

**Windsor Curling Center
Covid-19 Committee Action Plan
October 26, 2020**

INTRODUCTION

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the executive of the Windsor Curling Center has formed a committee.

The purpose of the committee is to ensure the safety of all members and guests of the curling center. They will ensure this by following the advice of the Nova Scotia Department of Health, Canadian Restaurant Association, Canadian Curling Association, and Nova Scotia Curling Association.

The Nova Scotia Curling Association has requested that all member clubs create their own action plans. This is our action plan. It establishes best practices, policy, and procedures based upon the advice we have been given from the organizations listed above.

The action plan will be amended as required should new advice be received.

THE COMMITTEE

The Covid-19 committee will be composed of a chairman and members (volunteers). The number of members is not limited.

The chairman will report to the executive of the Windsor Curling Center.

There will be a committee member present for all events at the curling center, both curling and non-curling. They will ensure that best practices are followed as outlined below:

No one displaying symptoms of Covid-19 may enter the building.

Immediately upon entry everyone must use the hand sanitizer provided.

Everyone that enters the building must have their name and contact phone number recorded. This will include the date and time. This will be done by the Covid-19 volunteer, we cannot share pens.

Everyone that enters the building must wear a mask. The mask must be worn unless the person is seated at a table to consume food or beverages. The mask may be removed while in the ice shed depending upon the Phase. This will be explained below.

The committee member will ensure that the use of change rooms, club brooms, stabilizers, measuring devices, and score boards are contingent upon the Phase.

Regardless of Phase, the seating plan of the lounge will be re-arranged to provide as much social distancing as possible. All unessential furniture will be moved to storage.

There will be no walk-up service at the bar. Beverages and snacks will be brought to the tables. The member will assist the bartender with this.

The kitchen and office will be closed at the discretion of the committee.

After socializing curlers are requested to use the supplied spray sanitizer to clean their table and chair.

The committee member or bar tender will buss the empty glasses and bottle from the tables to the dishwasher.

The committee member will spray sanitizer on all high-risk common areas. This will include viewing window ledges, bathroom sinks and counters, toilets, door knobs, light switches, and bar counters etc.

The committee member will ensure that best practices are followed on the ice surface and lounge. This will be in keeping with the Phase Plan as adopted by the curling associations.

Regardless of Phase, a curler from each team must clean their own team's rock handles before each game.

Curlers may only touch their own rocks with their hands once they have been sanitized. A curler may touch other rocks with their feet or brooms to move them.

There will be no handshakes before or after the game. Curlers are to offer compliments to the other team and can wave or give a "thumbs-up".

There will be no coin tosses, spinning to determine last rock. Last rock will be by handle colour. This will be noted on the draw schedule.

PHASED RETURN TO CURLING

Dr. Strang, Chief Public Health Officer for the Province of Nova Scotia has indicated that given the current risk of infection, sporting events may have as many as 50 people participate without masks or social distancing. This places us in Phase 4.

The risk assessment is fluid and cannot be predicted. The committee assumes that at some point during the season we may have to return to a lower Phase. All members should be prepared for this.

Phase 1: Learning the rules

We will have multiple committee members present for the first scheduled curling event of each draw. They will review the various Phases and explain social distancing, movement during games, rock cleaning, etc. Any required forms or waivers will be completed.

Phase 2: Game play with courtesy lanes.

Only three sheets can be used. Curlers will use the side boards on sheets 1 & 4. Sheet 2 will be used as a lane for sheet 3.

Masks must be worn by all players.

Physical distancing is required. Curlers must stand at designated spots when not delivering or sweeping. Skips must move in a circular motion when holding the broom to avoid conflict.

Only 1 sweeper per stone thrown.

Sweepers must stay between the T-lines.

No sweeping behind T-lines by either team.

Measuring devices cannot be used.

Scoreboards will not be used.

Change Rooms will be closed. Curlers are encouraged to wear their curling apparel to the club and change into curling shoes in the lounge area.

Phase 3

All sheets can be used.

Masks must be worn by all players.

Physical distancing is required. Curlers must stand at designated spots when not delivering or sweeping. Skips must move in a circular motion when holding the broom to avoid conflict.

Only 1 sweeper per stone thrown.

Sweeper must stay between the T-lines.

No sweeping behind T-lines by either team.

Measuring devices cannot be used.

Scoreboards will not be used.

Change Rooms will be closed. Curlers are encouraged to wear their curling apparel to the club and change into curling shoes in the lounge area.

Phase 4

All sheets can be used.

Masks are not required while in the ice shed.

Physical distancing is not required. Curlers should be encouraged to distance as much as possible.

Two sweepers are allowed

Sweepers may sweep past the T-lines.

Sweeping is permitted by skips behind the T-lines.

Measuring devices can be used. They must be sanitized before and after use by the person measuring. Only one third from either team may measure during the game.

If scoreboards are used the numbers must be wiped with sanitizer after the game. This will be done by the third of one team who posted the scores. The numbers will be left on the board after the game. The third will spray the numbers and turn the first number on the board backwards. This will signify that the numbers have been sanitized. The numbers will be left on the board until the next game. At the start of the next game a third from either team will check that the first number is backwards. If it is, they will return all numbers to the holder. They will then post the scores for their game.

Change Rooms will be closed. Curlers are encouraged to wear their curling apparel to the club and change into curling shoes in the lounge area.

Phase 5

All measures adopted as a result of Covid-19 are removed. It is safe to resume curling without extra precautions.

SUMMARY

Our primary concern is the health and safety of our members and guests.

Everyone is asked to pitch in and do their part.

If you see something that you think is unsafe please discuss it with the Covid-19 volunteer. If they cannot provide an answer, they will ask for advice from the Covid-19 Committee chairman.

The chairman will report to the executive.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

Good Curling

Phil Bourgeois
Covid-19 Committee Chairman