

Fairview Curling Club Returning to Play Document **2021-2022 Season**

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.
- 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.

- A hand sanitizing station will be located here, we recommend you use the sanitizer, before proceeding past lobby.

Spectators – Spectators or non-members will be allowed to enter the rink if space permits, and they provide one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination and valid picture ID
 - Negative Covid 19 test (as per our requirements in the Restrictions Exemption Program FAQ document)
 - An original copy of a Medical Exemption
- If we have reached capacity with curlers we may not be able to accommodate spectators.

Masks – Under the Restrictions Exemption Program you are required to wear a mask while in any indoor area, except while eating or drinking. Curlers do not have to wear a mask while curling, however it will be up to each individual to decide if they choose to wear one or not; please respect each individuals' choice.

Spacing – Please do your best to maintain 2m of space around your team, especially in areas where we do not have a lot of space like the entrance and stairwell.

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 will again be using the fogging machine, that uses Chlorine Dioxide which is extremely effective in killing viruses, including Covid 19.
- UV lights are 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.

Playing the Game/On the Ice

- **PLEASE MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING (6FT OR 2M APART) ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES.**
- Please do not use “community” coins for a coin toss
- Instead of shaking hands, please wave, nod, or raise your brooms together
- 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.
- 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.
- Players stay on the same side of the sheet. For example, if you are playing on sheet 2, always walk or position yourself on the sideline to sheet 1. This will keep players 10 feet apart.

Non-Delivering Team: The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on the in ice markings while the other team is throwing. The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver should be positioned at hogline on the same side as the two sweepers. The Skip (or Vice-

Skip) will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.

- **Delivering Team:** The Skip has control of the house. The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player is on the backboards. The sweeping player is at the T-Line.

- Once the stone has been released, the player who delivered the stone proceeds down the centre line of the ice until the halfway point where the marking or to the hog line if it their turn. The sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings. The non-sweeper travels to the halfway mark or the hog line depending on their turn to deliver or not.

- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. Consider no relaying for safety (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.

Lessening of physical distancing restrictions would/could allow this guideline to be removed, but at this time remain in place.

- The skip or vice skip (not both) of the non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished playing and has relinquished control of the house.
- Neither skip or vice skip (both teams) may sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.

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.
- 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.

Thank you curlers for helping us keep the building clean, and in turn safe for everyone.