

# HUNTLEY CURLING CLUB

## RETURN TO CURLING PLAN

**DRAFT**

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Safety of our members and staff is our top priority.

Huntley Curling Club's reopening plan is based on guidance from Curling Canada, Ottawa Public Health and attempts to align with the Province of Ontario's phase 3 plan.

The province has confirmed that curling club lounges are separate from the ice surface (due to the physical barrier plus two separate HVAC systems), thus permitting us to host up to 50 persons in each area as long as there is no crossover between groups.

We encourage members to follow public health guidelines in advance of arriving or at the club:

- Stay at home when sick
- Practice physical distancing
- Wear cloth masks in enclosed public spaces and when physical distancing is not possible
- Practice good hand hygiene and avoid touching your face.

The following is the proposed plan of the Board of Directors of Huntley Curling Club as of the above date to reopen the club to curling in October, 2020 and may be modified at any time due to the changing parameters and protocols surrounding COVID-19.

This plan is currently being reviewed with city of Ottawa officials with some clarification required from officials. Responses from those questions may affect some of the operational plans outlined below which will be reviewed and refined once received.

Members may provide feedback on the proposed plan to the Board of Directors for consideration by emailing [info@huntleycurling.ca](mailto:info@huntleycurling.ca).

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing measures to be implemented including sanitization stations placed throughout the club and rink
- Game times will be modified to the following to minimize potential crossovers between groups
  - Daytime Curling: No time change
  - Twilight: 4:30pm – 6:15pm

- Evening 1<sup>st</sup> draw: 6:45pm – 8:30pm
- Evening 2<sup>nd</sup> draw: 9:00pm – 11:00pm
- Members are required to arrive prepared to curl no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their game time
- Facemasks are required to be worn at all times except when curling and sitting at the table in the lounge
- Members are required to take off their outdoor shoes in the lobby and proceed down the stairs to the lower level to put their shoes on and then proceed up the stairs and immediately through to the rink
  - No members proceeding to the rink will be permitted to remain in the lounge
- Members must sanitize their team's rocks prior to the game
- Games will start at the alternate end of the sheet beside them
- Four member teams with one sweeper permitted at one time
- Teams must vacate the rink no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the next draw, no exceptions
- Teams will exit the rink via the door at rink 4 to the lobby and proceed to the lounge
- Teams will sit at one of the four large designated table corresponding to their sheet number
  - Large tables are formed with three, 8' tables
- Tables will be called to the bar as they arrive by bar staff

## **RETURN TO PLAY OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Below is the Huntley Curling Club's Board of Directors Return to play plan which attempts to promote the health and safety of our members to minimize risks associated with COVID-19.

Modifications to the plan may be made without notice due to the evolving COVID-19 environment along with provincial and local public health rules and regulations.

- Any member feeling ill or showing signs of illness will be required to remain at home. All members and guests will be required to self-assess prior to entering the club and practice public health guidelines while in the club.
- All members will be required to sign a waiver before participating in club activities.
- **Sanitization Tables:** Hand Sanitizing Stations will be located throughout the club including, but not limited to:
  - Entrance: Members will be required to sanitize their hands upon entrance to the club. Members will also be requested to sanitize their hands following their game before entering the lounge
  - Entrance to Rink from pre-game area (lower lounge) at shoe cleaner
  - At the end of each sheet and where measuring sticks can be found
  - On each table in the lounge

- **Arrival**

- Members will be asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their game time, ready and dressed to curl with the exception of their curling shoes
- Masks will be required to be worn at all times in the club with the exception of during play and when seated at a table in the lounge.
- Upon arrival
  - Members will remove their shoes at the entrance to the club within the black carpet dirty zone, leave their jacket on one of the extra coat racks located in the lobby, sanitize their hands at the provided table and proceed down the stairs to the lower level to put their curling shoes on. Once their shoes are on, the members can then move to the pre-game area upstairs.
    - **Locker rooms**
      - For the 2020-2021 season, members may use either locker room to put their curling shoes on
      - Additional chairs will be brought in to allow for members to sit and put their shoes on while maintaining physical distancing.
      - Lockers will not be available for use/rent as benches will be pushed against the lockers for seating and promote physical distancing.
    - All personal belongings with the exception of outdoor shoes and jackets should be brought with the individual to the ice rink area
      - Jackets may also be brought into the rink and placed against the wall at the end of their sheet
  - To adhere to the province's gathering guidelines, once the team's sheet is clear of the previous teams, the team members must proceed to their sheet via the door from the lower lounge
    - Teams should attempt to clear the pre-game area and proceed to their team's sheet whether their team is all in attendance or not
    - Each team is required to disinfect their teams' rocks prior to the start of their game in a timely manner.
      - Players are requested to be careful when sanitizing their rocks to ensure no or minimal residue falls onto the ice
  - **Spectators:** Spectators are not permitted in the club while provincial phase 3 protocols are in place unless the capacity within the lounge area, including the spectator is expected to be under 50.
    - Spectators must wear a mask at all times while in the lounge.
    - Spectators must maintain social distancing and remain in their designated seat/location as much as possible until their time allotment.

- **Game Operations**

- **Hammer/Colour of Rocks:** Teams will continue to determine hammer and colour of rocks prior to the start of the game. The club recommends using a team's stop watch with the opposing team indicating odd or even to determine hammer. Alternatively, one or two fingers behind a back or use of the spinners can be used to determine hammer.
- **Game Start Positions - Alternate End Game Starts:**
  - Games on sheets 1 and 3 will start at the lounge end of the rink.
  - Games on sheets 2 and 4 will start at the far end of the rink to reduce pre-game congestion behind the hacks and backboard areas.
- **Handshakes:** Handshakes at any point will be not permitted
- **Game Lengths**
  - Daytime Leagues:
    - No change of timing
  - Twilight League: 4:30pm – 6:15pm
    - Begins play at 4:30
    - No new end may begin after 6:00pm
    - Teams must exit the ice NO LATER THAN 6:15pm
  - First Evening Draw: 6:45pm – 8:30pm
    - Begins play at 6:45pm
    - No new end may begin after 8:15pm
    - Teams must exit the Ice NO LATER THAN 8:30pm
  - 2nd Evening Draw: 9:00pm – 11:00pm
    - Begins play at 9:00pm
    - No new end may begin after 10:45pm
- **Stones:**
  - Stones should be sanitized at the start of each draw by the team.
    - Teams are encouraged to designate a member of their team to sanitize their rocks
  - Players select their two stones. No interchanging of stones during a game.
  - Players should not touch any stones other than their own. Let the player delivering the next stone retrieve their own stone.
  - It is recommended that stones are lined up in single file in the corners.
- **Play:**
  - Players will be required to stay on the same side of their sheet. Markings will be placed on the sideboards to indicate locations of the throwing and non-delivering teams. See Illustration provided on page 7. If you are playing on
    - Sheets 1 & 4: Players will be positioned on the side closest to the outside walls of the building.

- Sheets 2 & 3: Players will be positioned on towards the inside of the rink utilizing the middle walkway.
- **Non-Delivering Team:** The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on the markings on the boards towards the center of the length of the sheet 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 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 center 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.
- **Sweeping:** only one sweeper will be permitted 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 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.
- The skip or vice skip (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.
- **Game Flow:** As the delivering team begins to throw, the alternate team should then begin to approach the throwing positions from their waiting positions. Once the team has thrown, they will then occupy the waiting position in a socially-distanced flow.
- **Benches:** Benches will remain in the rink, but this seating is reserved for only those who need it to participate in the game. Hand sanitizer will be located at each seating location.
- **Score Marking:** Teams are encouraged to keep their own score and not utilize the scoreboard due to the difficulty in sanitizing the scoreboard. Scoresheets and pencils will be provided, but scores may also be kept on a phone by one member of the game as agreed by the teams.
- **Measurements:** If a measurement is required, measuring sticks will be available for use. Following the measurement, the individual measuring the rocks, will be

required to sanitize the measuring stick for future use once placed back on the hooks. A sanitizing station will be provided for wipes and hand sanitizer.

- **Post-Game**

- Following the game, teams will:
  - Collect their items before exiting the rink via the door located on the northeast corner of Rink 4 to the Lobby proceeding to the lounge or the exit
    - Masks will be required as teams proceed from their rink to their table in the lounge.
    - Rinks 3 & 4 must allow Sheets 1 & 2 to transition clearly to the Lobby space across the rink exit.
  - Teams will proceed to their designated table, associated with their rink assignment
  - Players will be permitted to remove their masks once seated.

- **Post-Curling/Bar Operations & Modifications**

- The club's Lounge floorplan will be modified to accommodate proper physical distancing. Post-game curlers must not encroach on Pre-Game curlers spaces.
- 4 group tables consisting of three (3), 8' tables placed together will be arranged throughout the lounge and identified with one of four numbers corresponding to the four sheets of ice
- 8 chairs will be placed around the group tables to promote physical distancing
- Teams will proceed directly to their table;
  - Players will be permitted to place their brooms and/or bags under their chair or table, or alternatively along the wall located in close proximity to their table.
  - Players will be allowed to remove their curling shoes at their table once seated.
- Once a table is seated, the bar staff will call up each table to the bar in the order in which the tables arrived and/or were seated
  - Team members are encouraged to consider rotating rounds each week to minimizing the number of team members going to the bar
    - i.e. Skip/Vice purchase rounds of drinks the first week;  
Second/Lead purchase drinks the second week, etc.
  - The lineup for the bar, if necessary, will extend from the bar towards the kitchen. A maximum of four members may line up at once.
  - Members are requested to assist the bar staff in identifying the table order
    - In the event of a discrepancy or issue with the order of the tables being called to the bar, the bar staff's decision will be final
- Used glasses are required to be placed in the cleaning tray located in the middle of the table.

- Disposable cups will be available upon request
- Payment will be via tap only
  - A 10% tip will be added automatically to all transactions. Should members not wish to add a tip, please advise the staff of this when paying
- Teams will be required to provide names of those in attendance at the table in case of contact tracing if required.
- Teams will be limited to 75 minutes in the lounge to socialize to allow time to sanitize tables, chairs, etc. performed by members present at the Table and exit the lounge in the timely manner prior to the next draw arriving
- At the completion of the time, one member per team will be required to:
  - Clean the table and chairs with the cleaning product provided
  - Take the rack of used glasses from the middle of the table and place on the kitchen counter
- The kitchen will not be available for cooking or food preparation during the 2020-2021 season.
- Individual snacks (i.e. granola bars, etc.) may be brought in to the club or purchased from the bar. No food or snacks may be brought in, or purchased from the bar, that will be shared between members or teams.
- Bar Area and staff
  - Bar staff will be required to wear a face shield or face mask.
  - A plastic barrier at the bar will be installed
  - Bar staff will be required to wash their hands properly & with increased frequency whenever they touch a surface
  - Training on these enhanced safety and sanitization measures, including practicing proper physical distancing while on shift will be completed prior to reopening for all bar staff
- **Enhanced Cleaning Measures**
  - The Huntley Curling Club will contract specific increased cleaning and sanitizing services based on regional experience and protocols for our conditions.
  - We will also rely on all Huntley members to self-assess and participate in public health protocols prior to entering the club to keep all Huntley members safe and healthy.
  - Members will play a key role in cleaning and sanitizing throughout the club daily to minimize risk zones and touch points, plus provide member peace & comfort. Each week during each draw, a team will be asked to assist in sanitizing high volume touch points.
  - Volunteer time will be available to all members willing to fulfill their obligations and enhance the cleaning and sanitization measures to reduce risk and cost.

# Appendix 5: Distancing Illustrations



## Ready to Deliver



## Stone is Delivered





