

ECCE COVID-19 Member Survey

Results to 7/5/20 – 108 responses

21-39 – 41 respondents

40-64 – 53 respondents

65+ - 12 respondents

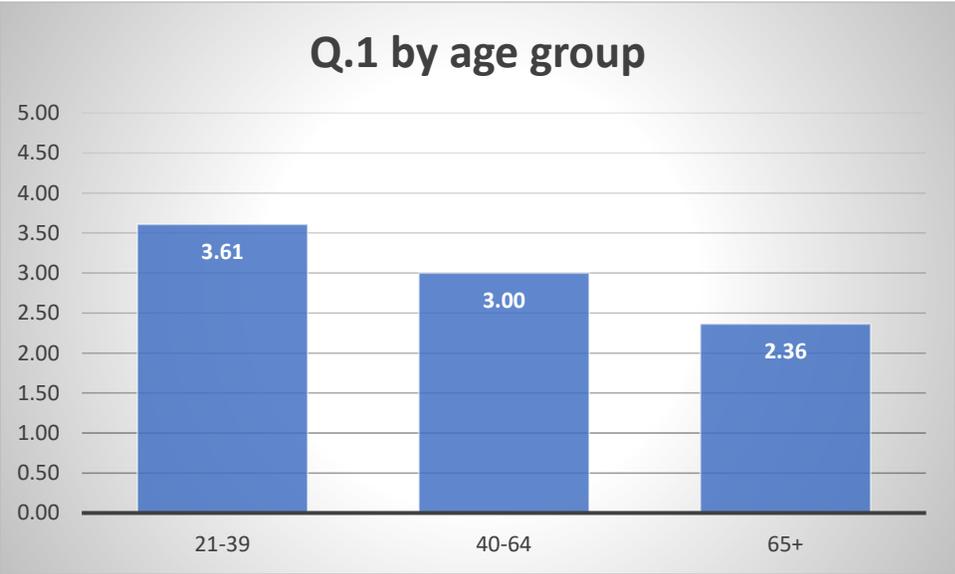
Didn't say – 2 respondents

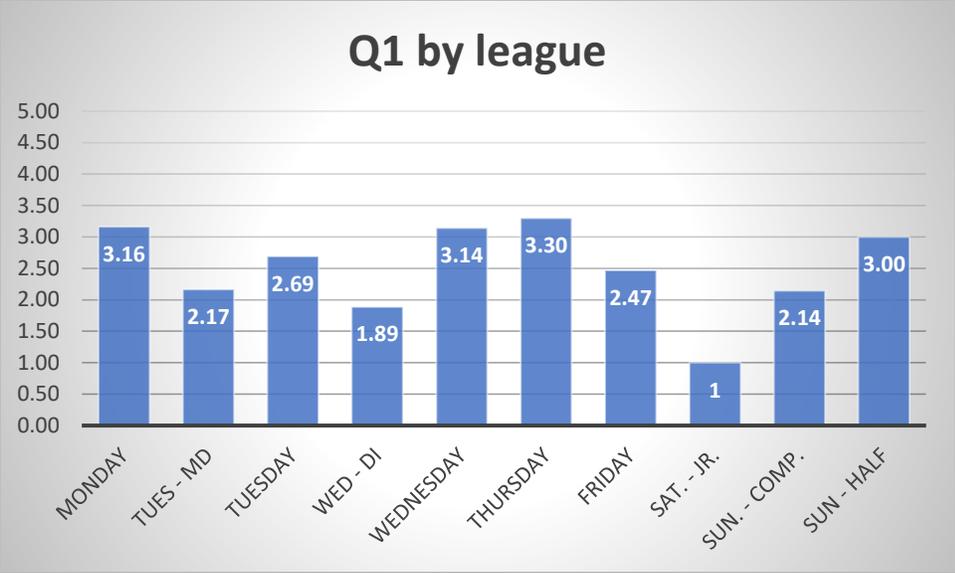
Q. 1

Safe curling during the COVID-19 pandemic may require adjustments to how we play the game. This may include imposing restrictions on sweeping, for example, having only one sweeper at a time to maintain appropriate social distancing. Would game play restrictions affect your desire to curl under such conditions?



Overall average = 3



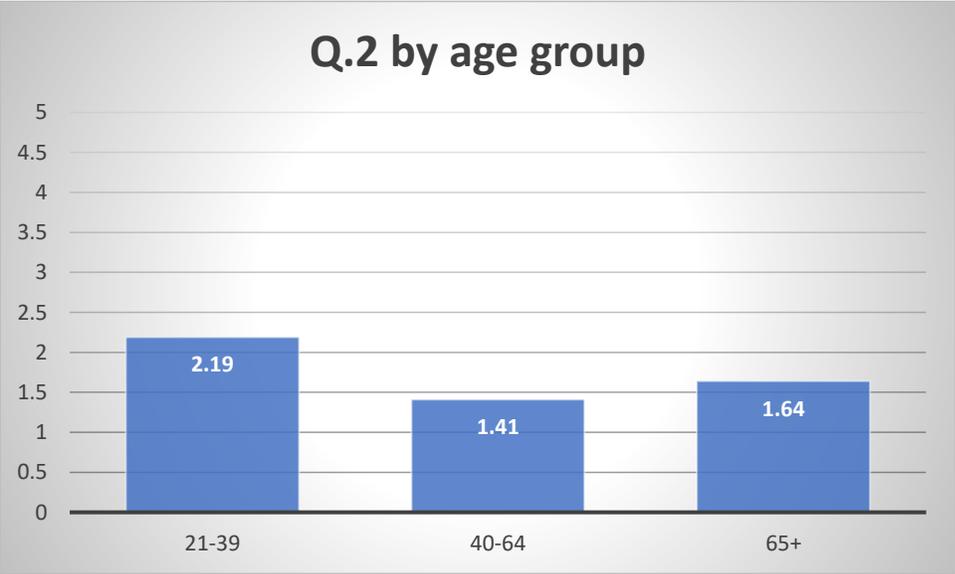


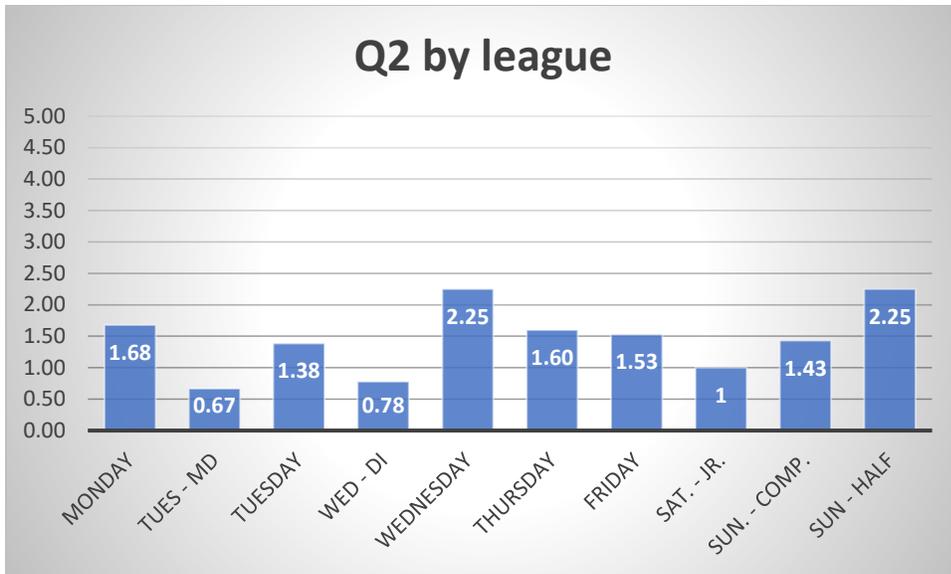
Q. 2

Safe curling during the pandemic may also require adjustments to how we run our leagues. This may include starting games at opposite ends on adjacent sheets or staggering the start times of games on adjacent sheets. Would league organization modifications affect your desire to curl under such conditions?



Overall average = 2



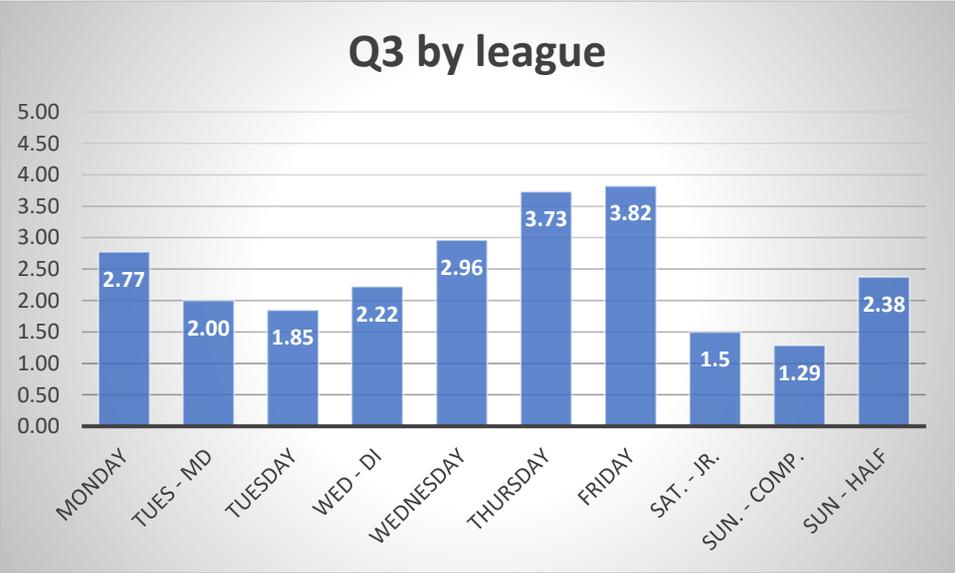
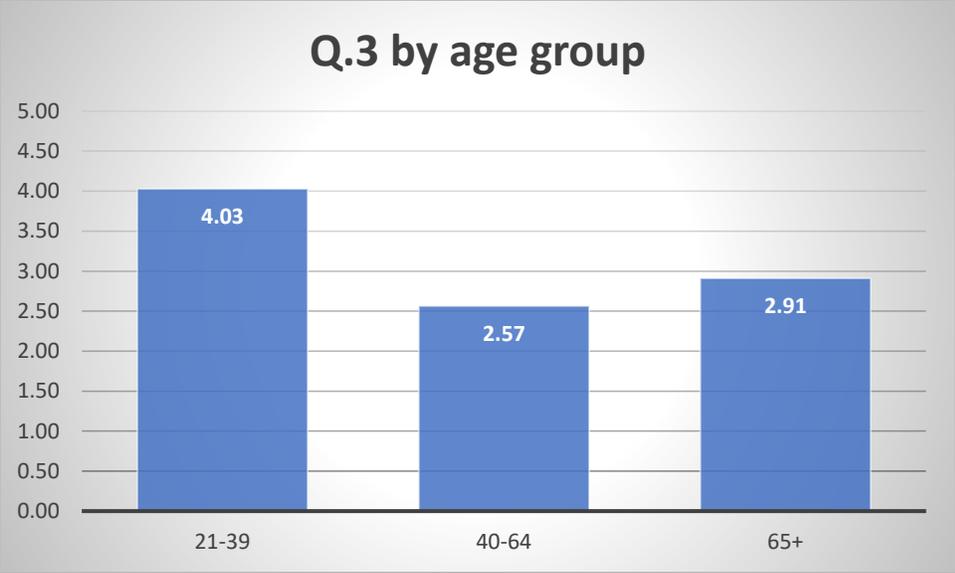


Q. 3

Social distancing measures will impact our typical broomstacking following game play. We may have to limit tables to one team only, limit the amount of time to socialize in the clubhouse, eliminate food preparation and sharing, and similar measures to ensure safety. Would league broomstacking modifications affect your desire to curl under such conditions?



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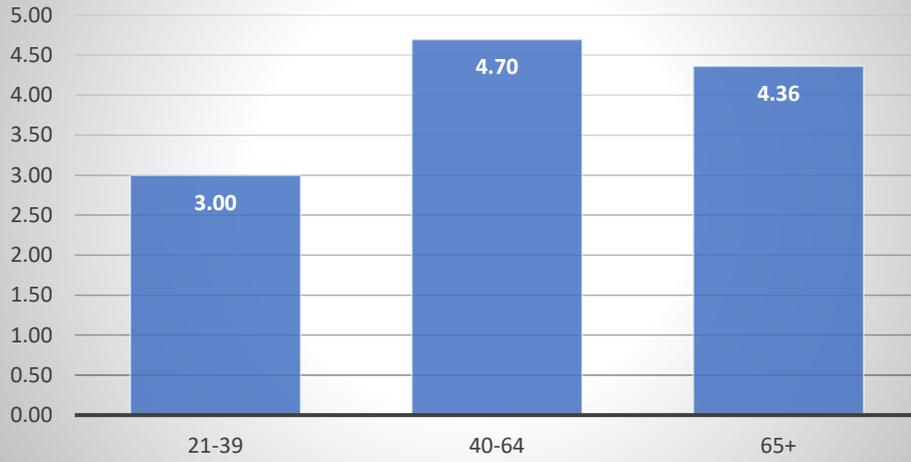
Q. 4

What is your overall level of comfort at this time with the idea of curling at our club this fall amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

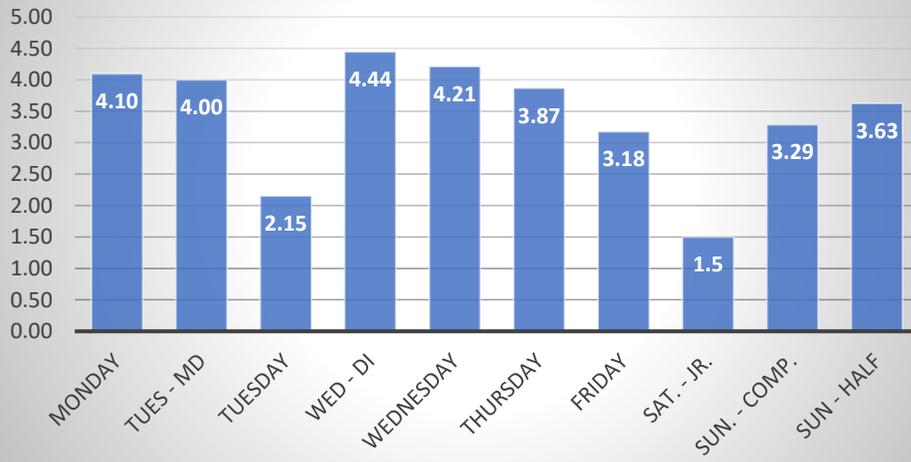


Overall average = 4

Q.4 by age group



Q4 by league



Age of Respondents by League

	21-39	40-64	65+	didn't say
Monday	15	11	4	1
Tues - MD	2	3	1	0
Tuesday	4	8	1	0
Wed - DI	1	2	6	0
Wednesday	9	17	1	1
Thursday	15	9	6	0
Friday	4	12	1	0
Sat. - Jr.	0	2	0	0
Sun. - Comp.	3	3	1	0
Sun - Half	2	4	1	1

Q.5 Please provide any thoughts or concerns you would like to share about curling and COVID-19.

I have a great desire to curl no matter how the games are played. However, I do not believe there any adjustments that will allow for "safe curling". Further, I think it is irresponsible to suggest that curling could be safe at this time. Large numbers of people in fairly close proximity in an enclosed space exerting high energy over a prolonged period of time make curling a risky business at best. And to suggest you would allow broom stacking at all under any circumstances seems ill advised. I enjoy curling immensely. It is disheartening to think of not having a curling season to look forward to, but I simply could not allow myself to risk not only my health but more importantly the health of others especially my family.

I think Corona virus is not much of a problem here. It has been way over hyped by the media.

Wear masks before and after curling

The drinks and food are very important to us as we curl for social reasons.

Maybe use two sheets instead of four. Teams would play every other week. Charge less for the season. Better than nothing at all!

I honestly don't plan on curling next year. This year, even before covid, was a mess. On multiple occasions, my game times were changed, for various reasons. A lot of the people were not very friendly. I'm filling out this survey, but don't expect to see my next season- there were a lot of things that made this league not fun or what we were told it would be.

The suggestions noted in the questions would be appropriate steps to take to make it work.

No Concerns

we will also have issues in locke room andbathrooms

I have ZERO concerns regarding COVID-19 in our area. Personally feel the COVID-19 situation is being overblown

If the club follows CDC guidelines and people follow them, I'd feel comfortable curling.

i think if people use common sense and take standard precautions we could safely curl.

Daily we keep learning more about this virus, vaccine, medications to help with mortality rate, etc. so whatever would be stated now would have to be reassessed near the start date

I think you should follow all CDC and WHO guidelines. Masks, although unpopular, would be safer. Disinfecting rocks between throws? Necessary? Shared equipment, such as brooms and sliders that are lent, should either be disinfected or not made available. Broomstacking is probably doable if we utilize the entire space and spread out but potlucks are not a good idea.

An unfortunate reality, but COVID-19 is a serious issue that our elderly membership can't ignore. Without a vaccine, it will certainly impact participation numbers this season.

no concerns at all

The care and concern the Board is showing for its members is greatly appreciated. Covid-19 will be with us for years to come so like any other communicable disease we have to learn to adapt and overcome. Common sense measures will go a long way in minimizing the spread but when the day is done, it is really about personal accountability and personal choice.

The other recreational group activity I am involved in is bowling. I haven't decided yet if I would feel comfortable bowling this fall. I think the average curler is better with hygiene than the average bowler. At the same time, bowling is less physically demanding and heavy breathing from sweeping would be more concerning than people walking four steps at a time while bowling. Regardless of COVID-19, with a new house and a young child, I am not sure if I would have curled in 2020-2021 in a perfectly healthy environment.

I maybe more cavalier than most, but I am willing to curl with any restriction that the club decides on. I would agree that wearing a mask should be required.

I am concerned that the COVID related hysteria has created a mindset in the healthy population that it is, and forever will be, unsafe to exchange simple handshakes and dinners with your fellow club members. We curl at a club, we are a club, the people and meals and drink we share together are big reasons we devote time to the club.

Those suggestions sound totally reasonable.

I will not be curling this year

I likely do not represent the typical club member, but I will gladly adopt any policies necessary to secure season-long ice at the Eau Claire Curling Club this season.

Some curling clubs are starting now with all of the above precautions and more. I believe that is the prudent step.

Generally the curling population is a healthy lot. I never worried about catching the flu while curling. With some minor adjustments I see no reason to cancel the season

We will curl if the club is open.

I'd be comfortable having 2 sweepers I'd face masks are worn.

Wearing masks may be necessary. If so, I think it should be required of all members.

At this point I don't really know how I feel yet. A lot of this will depend on what the situation is like in October. If there hasn't been a big change in our country I don't think I'd curl this year just to be safe.

I feel like the appropriate measures to take are those listed in the above questions. This will allow for safe play but also a full season.

I'm glad we're considering maintaining the season this fall and that the board has considered a variety of social distancing solutions.

Would there be considerations in regards to masking? What about requiring members to wear gloves to avoid transmission on stone handles? Considering club liability would also be important in determining whether the season should occur.

Thanks in advance for all of the hard work you are all putting in to consider options for Fall. Being that Friday is such a social league, I worry about what some of these restrictions will do to our league unfortunately. I know there's not much you can do, but no potluck or social time is going to affect how many people sign up for our league :(

I think it is important to have curling with whatever restrictions are necessary as opposed to not having curling at all.

I would like to see any final decisions about the season to be made at a later date. I think it is good to have plans in the event we need to alter some things about the season, but for now let's hold off on any final decisions until we know exactly what the fall will be like.

I expect to curl as normal for the 2020-21 season.

Q.6 Do you have any specific suggestions or ideas on how to make our club as safe as possible for our members to curl and socialize during this pandemic?

When you sweep you only sweep with 2 people, from your own team.

I think smaller league sizes (with more times) and requirements that people can only participate in one league. That way if someone does get sick the potential contamination is limited to one group of people instead of the whole club.

I hope that it'll be encouraged, if not required, to wear masks during game play, and that equipment and shared items (e.g., rocks, brooms, tables) will be sanitized between league shifts by the teams. I also hope that the club will ask individuals to stay home if they're sick and encourage and teach teams to adapt to playing with 3 people. In my opinion, changing the play rules to one sweeper at a time doesn't make too much sense because those same team mates are already standing close to each other in the house, talking, and then sitting with each other during broomstacking. Creating rules that put distance between the different teams during play (staggered times, opposite end starts) and reducing the amount of people and length of overall time those folks are in the club together seem to be practices that align more closely with what public health experts are saying is effective and what they're advising for reopening of businesses. Examples of this could be having people stay in their car until it's their time to be in the building and 6 end games. Another piece that's important to me is to keep the curling culture and not eliminate the broomstacking. I think it's something that's already being lost/not taught to new curlers, and it'll be difficult to reincorporate post-pandemic if it's changed significantly. There's so much space at the club; I think we should use all of it and push two tables together (one table per team) so that teams can still do a physically distant broomstacking for just one beer. If the games were reduced by even one end, that spare time from the end could be used to sanitize and quickly broomstack without adding additional time teams are with each other or in the club altogether. I completely agree with the idea to get rid of the meals though.

See above

I'm sure you'll think of something.

No Suggestions

If someone has concerns — they should stay away. Seeing that we do not know a person's possible underlying health conditions which would impact their decision to avoid the risk of being infected.

Contact/cleanliness with rock handles. I personally love the gesture of pulling your opponents rock out before they throw, but perhaps we don't do that. Maybe only touch rocks that aren't yours IF they're being

hit and flying across the sheet. Maybe we don't use the cup holders, sanitize handles, club brooms, pebble tanks/nozzles, score board numbers, ice-cleaning brooms/dust pans.

Wearing masks? I curl a Friday night, am a beginner curler. There are a lot of older curlers on Friday night. I want them to feel safe since they are in a higher risk group. I'd wear a mask for them.

require masks during games and food prep, space out tables/chairs more for broom stacking, put out cleaning equipment to sanitize rock handles, require own broom (already doing this?)

Would like to see masks required.

Masks as much as we all hate them, right now might be the best way to protect people on the ice.

NO bonspiels. NO food preparation or sharing. Require masks at all times by anyone inside the building. 6 ft. distancing will be difficult to maintain on the ice, but it will be important.

none

Cans, no kegs. Gloves for throwing rocks? Disinfectant wipes between games for stone handles

Having sanitizer available to wipe down the stones before each game. Making sure that each curler only handles their stone, i.e. if I'm #1 I only handle stones 1 and 2. Wiping of the nose is probably the most common issue in regards to exposure, so having hand sanitizer available at both ends is important. Or recommend that all curlers have their own.

When removing stones after each end, only the thrower of those stones (lead for stones 1 & 2, etc.) can touch those stones with their hands (pushing with brooms or kicking should be fine). At least on Wednesdays, there has always been a team with a bye (who provided food). Even if the food is gone, having one or two people from that team be the dedicated beverage servers for the night would decrease the number of people touching the fridge. Masks would be an option, but I realize that the beer sales are a source of income, and drinking while wearing a mask is not feasible.

Require masks. Sanitizer for the rock handles. Sanitizer for club brooms.

Have them sign a waiver stating something to the effect that "I waive my right to hold the ECCC & participating members responsible for contracting the COVID." "I have shown no symptoms, have tested negative or have tested positive for the antibodies" "If I feel unwell I will stay home until symptoms improve", something like that, I feel like the whole food service part of our club will be difficult, but maybe we can still all agree to shake hands, sweep together & sit down for drink after.

Keep paying attention to the science.

Stones should be wiped down between games. Also, other areas with shared touching, like the beer taps should be wiped frequently, or have a server.

Require masks. Arrive ready to curl. Arrive shortly before game time, leave right after. No handshakes. Only touch your rocks. Only the skip in the house.

I think the idea of starting at opposite ends is problematic because of pace of play. What about two sheets/six end games/three draws per night?

Ask people to sanitize their hands prior to purchasing beer after game and set up a card pre pay system.

Having cleaning supplies to wipe tables, handles, etc. along with hand sanitizer.

No food or drinks. Bring your beverage if you want. If a two shift league, have set end time of first shift. Play and leave...second shift has set start time 30 minutes after end of first shift.

sanitizing wipes for rock handles. no "club brooms", sanitize scoreboard numbers between games, only one person hangs score per game, each curler only handles own stones (no prepping other teams stones for delivery, clearing house at end of end each player clears their own stones, encourage matches that can play earlier in the days to do so (likely limited to teams of all retired curlers which may not apply much). have a couple hours on sat/sun when possible for each league to reserve games if there are matches that could be played then as alternate times.

Wipe down brooms supplied by club after each use. Wipes provided by club. No shared utensils during dinner. Hand wipes provided as you enter food line. Hand wipes on tables.

Hand sanitizer as you enter the building and each door into the ice along with the home end of each sheet. No benches or coins (rock, paper, scissors instead). Possibly no club brooms to be used. Mops and cleaning brooms/dust pans sanitized after each use with appropriate measures. Liquids not self serve?

Have sanitizer by the club brooms. Have each person use the same rocks each time—a lot of people already do that, but some just grab a rock. Wear thin gloves during delivery of the rock or whenever touching a stone. Sanitize handles at the end of the game. (I see a lot of grocery stores with a spray bottle for the carts, but wipes would work, too.) Fist bump instead of shaking hands. If allowing treats, have items that can be shaken out of a bag so there's no communal touching or individual bags. There's a ton of individual treats out at Halloween that are good until spring—we could all stock up.

Nothing that I'm sure you aren't already considering unfortunately

I think it will be important to disinfect handles and rocks between games and having disinfect wipes on the ice so people can use them at their discretion

Just what I've seen from usca and other clubs which is pretty much what you have mentioned.

Eliminate handshakes, eliminate use of club brooms, mandate gloves and masks

Instead of shaking hands at the start with the traditional "good curling" we could touch broom heads.

Q.7 Do you have any other comments or concerns for the board to consider at this time?

Resume as normal, if you're sick stay home

I don't think a final decision should be made until a month before the season starts. Also, possibly do monthly or half season leagues and reassess each month??

When people sign up for a league knowing they're going to play at specific times and you change their times so that someone can rent out the facility, or for whatever other reasons, it's not cool. At all.

No

Cancel the season if covid is still an issue this fall

no matter what my dues will be paid

Expand the waiver all members sign for personal injury to include COVID-19 — protect the club. Somehow in today's political climate, a COVID-19 case would prevail...

My child is a junior curler and my husband curls so our family would be exposed a lot to whatever is in the club (4 out of seven days a week). So thank you for taking Covid seriously.

we may not curl this year if no broom stacking or food. if people don't feel comfortable eating or broom stacking they don't have to stay

Best of luck in making tough decisions

none

No

Along with staggering ends to start, it will be helpful if teams can play ends at roughly the same pace. I know our team was not the fastest playing team, but saying 16 minutes per end per team won't involve too much rushing, but will also.

Good Luck!

I may limit my curling to the Wed drop-in league to avoid the evening crowds.

Good curling!

Locker rooms not available. I like the one sweeper idea. Maybe we play 6 end games lessen time on the ice.

if meals are not serves that will likely limit broomstacking naturally.

None

Please try to make it happen!

Thank you for working so hard to develop solutions so curling can continue.

Regarding sweeping: we could have two people sweep if they were from the same household, right? We really just need to figure out the social part!!! What if we ordered takeout or something instead of potluck style?

I think it would be good to try to find ways to make sure the season happens and to try to keep as many things the same as possible. Look at it from a position of strength and not a position of fear regarding the virus.