



Eau Claire Curling Club

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Dear ECCC members,

I want to thank all of you for your input on the draft Return to Curling Plan. The COVID-19 task force and the Board of Directors have carefully considered your questions, ideas and recommendations. The Return to Curling Plan has been modified and I encourage you to read it here [\[Return to Curling Plan\]](#). The essence of the plan is as follows:

- Masks are required in the curling club building at all times, on and off the ice*.
- Each member is asked to observe social distancing at all times in the club building.
- Each member is asked to sanitize any curling equipment used during game play.
- 3 sheets of ice will be installed. No impact on league structure (draws and number of ends) is anticipated.
- No changes will be made to regular game play rules.
- Broomstacking is permitted with masks and social distancing as described in the plan.
- Acceptance of a Social Contract, pledging adherence to these requirements and self-screening to protect all members of our club, is required for each member and any guests.

**consistent with USCA recommendations and common practice in WI clubs according to the WSCA*

The COVID-19 situation has challenged our club to come together and find a way to curl this winter that minimizes risk and maximizes our ability to enjoy the sport and camaraderie that we all miss. We hope you find the resulting plan to be our best solution to these challenges. Each member must now decide whether they will curl this season.

Registration for the 2020-2021 curling season is now open. You will be asked to sign both the Social Contract and an updated waiver, including a COVID-19 clause, as part of the registration process. You will also be asked to pay your registration dues and league fees. We **strongly encourage** digital payment by credit card/debit card/Paypal; No cash will be accepted. If you must pay by check, please note that you will not be considered registered until the club receives your check.

Why is this important? These tough times require some tough decisions. The board is responsible for overseeing the financial health of the club, and therefore the board has decided that the club cannot open unless we reach a threshold level of registration income. **If you plan to curl this season, please register and pay by no later than October 4th.** The decision to open or not will be made at the next board meeting on October 5th based on registrations received up to that date.

What if we don't open? If on October 5th it is decided that the club will not be able to open, each member that registered will be issued a full refund. If the board decides to open the club and put ice in,

membership fees must cover expenses to do so. Therefore, should it be necessary to close the club for any reason before the regular end of the season, any refunds issued will be partial and pro-rated at best.

How can you support your club? Some of our dedicated members have told us that they will donate their membership dues to the club if they decide not to curl this season. We greatly appreciate any member's decision to financially support our club to ensure its survival beyond this COVID-19 pandemic. For those who decide not to curl but wish to donate their membership fees, please register as usual but choose the 'No League' option to donate your fees; although you won't be curling, you are still a member and welcome in the club this season. For those who wish to make a donation of another amount, please see the Donate page on our website. Donations of any amount to the ECCC are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt as proof of donation.

I hope that many of you are looking forward to the season! For those that choose not to curl, you will be missed, and we look forward to welcoming you back next season.

Stay safe and Good curling!

Jen Severin
ECCC President