



Cornwall Curling Club Return-to-Play Plan



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1. COMMITTEE'S MESSAGE

The Cornwall Curling Club was established as a Four sheet facility in 1982, and has enjoyed steady success in the years since. People in Cornwall and surrounding communities see the Curling Club as an established focus of community activity.

2020 is a year that will go down in history for the effect COVID-19 has had on societies across the world. Locally COVID-19 put a quick and unexpected halt to our 2019/20 curling season and is creating extreme operational challenges for curling clubs across North America to reopen.

The Cornwall Curling Club has a plan to get back on the ice which has been created by the Return to Play Committee of the Board of Directors, Staff members, and the PEI Curling Association {Curl PEI}. The overriding focus of our plan is safety first. We know this season's start up will be challenging and different but we ask each curler to be patient and respectful of each other as we launch this year. This document is not meant to be all encompassing to cover all situations. We realize that many of you have experience in this area from your personal or professional lives. We invite your positive comments and suggestions to make these plans safer, more efficient and to provide a better curling experience.

We hope you will read the plan and understand that "back to normal" will take some time, and until then, short term changes and sacrifices will have to be made for the good of our membership and society at large. As the PEI Chief Public Health Office and Curl PEI revise their requirements through out the year, Cornwall Curling Clubs Return to Play Plan may also revise.

If you have questions or comments please write to any of the Committee members.

- Brent Irving – Head Ice Technician
- Bryan Sutherland- President
- Chris MacDougall – VP
- Jennifer Lenentine - Member
- Lori Fitzpatrick – Club Manager
- Peter Murdoch – Member, Committee Chair

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2. Executive Summary

We hope that you take the time to read and digest the material in this document, which will be made available to view on-line in the coming days. Below you will find a few paragraphs to summarize the key points of the plan. These points cover the main elements of the broader plan and speak to the importance around Safety, Social Distancing Behavior and Safe Game Play. The details of the plan are explained further in the broader document and we encourage you to read it in detail when it becomes available.

The season is currently scheduled to begin on or near our usual date in mid-October. If for any reason a delay is necessary, for planning or additional approvals, the season will begin at a delayed date. Any delay will be in the interests of your Health and Safety, our valued members.

Initially entry to the building will be limited to Curling members and staff only, based on the criteria outlined in the ***“Who is allowed in the Club”*** section of the broader document. It is required that masks be worn by everyone while entering the club and at all times when physical distancing of 6ft or greater cannot be maintained. Flow of people in and around the club will be as per the Traffic Flow Plan found further on in the planning document. All persons entering the Club will sign the record of attendance for contact tracing purposes as required by Public Health officials.

At a minimum, we will follow all guidelines from the government and curling bodies regarding sanitizing frequently touched surfaces as well as minimizing the surfaces that need to be touched. We will be removing all shared equipment such as brooms, delivery devices, and stabilizers until further notice. Wherever possible players must bring their own equipment.

The locker rooms will **not** be available for equipment and outwear storage until further notice. The Club requires that curlers come dressed for play. Part of the lounge will be used to store outerwear and for pre-game preparation. We will control and limit the flow of people in and out of the building, on and off of the ice, in and out of the washrooms and in and around the lounge area. Masks **are** mandatory if physical distancing guidelines **cannot** be maintained. If adherence to the overall policy guidelines is not achieved, the club could be subject to closure by Public Health officials.

There will be only one sweeper per rock and only one player at a time in the house. The Club will adopt the Curling Canada/Curl PEI guidelines for player movement on the ice. Details can be reviewed in the Game Play and Appendix B sections of this document.

Game play will be on four sheets. Teams will be required to stay on their side of their playing sheet when they are not the throwing team. We will have markers on the ice to help players maintain social distance. Please see the Game Play section in the document for further Health and Safety details.

Without exception, the Club will require all individuals and members to wear masks when physical distancing of 6 feet or greater is not possible (non-medical grade). We recognize that



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some might have concerns about this and that the wearing of masks will cause problems for some people, especially for those who need to wear glasses and for those who have difficulty breathing with a mask. The physical distancing in the game play will reduce these concerns but they will not remove them. The RTP Committee strongly believes that masks will make us all, including our families, safer.

In the building members will be required to practice all recommended social distancing rules, regulations and best practices, including the following:

While in the club:

- A mask must be worn by everyone while initially entering the club and at all times when physical distancing of 6ft or greater cannot be maintained;
- Masks can be removed while consuming liquids or food;
- Wash hands regularly;
- Maintain a minimum 6ft distance from others;
- Avoid touching your face; and
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve.

On ice

- Players are to remain on their side of the sheet when not the delivering team; and
- Players must be careful of distancing from players on adjoining sheets.
- Players should only touch the rocks they throw.
- Rock handles will be cleaned between draws by the players with a wipe.