



# CALGARY CURLING CLUB COVID-19 RELAUNCH PLAN

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## Abstract

The Calgary Curling Club's Relaunch plan, procedures, and Rapid Response Plan are in place for curlers and staff during the Covid-19 pandemic. All persons entering the facility must adhere to these procedures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 within our community.

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The following procedures will be in place during the 2020-2021 season at the Calgary Curling Club. The Calgary Curling Club will monitor any additional guidelines issued by the City of Calgary, Alberta Health Services, and Curling Alberta and will assess them to ensure our Club meets or exceeds their standards throughout the season.

It is important to note that circumstances may change prior to, or during, the curling season, because of developments in public health regulations or Club operations. While our operations have worked to create conditions to satisfy the City of Calgary by-laws, AHS guidelines, and Curling Alberta Return to Play guidelines, we understand that some procedures might be amended throughout the season to ensure safety for our members, visitors, and staff. Accordingly, our curlers should consider their ability to assume both known and unknown risks associated with curling and entering at the Calgary Curling Club. Such risks include contracting COVID-19 and/or having all or a portion of the curling season cancelled due to public health regulations or Calgary Curling club operational requirements.

The Calgary Curling Club office will retain contact information for all curlers in attendance at the Club, including associate leagues and any programs or events during the season. This will be used should someone in the facility contract Covid-19 (see our Rapid Response Plan in this document).

## **Procedural Outline for Curlers:**

### **1. Prior to play**

- All Club members, associate league members, rovers, spares, and other users of the Calgary Curling Club will be required to complete a declaration (electronically or on paper) prior to entering the facility. If a team is using a non-member as a spare, it is the obligation of said team to ensure the spare has completed the declaration prior to playing.

### **2. Entry**

- Players will not be allowed entry into the building until approximately **15 minutes prior** to the game start time. All game times will be posted on our website.
- **Masks or face coverings are required in all areas of the club except when on the ice or seated at a lounge table. Individuals who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask safely will be required to provide the Calgary Curling Club with a note or certificate from a medical doctor confirming they are unable to wear a mask.** Individuals will be allowed with a grace period of 14 days after making such a claim without a note or certificate.
- Please, where possible maintain 2 meters of physical distance between patrons as you enter and make your way throughout the building.
- Review the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) (also available in the FORMS section of our website) to ensure you are compliant with their guidelines for participating in social events. Please **do not enter the building** if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19, or answer YES to any of the checklist screening questions.
- Review ice allocations posted as you enter the Club to determine which of the staging area your team has been assigned to.
- All participants should come dressed for game play, aside from shoes. Change rooms will have a limited capacity to avoid close contact.

- Teams will get ready in one of the following staging areas; the blue room (adjacent to the lounge), baggage room or downstairs viewing area. Teams on 5 designated sheets will get ready in the downstairs viewing area, while the other 3 designated sheets will get ready upstairs to allow for appropriate distancing between players. Please maintain at least a 2-meter distance between players whenever possible in the staging areas.

### 3. Entering the ice rink

- At the appropriate time, an announcement will call teams to enter the ice. Please wait for your sheet number to be called before heading towards the entrance to the ice.
- Once you enter the ice surface, you must place your bags or any additional belongings on the back boards and immediately make your way onto the ice to maintain physical distance of 2 meters between players. Please **do not remain on the backboards** as there is not enough space for all players to stand while maintaining an appropriate distance.
- No handshakes or contact between teams are to take place. Please use an alternative non-touch greeting to begin play. We suggest raising your brooms.
- Rocks may be on the away end of the rink depending on the previous game. Please start on the end at which the rocks are left.
- We recommend you do not use a coin to determine hammer. Use rock-paper-scissors, “odds or even stopwatch”, or a flip-a-coin app on your phone to help reduce close contact with other players.

### 4. During Play

- Masks **do not** need to be worn while participating in physical activity. It is advised that you keep your mask on your person or in your sports bag or purse.

## The Club will be using the Curling Alberta return to play guidelines for rules of play:

- There will be designated standing areas along the sides of the sheets. The CCC will use screens to indicate where players can stand. These are to be used by the non-delivering team (excluding the acting skip) and the non-active sweeper of the delivering team. Refer to the diagram at the end of this document.
- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. Relaying is **not** permitted (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.
- Only one sweeper on the delivering team can sweep on a given shot. The designated sweeper is the only player that can sweep on a given play. This includes behind the t-line and “raised” or “tapped” rocks. The skip/vice-skip in the house must move to accommodate the incoming sweeper.
- The non-delivering team may not sweep any rocks, including their own.
- The teammate of the delivering team that is not sweeping must take a place on the side of the sheet in a designated area. This non-active sweeper will have first choice of designated

- standing area and may communicate with the players of their team and may follow the play but must remain at least two meters apart from their teammates and their opponents.
- The skip/vice-skip of the non-delivering team must remain behind the backline or on the walkway when possible and must make room to accommodate an in-coming sweeper, or the opposing skip/vice-skip and maintain at least two meters of distance.
  - Only one member of the non-delivering team should be behind the backline.
  - When the vice-skip and skip are exchanging control of the house, or discussing a call, they must always remain at least two meters apart.
  - After a player delivers his or her rock, that player should either: 1. follow the rock, while maintaining at least two meters from the designated sweeper, but go no further than the second hog-line or 2. move to the nearest unoccupied standing location. This will allow the players from the other team to move into position for the next shot.
  - Designate one person to be the score poster for the game for both teams. The score poster should use hand sanitizer after handling scoreboard numbers.
  - Players should use their hands only to touch the rocks they will deliver. Players may move rocks that they are not using but must do so using their broom or their foot on the side of the rock and avoid any contact with the handle.
  - Players should not clean the bottom of the rock with their hand but instead use their broom.

#### AT THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME

- Push the rocks with the brush of your broom or your foot to the corners of the end at which play was completed even if it is not the end at which the game began.
- Players are to gather their belongings while distancing themselves from other players.  
*Masks should be re-applied at this point*
- If it is necessary to cross behind other sheets that are still active, it may be necessary to request a player on that sheet to move, to allow for the players to exit the rink. Conversely, players should be aware that games may finish prior to theirs and they may have to move to accommodate (a team to pass) them leaving.

#### ADDITIONAL

- If the measurement device is used, we ask the person using it to wipe it down with a sanitizing cloth after it has been put back.
- Buzzer times and start times may be shortened or changed depending on your draw. Check before you begin your game to plan accordingly. Please leave the rocks at the end you finish the game on. Rocks do not need to be pushed to the home end.
- Please be prompt when leaving the ice surface to give time for our ice staff and volunteers to clean before the next draw.

#### 5. Exiting the Rink

- To reduce congestion in the facility, we ask you to either head upstairs to the lounge for socializing, with your equipment, or leave the building immediately after your game. The following draw will be allowed into the building shortly after the end of the last draw, so the

previous players must go directly upstairs to lounge or leave the building to reduce congestion on the main floor.

- Please wear a mask or face covering once your game has ended.

## 6. Scoring

- We will no longer be using physical paper to submit scores. The winner of the game is responsible to email [scoring@calgarycurlingclub.com](mailto:scoring@calgarycurlingclub.com) by **Noon the following day**. Please indicate a **Win and your skip's last name**. If no team emails by noon the following day, we will assume a tie.

## 7. CCC lounge

- Please wash your hands and/or use disinfectant before entering the lounge.
- Masks are required in the lounge when not seated for service. This includes if you leave the table to use the washroom.
- Tables will be spaced to allow for distancing.
- As per AHS guidelines, a maximum of 6 people per table are allowed. There will be 16 tables available so each team can have its own table.
- Table service will be provided, please do not come to the bar.
- Please remember that when you leave the lounge, there may be another group entering the club. Please be mindful of physical distancing, and if necessary you may have to wait a moment to exit the building.
- There will be a maximum time allowed for each draw in the lounge, to ensure every player can have access after each draw. Draw times will vary, depending on the day. Posted times will be provided.

NOTE: when you are seated at a table with other people in our lounge, you will **not** be maintaining physical distancing with them. You should only sit with people with whom you are comfortable sitting that close.

## 8. Café/Food Services

- Food services will **not** be available in the cafeteria on the main floor.
- There will be no services available before your draw.
- Food can be ordered upstairs in the lounge through the bartender or server.
- Our staff will be required to wear masks while preparing your food and serving you.

The following procedures are in place for added safety for both our staff and our members. Please note these procedures may be altered throughout the season in accordance with City of Calgary by-laws, AHS guidelines, and Curling Alberta.

### Spares

All spares (including rovers) must identify themselves to the Club prior to playing. This can be done by simply emailing the Club **before the game** at [info@calgarycurlingclub.com](mailto:info@calgarycurlingclub.com). Each spare must indicate their name, the draw on which they are playing, and the team for which they are playing. If a team is using a non-member to spare, that spare will have to complete a declaration prior to playing.

## CCC Staff Covid-19 Procedures

### 1. Staff Rules

- All staff members will be required to wear a mask while interacting with members and visitors unless they are separated by a screen.
- Kitchen staff must wear masks and gloves while preparing food.
- Staff must wash their hands and/or sanitize regularly between tasks.
- Staff who develop signs or symptoms of Covid-19 must not come to work and must notify their supervisor immediately.

### 2. The following items will be cleaned by staff (and/or volunteers) and documented using a Cleaning Schedule, which will be recorded in the main office:

#### Ice Rink

- Staff will clean the following items between every game/use of sheet with disinfectant:
  - i. Rock handles
  - ii. Scoreboard numbers
  - iii. Rental equipment
  - iv. Measuring devices
- Staff will also check to ensure all liquid hand sanitizer is full and available for every draw, and garbage is removed from bins in the rink.

#### Lounge

- After every use, Bar staff will clean tables, bar top, and door handles with a disinfectant.

#### Entry/Exits and main rooms

- Staff will regularly clean door handles, water fountains, and hand railings

#### Bathrooms

- Staff will wipe down the following items with disinfectant three times a day:
  - i. Bathroom door handles
  - ii. Sinks and sink handles
  - iii. Sink tables
  - iv. Stall doors
  - v. Paper towel dispensers
  - vi. Soap dispensers
- Bathrooms will be fully cleaned once a day by a professional cleaner.

## Calgary Curling Club's Rapid Response Plan

In the event a staff member or club member becomes infected with Covid-19, the following response will be required by management staff:

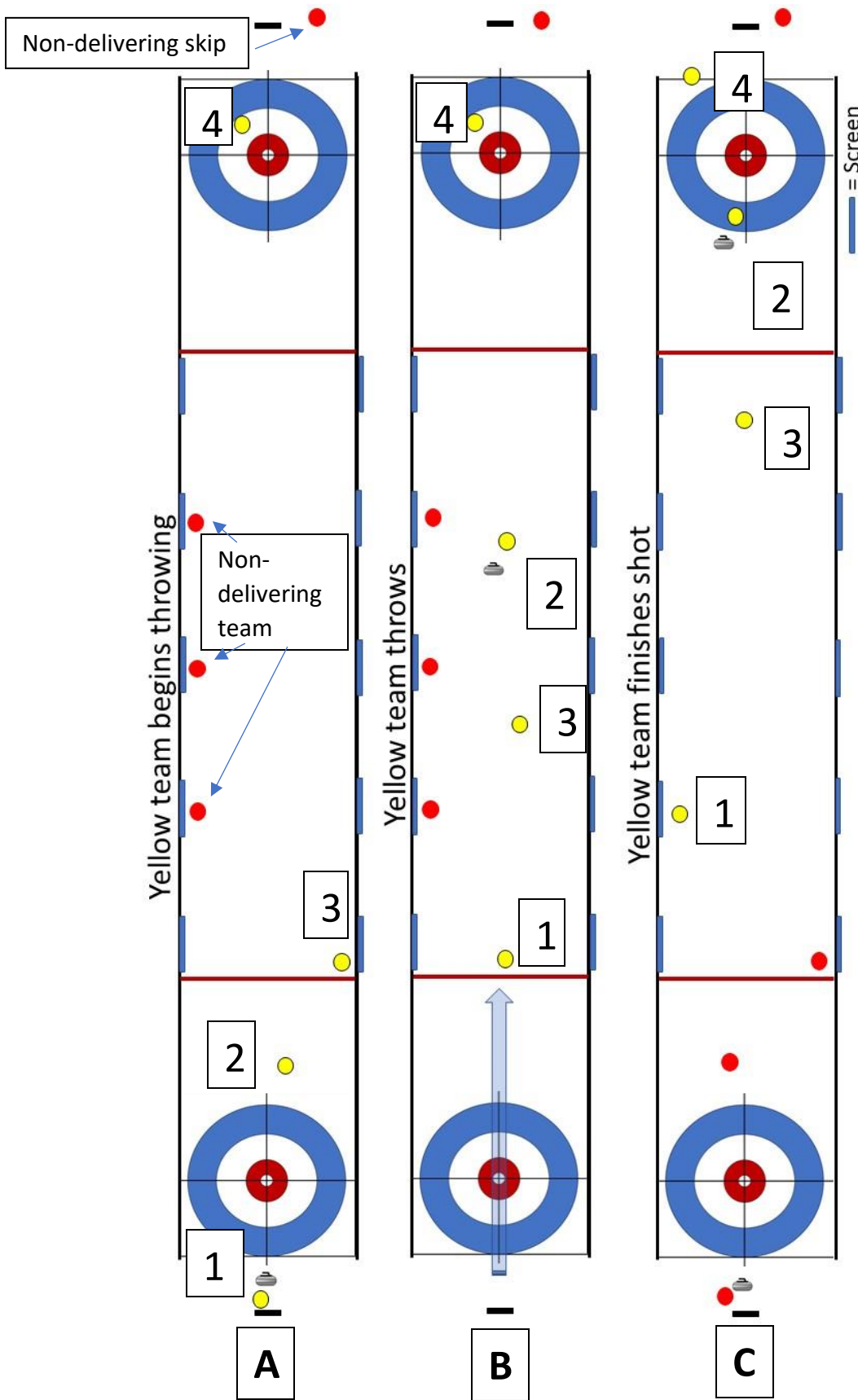
1. Contact Alberta Health Services to report a Covid-19 case at the club. AHS will provide further guidelines for remaining actions.
2. Collect data from the person infected to determine:
  - a. What dates the person was at the Club
  - b. What teams they play with

- c. If they took part in any league play, and who their opposition were
  - d. If they entered the lounge in the past two weeks
- 3. Post communication to the entire member base providing updates on the case.

## **Noncompliance**

Anyone not complying with the procedures outlined in this document, will be reminded of the Calgary Curling Club's policies. If there are repeated and/or gross and/or deliberate violations of the Calgary Curling Club's policies, you may be removed or suspended from the Club without a refund of fees.

# Player Positioning and Transitioning



1 = Delivering Player  
 2 = Active Sweeper  
 3 = Non-Active Sweeper  
 4 = Skip of Delivering Team

A) Yellow team prepares for delivery. The non-active sweeper (3) has choice of which screen to stand at. The non-deliver players should be mindful not to stand in the place that will interfere with the sweeper.

B) As the rock travels down the sheet, the non-active sweeper (3) has the option to follow the play but must remain at least 2 meters apart from the sweeper (2) and the thrower (1).

C) The non-active sweeper (3) does not cross the hog-line. The skip (4) makes room to accommodate the incoming sweeper. The thrower (1) moves to a screen. The Non-delivering moves prepares to deliver.