



COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN

Osoyoos Curling Club

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OSOYOOS CURLING CLUB

Message from the Board of Directors

The Osoyoos Curling Club has compiled this Safety Plan with the vision that we have identified all critical areas of concern that may affect our members, guests, volunteers, and contractors as we Return to Curl during the current Covid 19 pandemic.

We have worked within the conditions and requirements set out in Phase 3 of the CurlBC Guidelines and followed their regulations. A thorough risk assessment was completed on the facility and areas of congestion, situations/activities that promote congestion, sharing of equipment, and common touch points were identified. Resolutions to these risks are outlined in our Safety Plan.

During the summer, we surveyed our Membership to determine their willingness to return to curling in our current environment, asked them to identify their concerns, along with their level of tolerance for new safety protocol. A large majority of our Members support a return to the game and are willing to adjust to the changing dynamics presented by the current health concerns. Hence, we have developed a safe and acceptable Plan to protect all participants through the stages of registration, assembly, curling and social gathering.

The best and most feasible solution for each issue is presented herein to create a safe and comfortable environment for our Club's Return to Curl. However, the issues and the pandemic are dynamic; hence, this Safety Plan is subject to updates, reviews and revisions as new situations are identified, the environment changes, and Provincial Government guidelines evolve.

This is a new environment for everyone. The Osoyoos Curling Club is presenting our best effort to bring the game of curling back to our Members for the 2020-2021 season. That being said, there will be changes that may not be familiar or comfortable for everyone. We accept that not all of our Members may feel safe in the current volatile environment, and, hence, may not choose to participate for a season. The onus will be on each of us to understand the new environment, and champion the changes for the betterment of our Club, the game of Curling, and our curling Members and friends.

We invite all Members and guests to embrace the Osoyoos Curling Club's Safety Plan, and to enjoy the great game that we love, in good health, a participative spirit, and in a safe environment.

A SPECIAL NOTE: It is important that all individuals understand that when they choose to participate in physical activities outside the home during the pandemic – including curling – they may be at an increased risk of being exposed to and contracting Covid-19. This is an inherent risk of participating in activities in the community where they may interact with other individuals. Curl BC considers curling to be a MEDIUM risk sport for the contraction of Covid-19 due to the colder climate and poorer ventilation of our indoor curling environments. Participants should carefully assess their personal health circumstances before engaging in curling activities.

The following sections outline measures taken for curlers, volunteers, spectators, contract workers and renters (hereby referred to as “Individuals”).

General Information

- **STAY HOME** if sick, have flu-like symptoms or required to self isolate.
- If at any time they feel unwell, refer to link: [Illness Policy](#).
- It is every individual’s responsibility to help ensure the safety of all. Social and physical distancing best practices are to be followed, in all areas, when inside the building.
- All individuals must read, understand, and comply with the Club protocols and guidelines.
- League fees will be refunded according to the [Osoyoos Curling Club Refund Policy](#) (see link).
- All individuals must sign a (see links): [Participant Agreement and Release of Liability, Waiver of Claim and Indemnity Agreement](#) at registration; and [Group Health Declaration](#) **every time** they enter the Club.
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- Maximum of 17 people in Lobby and 24 in lounge is allowed at any one time as per Club’s Covid-19 Occupancy Limit based on 5 square meters of unencumbered floor space per person. Link to [drawing](#).
- Disinfecting and / or sanitizing of common touch points will be done as per our [Sanitation Plan](#) and [Sanitization log](#) to the plan (see link).
- Sanitizing stations will be set up through the Club and individuals are encouraged to use them.
- Covid-19 resource signage will be placed through out the Club.
- Spectators will be only allowed by special permission.
- Renters of our facility will have to produce a Safety Plan of their own that outlines how they will comply with our rules and regulations.
- Volunteers will be only registered members of the Club.
- **Entrance** to the Club is only via the east door (same as before) by the parking lot. Please allow social distancing when entering.
- **Exit** from the Club is only via the south door in the Lobby except for any curlers requiring usage of the lift at the Sun Bowl Arena.
- Individuals **must** sanitize their hands immediately upon entering and leaving the Club.
- Masks are mandatory throughout all common areas of the Club which are the lobby, lounge, washrooms, and stairs.
- Only authorized personnel will be allowed in the concession, office, equipment rooms (on ice and lobby). and kitchen.
- Individuals will ascend/descend the stairs according to the directional arrows.
- Payment for registration, curling equipment, bar services, and other items, will be accepted by debit machine (no credit cards accepted), cash, bar cards, cheque, and e-transfers.

Washrooms

- Only one (1) person at a time in the washroom.
- Individuals are asked to sanitize hands before entering and after washing their hands. Sanitizing stations are positioned accordingly.
- Users are responsible for their own sanitation inside the cubical.

Lobby

- Arrows on the floor will indicate directional flow to the bulletin boards, benches, exit, and curling area.
- Extra chairs and soft/hard benches will be marked off to indicate safe seating distances and placed at appropriate distances to enable curlers to put on curling shoes.
- Outdoor footwear will be stored neatly distanced on the floor under benches and chairs in the lobby during play time.
- Bulletin Boards will be positioned at each end of the lobby, and will include the league draws, win/loses scoresheets, and Group Health Declaration form.
- Clean pens will be provided. Used pens are to be put into a “Dirty Pen” container for sanitization before being put back into rotation prior to next use.

For further clarification, view drawing, see link: [Lobby](#).

Lounge

- Bar service will cease at 10:00 p.m. Patrons must vacate the premises by 11:00 p.m.
- Access will be limited to curlers/volunteers only. Spectators will be allowed once they have received special permission.
- Masks may be removed after patrons are seated at their table. Safely store masks in pockets or bag.
- Curlers are not permitted in the lounge before their draw time.
- Tables of 4 have been set up. Should there be an empty chair at another table it may be moved to a maximum of 6 chairs per table. Tables are not to be moved together.
- Individuals must remain seated unless using the washroom facilities or leaving the premises.
- There will be no self-service at the Bar. Liquor may only be served to patrons who are seated (no walking to the bar to get a drink).
- Limited packaged snacks will be available with no sharing of food and drinks. No outside food allowed.
- Bartender is required to wear a mask at all times.
- Drink cards may be purchased from the Bartender and will be kept alphabetically at the bar, to record payment.
- Debit machine, cash, and bar cards will also be accepted for payment at the bar. Debit machine will be sanitized after each use.

For further clarification, view drawing, see link: [Lounge](#).

Curlers

- Initial registration process will be offered online. Payment process not yet been determined.
- A second registration will be offered in December, 2020 for the second half of the curling season. **Note:** Curlers who wait until December to register, however, may risk the chance that there may be no availability on teams for new Curlers.
- In the event there are two draws in the Men's and Ladies' leagues, curlers in the first draw are asked to start on time and must complete ends/game within a two-hour time limit. This will allow time for sanitization and preparation of the ice area.
- Spares will only be registered curlers from within our Club, no outside spares will be permitted. Link to: [Spare Policy](#).
- No storage lockers are available and locker rooms will be taped off.
- No Club equipment (brooms, sticks, grippers, sliders) will be available for use.
- Arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before their game. If they are early, they should remain in their vehicles until the appointed time.
- Enter the facility wearing only their on-ice curling clothing. Outdoor clothing is to be left in their vehicles.
- Bring only curling shoes, labelled broom/stick, curling device (crutch), and water bottle into the building.
- No large equipment bags are allowed. Handbags and small bags, capable of being hung on the wall hooks in the ice area, are acceptable.
- Start times for all leagues will be staggered by 15 minutes. Curlers are asked to know their sheet number prior to entering facility.
- Curlers playing on Sheets 1 and 2 will enter the curling area via the left door. Curlers playing on Sheets 3 and 4 will enter the curling area via the right door.
- Sanitizers are located at the entrance doors into the curling area. Curlers when entering the ice are required to sanitize their hands before touching the doorknob and again sanitize when leaving the ice area.
- There will be no loitering in the lobby. Please proceed to the lounge or exit the building once game is complete.

Ice Area

- Masks may be removed once at assigned ice sheet and safely stored in curlers' pocket or bag.
- Masks during game play will be at the player's discretion. Note: Should curlers choose to wear a mask while sweeping, they must be aware that a wet mask may not be effective, can stick to their face, and obstruct their breathing in a different way. It is recommended they bring extras.
- Ice Technician will sanitize the handles of all rocks prior to each game and sanitize and reorder the scoring tiles at the end of each game.
- Sanitizing stations and tissue boxes will be placed strategically at both ends of each sheet. a) remove gloves, b) use tissue, c) throw tissue away, d) sanitize hands, and e) put gloves back on. Curlers are encouraged to sanitize their hands throughout the game.
- Curlers are asked not to share or touch each other's equipment.
- Clothing hooks will be installed at the start end of each ice sheet for handbags and small sports bags, as well as on-ice clothing during play.
- The water cooler will be removed from the curling area. Thirsty Curlers will be required to drink from their own water bottles.
- Benches will be marked for appropriately distanced sitting areas.
- Coins will not be used to decide the last stone advantage in the first end. The league coordinators may pre-assign hammers or curlers may use an online tool on their phones: <https://justflipacoin.com/>
- Instead of handshake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.
- New in-ice logos have been installed to indicate the standing positions of the Curlers. Link to: [ice sheet layout](#). Note: There are two colours, red and blue. There is no colour preference for the teams.
- Curlers should only use their hands to touch the rocks they deliver. Hands can be sanitized but not gloves.
- Only the **skip**, one per game, will keep score using the score tiles. Alternate methods can be used eg. pen and paper or online scoring app. The same person will update the win/loss on the league score sheets in the Lobby after the game.
- One player from each Team will clear the rocks using shoes or brooms on the sides of the rocks. Do not touch the handles.
- Only one sweeper will be allowed at a time during a rock's travel. Another sweeper is not allowed to take over at any time. No sweeping will be allowed behind the tee line by either skip. The active sweeper may sweep their own team's rock behind the tee line. The active sweeper may not sweep any opposition rock behind the tee line.
- Curlers should not clean the bottom of the rock. Should they choose to do so, they should not use their bare or gloved hand but instead use their broom pad.
- Measuring: one player from each Team. Remove gloves, sanitize their hands, conduct the measure, return to device to its normal location and once again sanitize their hands.
- We will be playing four-person curling, with one sweeper. See link: [modified](#) version from CurlBC. Curling Alberta see link: [Guidelines to Adapted Curling](#).
- For further clarification, view drawing, see link: [Ice Area](#).

Reducing the Risk of Infection

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Especially after using the washroom, before eating, and after coughing or blowing one's nose. Using soap and water is the single most effective way of reducing the spread of infection.
- If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand rubs may be used.
- Do not touch their face, eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue or the crease of their elbow when you sneeze or cough. Sanitize afterwards.
- Do not share food, drinks, utensils, etc.
- Self-educate about the virus to know how to minimize the spread.
- Six (6 feet) of physical distancing should be practiced when personal protective equipment is not available.
- For further clarification see link: [Sanitation Plan](#).

Monitoring and Updating Safety Plan

- The environment may change as our curling season develops. If we identify a new area of concern, or if it seems like something isn't working, we will take steps to update our policies and procedures.
- We have a plan in place to monitor risks. We make changes to our policies and procedures, as necessary. Individuals should advise league coordinators or Directors regarding health and safety concerns.
- We will stay current with the updates from the Provincial Ministry of Health guidelines and CurlBC. We will make the necessary modifications to our Safety Plan, Policies and Guidelines as required by these jurisdictions.
- Communication of updates will be through email and the Osoyoos Curling Club website.

Revision Log:

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