



Eau Claire Curling Club

2020 Return to Curling Plan

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

A Message to our Membership

The COVID-19 pandemic has created strife and challenges in almost every area of our lives, and our ability to enjoy our sport of curling is not exempt. The ECCC COVID-19 Task Force has studied current regulations and best practices for curling amid COVID-19 from both Curling Canada and the USCA. The ECCC Board of Directors, through recommendations from the ECCC COVID-19 Task Force, presents this plan to you for your consideration as you make your personal decision to join our club for curling in the 2020-2021 season.

The policies and procedures in this ECCC Return to Curling Plan are intended to safeguard your health and safety while you enjoy curling at our club, and to protect the club and its members as a whole, to the extent that these measures can. The plan provides no guarantees whatsoever of your personal safety while at our club. Each club member must evaluate the measures presented here and make their own decision about curling this season.

This plan is fluid and the policies are subject to change as conditions and County, State and Federal regulations are modified. We commit to open, two-way communication with you as we move through this season and navigate the impacts of this pandemic on our ability to meet and curl as safely as possible. Please reach out at any time with your comments and questions at president@curlingclub.com.

Good Curling!
ECCC Board of Directors



Eau Claire Curling Club 2020 Return to Curling Plan AT A GLANCE

<h3>Member Expectations</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-screen for COVID-19 Symptoms • Sign a COVID-19 waiver prior to registration • Commit to & sign an ECCC COVID-19 Social Contract • Take responsibility for behavior & adherence to ECCC COVID-19 policies for any non-member subs or guests • Notify the club immediately if members or their subs test positive for COVID-19 • Bring and wear a mask in the curling club • Maintain social distancing at all times 	<h3>Ice Area</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sheets of curling ice to ensure social distancing • Post-game ice mopping by one assigned team per night per week • One person only per game to use scoreboard and measuring device • No club brooms, sliders or stabilizers provided; season rental options will be available • Each player to sanitize their own rock handles post-game • Ice crew to wear gloves and sanitize equipment used during floods and ice prep
<h3>Game Play & Leagues</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All players must wear masks at all times during game • No coin flips or handshakes • Non-delivering team waits on the same side of the sheet as their rock box • Draw times and game length to be determined by league convenors based on number of teams registered and to allow sufficient time for sanitizing 	<h3>Clubhouse</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn in all areas of the clubhouse • Arrive ready to curl. Locker room use for storage of belongings only • Restrooms will be open for use • Entry & exit doors to ice area designated by sheet for traffic control • Broomstacking allowed by sheet in designated areas of the clubhouse to maintain social distancing • No food preparation or sharing of potluck foods will be permitted
<h3>General</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intent of this document is to outline the health and safety measures to be implemented to increase safety for all ECCC curlers in the 2020-2021 season. • All policies and procedures listed in this document are subject to change in accordance with recommendations for COVID-19 health and safety issued by the County, State and Federal governments. • This document will be updated and changes communicated every two weeks, coinciding with bi-weekly issue of Eau Claire County Health Dept. orders. 	

Member Expectations

This section deals with the expectations of each ECCC member to protect the health and safety of the club and its members as a whole.

- ***Self-screen for COVID-19 Symptoms*** – Each member will be asked to evaluate their condition before entering the club at any time this season, based on answers to these questions:
 1. Have you experienced any of the listed Covid-19 related symptoms in the last 14 days?
 - Unexplained muscle weakness or pain
 - Fever
 - New or changed cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 2. Have you had any known exposure to Covid-19?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB until you can confirm that you do not have COVID-19.

- ***Sign a COVID-19 waiver prior to registration*** – a new clause will be added to our standard liability waiver acknowledging your acceptance of the risks associated with curling during the presence of COVID-19 in our community, and that you will hold harmless the Eau Claire Curling Club. Signing this waiver will be part of your registration process.
- ***Commit to & sign an ECCC COVID-19 Social Contract*** – a Social Contract is a commitment to your curling community that you will personally abide by the policies set out in this document in order to keep everyone at our club as safe as possible. This will entail agreeing to wearing a mask at all times, following procedures for sanitizing, appropriate use of the facilities, etc. as well as understanding that there would be consequences for not doing so.
- ***Take responsibility for behavior & adherence to ECCC COVID-19 policies for any non-member subs*** – if you invite subs to play on your team who are not ECCC members, you are responsible for making sure they sign the waiver, provide their name and address and date at our club for contact tracing purposes, and that they understand and adhere to these policies and procedures.
- ***Notify the club immediately if you or your subs test positive for COVID-19*** – in order to stem the spread of COVID-19, we require that you contact the club right away should you or one of your subs test positive for the virus. *Your identity will be kept confidential.* You can report positive tests for COVID-19 to us at president@curlingclub.com or manager@curlingclub.com.
- ***Bring and wear a mask in the curling club*** – anyone in our club building will be required to wear a mask at all times, or they will be asked to leave. Please be sure to bring your own mask each time you enter the building.
- ***Maintain social distancing at all times*** – Please be aware of and practice social distancing, a minimum 6' separation from others, while in the club and on the curling ice.

Ice Area

This section deals with ice design, maintenance, equipment and behavior modifications due to COVID-19 while in the curling ice area.

- *Ice designed for 3 sheets* – installing 3 sheets of ice instead of 4 allows for curling with appropriate social distancing between sheets. It ensures sufficient waiting space on either side of each curling sheet and reduces the number of players in the ice area at one time, and therefore reduces the aerosol load (concentration of exhaled vapor droplets) in the ice area.
- *Post-game ice mopping* – to reduce the number of individuals touching the mops each league night, one team per week will be assigned the job of mopping all sheets of ice after each game is completed. Each league should determine how best to assign this task to distribute the burden fairly among all league teams.
- *Scoreboard* – to reduce contamination of scoreboard tiles, one person per game should post the score for *both* teams. The scorekeeper will also sanitize the scoreboard tiles used post-game.
- *Rock handles* – each player should play the entire game with the same rocks and should not touch any other rocks with their hands. Every player will sanitize their own rock handles post-game.
- *Club brooms, sliders or stabilizers* – to reduce contamination of this equipment, the club brooms, sliders and stabilizers will remain in storage this year. A broom (and slider) rental program will be available for those who need equipment.
- *Measuring equipment* – The biter bar will remain in storage this year. Biters will be agreed upon visually. The micrometer will be available for use. Each member using the device is asked to sanitize it immediately after use.
- *Tables & benches* – Tables will remain in storage this season, to reduce number of surfaces to be sanitized. Benches will be provided for use at either end of the ice area.
- *Ice crew* – when volunteering to assist with any ice preparation activities, please wear gloves and sanitize any equipment that you touch in the process.
- *Practice time* – Practice time must be reserved ahead of time through the online calendar. All of the above rules apply when you are using the club for practice. Please sanitize, and wear masks and practice social distancing if others outside of your household are in the club at the same time.

Game Play & Leagues

This section deals with modifications to game play and league structure necessary to increase safety due to implications of COVID-19.

- *All players must wear masks at all times during game* – masks are required to minimize the transmission of potentially contaminated aerosols (droplets) when players are talking, shouting or breathing heavily due to exertion.
- *No coin flips* – hammer and last stone advantage should be either pre-determined by the convenor or another no-touch solution used such as an online coin flip app.
- *Warm ups* – the team with the hammer should enter first and warm up at the far end of their sheet. The other team will enter second and warm up at the near end of their sheet.
- *No handshakes* – start your games off by saying “Good Curling”, and either wave or touch broom heads or use some other no-touch substitute for shaking hands.
- *Positions for non-delivering teams* – The non-delivering team waits on the same side of the sheet as their rock box. The non-delivering team skip may wait behind the hack.
- *League Structure* - Draw times and game length to be determined by league convenors based on number of teams registered and to allow sufficient time for sanitizing. With 3 sheets, larger leagues may require three draws and six end games.

Clubhouse

This section deals with the use of and behavior within our off-ice club facilities necessary to increase safety due to implications of COVID-19.

- *Masks must be worn in all areas of the clubhouse* – adhering to regulations for bars and restaurants, 6' minimum social distancing should be maintained and masks should be worn at all times. The only circumstance where masks may be removed is when you are seated at your designated table for broomstacking and are drinking a beverage.
 - *Locker rooms* - Arrive ready to curl. Locker room use will be limited to storage of belongings only. Please minimize your use of and your time inside locker rooms and observe social distancing when accessing your locker.
 - *Restrooms* - will be open for use. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Please observe recommended handwashing protocols. Hand sanitizer, wipes and other sanitizing supplies will be available throughout our facility.
 - *Water fountain* – the water fountain will not be in use this season.
 - *Entry & exit doors to ice area* – to regulate traffic flow, the north door to the ice area will be used for sheet A & B, and the south door for sheet C to enter and exit. Please do not enter the ice area until all players on your sheet from the previous game are in the clubhouse.
 - *Broomstacking* – broomstacking will be allowed, with limitations. Areas for Sheets A, B & C will be designated with larger tables to improve social distancing. Once seated, you may remove your mask to drink your beverage. Masks must be worn if moving around the clubhouse or in other areas of the facility.
 - *Preparing & sharing food* - No food preparation or sharing of potluck foods will be permitted. Packaged foods may be consumed in the club at your own risk. Please refrain from sharing any food eaten in the club with people outside of your own household.
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