

Palmerston Curling Club

2020-2021 Procedures

Because of our current pandemic situation, we need to make some changes in our procedures to comply with COVID19 rules and recommendations, and to keep everyone healthy and safe. The following chart provides an outline of the procedures to be followed on all league nights, as per Curl Ontario return to play guidelines.

While it might seem like a lot of information, once we get rolling with the new procedures, it will quickly become the new normal, while providing us the opportunity to participate in the game we enjoy so much.

In the building....
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A table with hand sanitizer and a sign-in book will be set up at the entrance- Players should arrive at the club already dressed to play, except for changing into curling shoes; to avoid crowding in the change rooms, shoes can be changed in the lounge area- Masks must be worn, except when playing the game and when seated having a drink.- Depending on number of teams, convenors should consider staggering start times to avoid crowding and congestion in the lounge and entry to the ice; for example, if there are 4 ices in use, ices 1 and 3 could start at 7:00 and ices 2 and 4 would then start at 7:15
On the ice....
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To start a game, the vice will use their own coin for the coin toss, and there won't be any handshakes before or after the game (could maybe tap brooms instead)- Players will handle only their own rocks, and will be responsible for sanitizing their own rocks and any club equipment that they use; sanitizer will be provided. Equipment should not be shared (e.g. stabilizers/sticks) if it can be avoided, and needs to be sanitized after use (unless of course you have your own stabilizer and/or stick).- Players will 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.- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. The person in charge of the house is not allowed to sweep.- The skip of the non-delivering team 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- Refer to the accompanying attachment for details of where players are to stand to enable appropriate distancing

Social time....

- Tables and chairs in the lounge area will be reconfigured to allow for appropriate distancing; only players will be allowed in the lounge
- There won't be any team social snacks this year
- There will be one person each night responsible for bartending (i.e. no self-serve behind the bar); league convenors may want to assign a different team each week responsible for providing a team member behind the bar; everyone will return their own empties to a box places in front of the bar

Other general considerations...

- There will be no bonspiels this year, and no volunteer requirements; our club cleaner will be given extra hours to ensure proper cleaning
- Regarding payment of fees, the season will be divided into 3 sessions and members will pay for each session separately to avoid refunding fees if we have to shut down mid-season; if a shutdown is necessary in the midst of a session, the fees for that session will not be refunded
- To cover the cost of the required extra cleaning hours, a \$25 surcharge will be paid by each member, for this season only; on a related note, there will be no requirement for volunteer hours or a volunteer deposit for the 2020-2021 season

If you have any questions or comments to help smooth the way for a successful season, feel free to share them with any of your board members:

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