standing on the backboards.

## TRAFFIC FLOW - PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- To maximise physical distancing of at least 6 feet, we suggest curlers walk along the centre line - please ensure your shoes are clean and that none of your clothing is pilling to avoid picks.



# GAME MODIFICATIONS

## GOOD-GAME WISHES

- No handshakes, fist bumps, or elbow bumps
- Consider a “raise-of-the-broom” or verbal remarks

## LAST STONE ADVANTAGE

- Do not perform a coin flip to decide last stone advantage - can get too close when seeing what side it landed on
- Consider using “rock-paper-scissors” - can do this 6 feet apart and should speed up the process

## SWEEPING - PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- The “**Single-Sweeper Rule**” is in effect
  - Only one (1) sweeper maximum is permitted at all times
  - No “relaying” (no player may takeover for the current sweeper at any time)
  - No sweeping an opponent’s stone after it passes the T-Line
  - No one, except the dedicated sweeper for a shot, can sweep any stone (including ticks, bumps, etc.)

## ROCKS

- Use only your two (2) rocks for the entire game
- Do not touch your teammates’ or opponents’ rocks after cleaning them

### Cleaning Rocks

- Prior to your game, clean your team’s rocks with a disinfectant wipe
- Do not clean the bottom of your rock with bare hands - Use your glove or broom instead

## SCOREKEEPING

- Scoreboards will be used for scorekeeping
- Designate one (1) of the Thirds to put up the score for both teams
- At the end of the game, the designated Third is to disinfect the numbers and scoreboard

## MEASURING

- Only Thirds are permitted to grab the measuring device - they should sanitize their hands before
- Perform the measurement then return the device
- Use a disinfectant wipe to clean the measuring device - don’t forget to sanitize hands after



# WHAT WILL A TYPICAL NIGHT OF CURLING LOOK LIKE?

## ARRIVING

- Open the app on your phone to take the screening checklist
- Enter the recreation centre and head to the curling club entrance

## PREPARING FOR YOUR GAME - LOBBY

- Please come to the club knowing what sheet you are playing on by logging into the website
- Head to a chair closer to the sheet you are playing on to put on your shoes OR head into the locker room if the occupancy is below 3 people and stand on the circle
- Perform your pre-game warmup - be mindful of personal space, perhaps use the backboards
- Store your belongings in your locker, on the floor, or on the backboards - try not to pile your stuff with someone else's too closely
- Enter the ice arena through your sheet's specified door

## PREPARING FOR YOUR GAME - ICE ARENA

- Make your way to your sheet and your sheet's specified starting location (home or away)
- Clean off your team's rocks with a disinfectant wipe
- Have Thirds perform rock-paper-scissors to decide last-stone advantage
- Wish a good game by raising brooms or verbally communicating - no handshakes, fist bumps, elbow bumps, etc.
- You may take your mask off at this point
- Take positions as per the specified standing locations

## GAMEPLAY

- Remember to maintain 6 feet between yourself and others at all times, and to stand in your designated spot (circles between the hoglines, or behind the hack for Skips)
- Remember to wear your mask; remember to put it back on after sweeping
- One Third will put up the score for both teams
- Remember to touch only your 2 rocks
- Remember only 1 sweeper
- Skips and Thirds should try to maintain 6 feet to discuss shots... maybe create a secret code out of gestures!

## POST-GAME

- Return all rocks to the starting location for your sheet
- The designated Third is to disinfect the score numbers and scoreboard
- Put your mask back on
- Leave through the door you entered
- Head to the chair you used prior to the game OR head into the locker room if there are less than 3 people
- If taking part in post-game socialising, please do so in the lounge by using the stairs in the club
- Stand on the circles to wait to order a drink or sit down at a table and text-in your order (if available)
- Only 4 people per table setup - please no hopping between tables; make a plan to drink with them next week

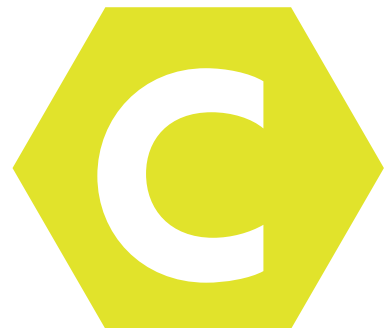
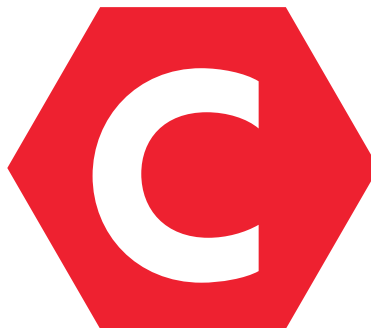
\* Be sure to submit the results of your game on our website in the "Member Login"

# OUTBREAK RAPID RESPONSE PROTOCOL

- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of a person or persons who were at the Beaumont Curling Club in the last 14 days, we ask that they notify us immediately so we can determine when they were at the club and notify each person they may have come into contact with. This is why daily attendance is necessary.
- The Beaumont Curling Club will immediately contact Alberta Health Services for further guidance and assistance with contact tracing.
- All members will be notified of the positive case and the club may be closed for a certain period of time to undergo a strict cleaning and disinfecting process until we determine it is safe to return.

## NON-COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

- All members, guests, and staff are must adhere to all Policies and Procedures as outlined in this document.
- A person or persons who fail to abide by these Policies and Procedures, will be asked to leave the Beaumont Curling Club.
- While we hope to see all of our members return, we ask that those who do not wish to to follow this document to not return. The 2020/21 curling season will be difficult enough. It is our priority to keep all members, guests, and staff safe, happy, and healthy, while trying to maintain the wonderful social aspect and experiences that come with curling.
- Please be kind to fellow members, guests, and staff. We're all in this together, so let's make it easy on one another!



We hope you have a great season of curling. Despite the current world we live in, we can continue to curl. We can continue to be physically active, to improve our mental health, and to be social with one another; it just takes all of us.

***AT THE BEAUMONT CURLING CLUB, WE ARE A COMMUNITY.  
IT'S A COMMUNITY WAY OF CURLING!***