

The Fairview Curling Club experience will be slightly different this year as we deal with the impact of COVID-19 and how it is continually changing our environment.

Our top priority is the safety of our members and guests, while providing an enjoyable curling experience. **The 'Return to Play Guidelines' is a living document, which is subject to change without notice.** We will be following guidelines put forth by Curling Canada and Curling Alberta, as well as our local, provincial, and federal governments.

If at any time you feel unsafe, or something more should be done please contact one of our executive members right away, and we will do our best to remedy the situation. While we feel we have covered off all the bases, something could have been missed, or may need to be adjusted once we actually start operating.

General Information:

- Water coolers on the ice will not be available, please bring your own water bottle.
- There will be no benches in the ice rink.
- Stabilizers, brooms and sliders may be available for adults provided they are sanitized after each use. However we do strongly encourage you to obtain your own equipment.
- Washrooms upstairs and downstairs will be limited to one person at a time. Please respect signage.
- We request that you come dressed to play, and not use the washrooms as a change room.
- Follow directional arrows and distancing signage at all times.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building, we encourage you to use frequently, along with thorough hand washing procedures.

Entering the Building

If you feel sick or have symptoms pertaining to COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME.

- Sanitize hands, with provided sanitizer, before proceeding past lobby.
- Curlers only through the main floor 'Entrance' door; proceed to your station allocated to your sheet of ice.

Spectators – Spectators or non-members will be allowed to enter the rink if space permits. If a spectator or non-member enters the rink, they must sign in for tracing protocols. If we have reached capacity with curlers we may not be able to accommodate spectators.

Children – All children **MUST** always be accompanied by an adult and closely supervised.

Masks – The Town of Fairview has a bylaw that states if we reach 25 cases we would be mandated to wear masks or face coverings in public buildings. The Fairview Curling Club suggests that curlers wear a mask or face covering while in the lobby area, however, currently, masks are not mandatory. It will be up to each individual to decide if they choose to wear one or not; please respect each individuals' choice.

Stairwell and entrance – We do not have the option to allow for space in these areas, so we will ask that members please keep it to either an individual or a team cohort to pass through these areas at a time. You may need to wait at the top or bottom of the stairs, or outside of the entrance for a moment until the area is cleared.

Cleaning of the facility:

- The FCC already undergoes stringent cleaning practices, and will continue to do so. Our cleaner is in the building regularly to keep our facility exceptionally clean, and will prioritize high touch areas. We have purchased a fogging machine, that uses Chlorine Dioxide which is extremely effective in killing viruses, including Covid 19.
- UV lights will be installed in our air exchangers. UV is proven to be very effective in the killing of viruses.

- Scoreboards---one person from each ice will be allocated to mark the score for the duration of the game, and will clean the numbers and areas touched at the end of the game.
- Ledge and walkway—are cleaned regularly by our cleaner, but will also need to be wiped down at the end of your game
- Rocks will also need to be wiped down at the end of your game.
- A cleaning/fogging schedule has been created to ensure thorough cleanings are completed after high traffic times.

- **Leagues:**
 - All subs must sign in at the entrance. If a case of COVID were to occur at the club we are required to contact AHS, and need to be able to tell them the names of the people that have been in the building so they may be contacted.
 - Curlers are asked to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game. If you are going upstairs to the lounge prior to game play, please do not proceed downstairs more than 15 minutes before your game.
 - Proceed to designated staging area of the sheet you are playing on to put curling shoes on and await game start. You may leave your items at your chair as that will be the same chair you use again at the end of the game.
 - Once the teams are dressed and ready please follow protocols for entering the ice area
 - Sheet 4 goes on first
 - Sheet 3 goes on next
 - Sheet 2 goes on next
 - Sheet 1 goes on last
 - STURLERS—you are not assigned sheets of ice ahead of time, but will follow the same direction of flow, with those seated at the north end of the building proceeding onto the ice first.
 - SECOND DRAW—if your league has a second draw those teams are required to use the benches for dressing and must stay in that area to await the start time of their game. There is not time to clean the chairs that have been used inbetween the draws, and we wanted to avoid going on later.

Playing the Game/On the Ice

- **PLEASE MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING (6FT OR 2M APART) ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES.**
- No coin flips, consider “rock-paper-scissors” instead
- Instead of shaking hands, please wave, nod, or raise your brooms together
- Rocks **MUST** be lined up in a single file in the corners.
- All rock handles are to be cleaned after each game. Please assign 1 person per team or per sheet to clean all rocks using the supplied sanitizing spray and cloths.
- Assign one person per sheet to mark score for both teams.
- No touching other curler’s rocks with your hands, use your foot or broom.
- Clean the bottom of your rock with your broom or gloved hand, do not use a bare hand.
- If a measurement is required assign one of the Thirds to handle the stick. Perform the measure, then sanitize the stick before putting it away with the sanitizing spray and cloth.
- In the event of a tie, no extra ends. If a winner must be declared, do a draw to the button.
- Single sweeper rules, provided by Curling Canada (Diagram on separate link):
 - There will be designated standing areas along the sides of the sheets. These are to be used by the non-delivering team (excluding the acting skip) and the non-active sweeper of the delivering team.
 - One sweeper only on all delivered stones. Relaying would not be permitted (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet). The person in charge of the house is not allowed to sweep under any circumstance. The skip of the non-delivering must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition stone behind the tee-line
 - Only one sweeper on the delivering team can sweep on a given shot. There will be no relaying of sweepers including

with the skip/vice-skip. The designated sweeper is the only player that can sweep on a given play. This includes behind the t-line and “raised” or “tapped” rocks. The skip/vice-skip in the house must move to accommodate the in coming sweeper.

- The non-delivering team may not sweep any rocks, including their own.
- The teammate of the delivering team that is not sweeping must take a place on the side or the back of the sheet in a designated area. This non-active sweeper will have first choice of designated standing area and may communicate with the players of their team and may follow the play but must remain at least two meters apart from their teammates and their opponents.
- The skip/vice-skip of the non-delivering team must remain behind the backline or on the walkway when possible and must make room to accommodate an in-coming sweeper, or the opposing skip/vice-skip and maintain at least two meters of distance.
- Only one member of the non-delivering team should be behind the backline.
- When the vice-skip and skip are exchanging control of the house, or discussing a call, they must remain at least two (2) meters apart from each other, always.
- After a player delivers his or her rock, that player should either:
 - Follow the rock, while maintaining at least two (2) meters from the designated sweeper, but go no further than the second hog-line or
 - Move to the nearest unoccupied standing location.

This will allow the players from the other team to move into position for the next shot.

- Between ends, the team that has the hammer should vacate to past the hogline (starting positions). The team that throws first will put the rocks away while maintaining social distancing.

At Completion of Game

- Congratulate your opponent from an appropriate distance, no handshakes, etc.
- Players are to gather their belongings while distancing themselves from other players.
- One or two players will remain behind to wipe down the rocks and shelf area behind your sheet. Please use the spray cleaner and rags that will be placed on each sheet. Please spray toward the wall and not near the ice surface to avoid any ice damage.
- If it is necessary to cross behind other sheets that are still active, it may be necessary to request a player on that sheet to move, to allow for the players to exit the rink. Other games may finish prior to yours, please be courteous and considerate to other players leaving the rink.
- Please exit the ice rink and return to your staging area to change shoes.
- After the game we ask that you to take your equipment upstairs to the lounge, to your vehicle, or away in your locker if you have purchased one. We may need to fog and will have to close the doors to the lobby after doing so.

Kitchen: The kitchen will be open on Tues, Wed, and Thurs league nights, along with mini spiel dates.

- Please line up at space markers, with no more than three people in line at a time, please respect space of any curlers that may be dressing to play.
- All condiments and cutlery will now be served from the kitchen

Lounge:

In accordance with AHS Guidelines for **Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs and Bars**, the lounge will be open!

Here's what to expect:

- Designated areas to line up for drink orders. We request a maximum of 3 people in line. The line will run in an east/west direction, rather than north south, to allow for distancing from tables and the washrooms.
- Markers/signage to indicate table is sanitized and ready for use or not.
- Please **DO NOT MOVE** tables or chairs to other tables or in front of viewing windows. They are placed in position to ensure we are following AHS guidelines and regulations.
- Signage and markings will be posted to direct traffic flow to the bar, and washrooms
- Tables have been arranged for teams of four to sit together on the same side of the table. Across from you will be room for another team of four, the distance between the teams will be 6 feet. There will be dividers between each set of tables as we are unable to allow for 6 feet from the tables beside you. The dividers are made of clear plastic so you can see through them, and they are unobtrusive to you as a member, while also providing safety. The maximum number of people that can be seated at a table is 6.
- Please do not congregate in front of viewing windows. Always keep social distancing.
- If possible, please pay by credit card or debit.
- Please leave all empties and glassware on your table when you are finished.

Private Events

- Bonspiels may be held in accordance with Curling Canada and Curling Alberta Guidelines. We will be limiting the number of curlers at these bonspiels as we cannot exceed our maximum capacity.
- Private events (i.e. Birthday parties, Christmas parties, meetings, etc.) may also be held in accordance to AHS Guidelines for **Indoor Events**. Our website provides contact information for

rental of our club. ***Please note, these guidelines may change at any time.**

COVID-19 Response Plan

If any FCC member (player, volunteer, staff, or parent) feels ill at the facility/during activity:

- Individual is to advise the president or bar tender. The individual will be asked to take the online assessment tool, to determine if testing is needed.
- While preparing to immediately leave the facility or event, symptomatic individual should perform proper hand hygiene, put on a mask, and maintain 2 metres distance from all others.
- Individual should go home immediately. If there is a delay in leaving the facility, they should find an area to isolate.
- Staff to clean and disinfect all surfaces individual may have been in contact with.

If any FCC member (player, volunteer, staff, or parent) tests positive for COVID-19 and informs facility:

- Immediate removal from curling for anyone in the home.
- FCC will report to public health authorities and follow their guidelines.
- Public health authority determines communication protocol and tracing of all contacts.
- FCC will cooperate on any necessary communication.
- Note will be required from a physician or public health authority to return to play.

Please note: If a sick individual elects to inform the facility that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual informed shall seek the participants consent to contact Public Health Authorities in order to obtain advice on communication with other potentially impacted individuals. The sick individual should be asked to advise Public Health of this consent.

AT NO TIME will the name of the sick person be disclosed.

At any time the FCC may be forced to close due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. If this happens, refunds will be determined on a pro-rated basis (games played, cost per person per game).

We fully understand that the upcoming season will be challenging, we will do our best to keep everyone safe, and thank you all for your continued support to keep curling alive in Fairview! Please remember to be respectful and kind to staff and fellow curlers!