

RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

TOFIELD CURLING CLUB

The Tofield Curling Club is preparing to relaunch rink operations. The board has received Return to Play Guidelines from Curling Canada. This document is a brief overview of these guidelines based on recommendations provided by Alberta Health Services Phase 2. The Curling Club Board is asking for your full cooperation on implementing these guidelines for the safety of all members and users of our facility.

FACILITY USERS

- By entering the Tofield Curling Rink during the declared pandemic, you have declared that you understand the increased risk of COVID 19. You have entered the building at your own risk.
- Be aware that as regulations are updated by Alberta Health Services, the Tofield Curling Club Executive reserves the right to adjust/cancel ice rental/league play accordingly.
- Government recommendations for gatherings and **therefore our league play:**
 - Shaking hands not allowed;
 - Practice proper hygiene;
 - Physical distance between players (ideally 2 meters);
 - Encouraging ill people and people at high risk for severe illness not to attend;
 - Hand hygiene by utilizing hand sanitizer dispensers in prominent locations.

CLEANING PROTOCOL

- Full building cleaning prior to start up
- Maintain sanitary cleaning in high traffic areas prior to each league use
- Use of hard surface disinfectants
- Soap and paper towel supply in washrooms and hand sanitizer in prominent locations.

SHARED CURLING EQUIPMENT

- Curling Stones to be sanitized at the start of each draw
- No interchanging of stones during games
- The quantity of available brooms and sliders provided by the club for shared use will be minimal to reduce cleaning requirements between leagues.
- Upon each end completion, stones are to be moved only by broom or kicking into position. NO hand touching of others stones will be allowed.

LEAGUE CONSIDERATIONS

- All members are asked to wear masks when entering building and while in specified common areas. During league play members are allowed to remove masks once achieving social distancing on ice surface.
- **All Team Members of All Leagues** will be required to check in upon entry **every week** on a dated league membership list by the front door with the sanitizer. Spares will have to sign in and supply a phone number. **No exceptions as this is a requirement for continued operation designated by Alberta Health.**

KITCHEN / BAR

- The kitchen will be locked until further notice
- Upstairs the tables will be rearranged to allow for physical distancing (and cleaned after use)
- Please limit the access behind the bar to one member of each team (max) and use sanitizer as required prior to entry

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PLAYING THE GAME)

- Do not toss a coin to decide first rock, use rock/paper/scissors or a similar touchless method.
- 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 promote physical distancing for players on different sheets.
- Player location markings will be provided on the ice surface. For proper distancing and rotation – See attached illustration.
NON-DELIVERING TEAM: The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on these 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 the hog line 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 to the marking or to the hog line if it is their turn next. After the stone comes to rest, 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. No relaying (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.
- The skip or vice skip (not both) of non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished playing and has relinquished control of the house.
- The skip or vice skip (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colors) set in motion by the delivering team.
- Access to the scoreboard and method of tracking score is currently being reviewed by Doug Hardy. Notification of how our club track scores will be provided prior to the beginning of league play.

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Appendix 5: Distancing Illustrations

