
Dawson Creek Curling Club 2020-2021 Handbook

OUR COVID-19 “Return to Play” PLAN

Dawson Creek
Curling Club



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Disclaimer: The COVID-19 situation is fluid. New information is continually being received from our sport governing bodies and all levels of government. As a result, this document is subject to change. Amendments will be communicated to membership and facility users as they occur.

We encourage readers to monitor our website at www.dccurling.ca and provide feedback by contacting the Club via email at dccurl@shaw.ca or by phone at 250-782-4080.

Readers please note there are a significant number of changes to our policies/procedures this season.

All participants are expected to read and understand this guide before curling.

A. OPENING MESSAGE

The Dawson Creek Curling Club (DCCC) Board of Directors and leadership staff has thoroughly considered the National (Curling Canada) Return to Play Guidelines and both our Provincial Member Associations' (Curl BC and Curling Alberta) Return to Curling Guidelines. We have created this handbook to ensure a healthy, respectful and enjoyable "return to curling" for the upcoming season and beyond.

Detailed Safety Plans have also been created as per WorkSafe BC requirements. The health and wellness of everyone attending our facility is equally paramount.

Link to DCCC Safety Plan – *Insert DCCC Covid-19 Safety Plan here*

Curling is a non-contact sport played in a large facility with ample space to promote physical distancing. We also know curlers are caring and respectful, and will do their very best to ensure our curling and community centre can stay open and functional during these challenging times.

The Dawson Creek curling experience will be noticeably different this year as we manage COVID-19 circumstances. We hope this handbook can answer your questions and alleviate any safety concerns.

DCCC's General Manager can be reached via email dccurl@shaw.ca or phone 250-782-4080.

In Summary:

- ✓ Stay home if you are feeling sick, or have contacted any suspected case of COVID-19.
 - ✓ Comply with self-isolation or quarantine Provincial Health Officer Orders.
 - ✓ Practice good hand hygiene.
 - ✓ Maintain 6.5' / 2m physical distancing at all times.
 - ✓ Wear a face mask at your discretion, or as mandated (if necessary).
 - ✓ Help us manage contact tracing; assist your guests / spectators in doing the same.
 - ✓ Read and follow all signs and floor markings.
 - ✓ Read and understand all facility guidelines and policies (this Handbook).
 - ✓ Sign and submit all required waivers prior to your first game.
 - ✓ Adhere to game start times and schedules.
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- ✓ **Enjoy curling and have a great time at the Dawson Creek Curling Club!**

B. ILLNESS POLICY

PRIORITY #1 STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL

If you are not feeling well in any way, STAY HOME. This is not a request; it is a requirement.

Do not risk getting other members of DCCC sick because you wanted to curl or didn't want to let your team down. It is imperative that everyone make all efforts to prevent Coronavirus from entering our community.

If someone on the ice or a fan/follower in the facility is clearly not feeling well, we request that members of that person's team ensure he/she goes home. Skips – please take your leadership role seriously in this regard.

If you feel sick or have symptoms pertaining to COVID-19 please stay home.

DC Curling Club Illness Policy: [DCCC - Illness Policy.pdf](#)

C. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Physical Distancing

Physical distancing must be maintained at all times, throughout our entire facility. Unless you are from the same household or family, it is our expectation that everyone will maintain a minimum 2m (6.5 feet) safe distance from each other. That means each user will need to be aware of others, be respectful and patient, and pay particular attention within travel corridors and enclosed spaces.

Our traffic flow patterns and single room capacities are based on the 2m distance allowance.

We understand that people may have varying degrees of both tolerance and vigilance; however our club's capability to remain viable rests on our collective ability to minimize any risk of Coronavirus transmission. We simply must work together.

2. Health Checks, Self-Declarations

Enhanced health screening will occur with every staff member and volunteer prior to their work shift or task. This should put all users at ease, and offer everyone some assurance that our staff and volunteer leaders are symptom free.

At this time, there is no intent to ask members and patrons to provide a temperature check each time you enter the building. However, you are being asked to self-assess and not enter our facility if you exhibit symptoms, or if you should be self-isolated or quarantined.

If symptoms become apparent after you are in attendance, we reserve the right to discuss the matter with you in private, conduct skin temperature checks, and ask you to vacate the premises if necessary. All staff, Board members and league convenors have this authority.

If you become uncomfortable with anyone who exhibits symptoms, or aware of individuals who you feel should be quarantined, we'd ask that you make an effort to speak to them if at all possible, and prior to making a report to staff or a league convenor. Staff and convenors are able to take reports or complaints if necessary, but we'd prefer this be a last resort.

New – and mandatory – this year:

- All curlers are required to read, understand and sign:
 - an Assumption of Risk form (“age specific) which replaces our previous curling waiver.
 - [Over19 Waiver of Liability.pdf](#)
 - [Under19- Assumption of Risk.pdf](#). In the case of curlers under the age of 19, parents are responsible for reviewing the above materials with their child and assuming applicable risks on each child’s behalf.
- All facility users (including curlers) are required to read, understand and sign:
 - a Covid-19 Declaration of Compliance – [DCCC - All - Declaration of Compliance.pdf](#)

3. Masks and PPE

At this time, a mask or other personal protective equipment will NOT be mandatory on the ice or in any area of our facility; it will be up to each individual to decide whether or not they wish to wear a mask or face covering. Please respect each individual’s choice.

Masks will not be provided by the DC Curling Club. If at any time masks become mandatory, we will attempt to have stock for sale at the pro-shop or bar.

Staff preparing or serving food and/or beverages are being encouraged to wear masks, and staff or volunteers involved in other duties and tasks will be required to wear masks if physical distancing is improbable.

Patrons should be prepared to adjust mask-wearing policies during the season. This may be one of the most likely amendments to our procedures, and may also be out of our control.

4. Sanitization Stations



Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the building, with specific “hands-free” dispensers available at locations near main entries and travel corridors. ALL patrons are required to sanitize their hands upon initial arrival; no exceptions.

Patrons are reminded that frequent hand-washing with soap and water (available in all our washrooms) is highly recommended.

Sanitizer will also be provided for persons cleaning rock handles, and those who may touch curling apparatus such as scoreboards, measuring devices and equipment.

All sanitizing and disinfectant products will meet Health Canada and British Columbia CDC minimum Covid-19 standards. Sanitization/cleaning logs will be maintained.

5. Traffic Patterns “LEAN LEFT”

Traffic patterns will be established in the building via visual markers, signage and barriers, especially in the areas of the main front entry, lobby, stairwells and entry/exit to the ice surface. It is our expectation that ALL patrons will honour and respect traffic instructions.

You’ll note all our traffic flow **“Leans Left”**; you proceed via the left side of each corridor. If you are not sure, or you meet someone in a shared space, simply remember to **“Lean Left”**.

See diagrams at the links below:

[Main Floor - curlers Covid traffic plan.pdf](#)

[Second Floor - curlers Covid traffic plan.pdf](#)

Pay particular attention to the “FREEZE HERE” floor markers; pause, assess and wait at those locations before proceeding forward, if necessary to ensure physical distancing.

6. Maximum Capacities (Our single doorway rooms)

Please pay particular attention to the posted maximum capacities of our single doorway rooms, such as locker rooms, washrooms, storage rooms, etc.. It’s critical that we comply with these posted restrictions, or we risk losing the use of these spaces altogether.

Be especially courteous and respectful of overcrowding within the lobby and its boot/shoe removal area. Respect the physical barrier that separates direction of traffic.

“Max. Capacity” signs will be posted at entrances to single doorway rooms, and “FREEZE HERE” logos will mark the floor at these locations. We ask that you pause at the “FREEZE HERE” floor markers, assess your ability to proceed, and wait (if necessary) until there is ample space to ensure physical distancing of at least 2m.

LOCKER ROOM:

- Be extra courteous and diligent when using this space and minimize your time within it.
- Everyone is discouraged from using this space as a change room. Come dressed to play. We urge users to only store shoes/gear here, and make swift access to/from it.
- Draw times will be staggered; there will be a significantly reduced amount of persons requiring this space at any one time.
- Benches will be removed.
- If you are still concerned about overcrowding in either locker room, please choose to discontinue your use of this space and remove your belongings at your earliest convenience.

ELEVATOR:

- The elevator will be available for use as needed. Maximum 1 person, except for immediate family or persons requiring assistance.
- Be considerate of the extra time required for patrons to use the elevator if necessary.

VIEWING AREA:

- Seating will be removed/re-arranged to accommodate less people in this area and to follow physical distancing requirements.
- Do not move tables and chairs to create larger group seating, unless it is for a family party of 6 or less persons.

7. Contact Tracing

As per provincial health guidelines, contact tracing is a requirement for our operation. Regular league curlers will not be required to complete any additional documentation on their own league nights, however the following applies to everyone else who attends our facility.

- Spectators or non-members:
 - Are still allowed to enter the club if space permits (at present, and with restrictions as per PHO Order - 50 person max. in each of the ice area, main floor viewing area and upstairs lounge/viewing area).
 - If a spectator or non-member enters the club they should immediately adhere to signage and check in with the office/bar staff. They will be asked to complete a short Covid-19 assessment and to provide their contact information.
- Bonspiel teams:
 - A list of all team members must be provided prior to play, and all those who are not regular club members will complete a Covid-19 assessment and provide their contact tracing information.
- Spares:
 - All spares must check in with the office prior to play. All those who are not regular club members, or “spare members”, will complete a Covid-19 assessment and provide their contact tracing information.
- Special Event patrons:
 - Special requirements have been added to all lease/rental agreements which ensure these patrons are Covid-19 assessed and traceable.

D. REGISTRATION

For **ALL regular league curlers, Learn-to-Curl participants, practice members and registered spares**, there will be three (3) Registration Nights this season – see table below. You are being asked to register on your specific night, **based on the first letter of your surname**. Following this protocol will allow us to better manage the number of attendees, and ensure we can remain physically distant.

For “**Elementary Only**” participants, we will not register you at the club registration nights. There is a separate committee and registration process for these young players. Watch for contact information to come from the Elementary Curling Committee. If you are unable to receive contact via your school, or are home-schooled, contact the curling club at 250-782-4080 and we will forward your information to the Elementary Committee.

REGISTRATION NIGHTS:

DATE	TIME	Your SURNAME beginning with LETTERS...
Tuesday, September 15	6:00 to 9:00 pm	A to and including G
Wednesday, September 16	6:00 to 9:00 pm	H to and including O
Thursday, September 17	6:00 to 9:00 pm	P to and including Z

We prefer if you are able to personally attend on your designated date, or have a representative attend on your behalf. However if that is not possible, please attend on either of the other two nights, or call the club at 250-782-4080 to complete your registration over the phone.

This season (more than ever) it is critical that people register before September 18th

We have historically had a number of people indicate their desire to curl, or just register a team, however wait until the season starts to individually register and pay – PLEASE DO NOT do that this season! Significantly more preparation is necessary this year, related to leagues and schedules, due to the variety of Covid-19 considerations.

As noted earlier in Section C(2), expect to sign a waiver of liability and/or assumption of risk form, and a Declaration of Covid-19 Compliance upon registration. **We ask you to print these documents at home, read them in advance and provide a signed copy upon registration.**

Payment is expected at the time of registration (with rare exception). We urge everyone to use debit/credit cards (in-person or via phone), or e-transfer to dccurl@shaw.ca and thereby minimize the handling of cash.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- Membership costs will remain the same this season.
 - Adults \$110.00 - includes practice and spare memberships
 - Juniors (U21) \$60.00
- Next season, membership fees will be increased by as much as \$15 per person to directly fund a significant increase in individual membership fees expected from Curling Alberta / Curl BC.

LEAGUE DUES:

- This season, league dues will be increased by either \$10 per league or 10% (whichever is less).
- A \$50 discount still applies to adult members (21-59 years) if they choose to play in a 2nd or 3rd regular league, not including doubles/triples.

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- For each regular league, dues are assessed as follows
 - Juniors - \$55.00 per league (incl. doubles/triples)
 - Seniors (60+) - \$130 per league
 - Adult (21-59 years) - \$210 per league
 - Doubles/Triples - \$100 per league
 - For the first time, we are offering “*Snowbird Specials*”. These are half-season rates, which are pro-rated at 50% of both membership and dues costs for specific terms (either before or after Christmas). Registration for the second half-season (post Christmas) closes December 15th. We hope to attract new members who would otherwise be heading south.
 - 8-week “Learn-to-Curl” – 8 lessons between Oct. 19th and Dec. 15th
 - Adult \$110 total – includes a first half membership fee of \$55 AND if you decide to join a league for the 2nd half of the season, the second half membership fee will be waived (another \$55 value).
 - Junior \$85 total includes \$30 membership fee references as above.
 - Also new this year – private lessons will be offered, at an hourly rate (contact the pro-shop for prices and schedules).

A note on cost increases:

The Dawson Creek CC has not raised curling dues for a number of years. This season, we are faced with a considerable amount of new costs associated to the Covid-19 protocols, and start the year in a significantly reduced financial position due to our summer closure and resulting revenue losses.

Please note that we are making an average 5% price increase to a number of our services that apply equally to anyone using our facility (such as food, beverage, rentals and bonspiel entries). We are asking all patrons to minimally contribute based on their usage of our facility, in an effort to be fiscally responsible yet fair to all aspects of our business. That has allowed us to minimize the specific increase to curling dues. These cumulative increases will hopefully offset the majority of our new Covid costs.

REFUND POLICY:

The club is committing to you, our members, by committing the funds necessary to put the ice in and get the club up and running for the season. In return, we ask that you commit to DCCC and understand that we are a non-profit organization who is making a fair promise to our patrons, and notably with respect to a unique circumstance that is somewhat out of our control.

If cancellations or closures are necessary due to a Coronavirus outbreak or public health order, any refunds of league dues would be pro-rated on a sliding 25% scale, relevant to the timing of any closure and the number of games offered by that date. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Refund Policy link: [DCCC - 2020-21 Refund Policy.pdf](#)

E. LEAGUES

1. Season Length, Dates

We are hoping to begin curling on Wednesday October 7th. The curling season will run for its usual length of time, roughly to the end of March. See Weekly Schedule at Table 1 (page 11).

Weekly regular leagues (all except Triples/Doubles, Learn-to-Curl and Elementary) can expect a minimum of 10 weeks both before and after Christmas (a minimum of 20 weeks in total). These leagues will be scheduled on the same nights as they have traditionally existed.

Doubles and Triples curling will be offered as leagues this season. “Triples” is a new format altogether, highlighted in this article ([2020/08/04/triples-incoming](https://www.dccurl.ca/2020/08/04/triples-incoming)) and explained in detail at this link ([Triples Explained](#)). Initially, we are scheduling a Friday evening for Doubles/Triples in hopes that we may attract a number of our regular weekly league players as well as new members. We encourage you to try one or both of these formats. Expect to curl Doubles/Triples on average 3x per month (a minimum of 16 dates), and not on the weekends when we host larger bonspiels.

Half-season (“Snowbird”) options will be offered this year. Curlers who curl the first half season (pre-Christmas) will only have until December 15 to additionally register for the second half.

“Learn-to-Curl” sessions will run 8 weeks between Oct. 19th and Dec. 15th.

Elementary League details are still under construction. Watch for further information as it becomes available, or alternatively leave your name/contact number with the club via email to dccurl@shaw.ca or phone to 250-782-4080.

2. Formats, Modifications

Expect leagues to have their maximum capacity, start time(s) or formats modified to allow for sanitation and to facilitate the required distancing or capacity limitations. At minimum, you can anticipate staggered start times between 6:00pm and 8:00pm for regular evening draws, and only two games commencing at any one time.

Depending on registration numbers, you may also see larger leagues being split into pools to keep teams in smaller “pods” or “cohorts”, thereby minimizing the interactions between pods.

An application is being made by Curl BC, on behalf of all clubs with 8 sheets or more, to allow for all sheets to be used concurrently, and thereby exceed the current 50 person “event” limitation on the ice surface. That decision will have a bearing on our scheduling.

In addition, and **NEW** this year, our league default policy is amended to allow 3 or 4-person teams to compete with as little as 2 players. We want to minimize regular league defaults, and encourage teams who are challenged to find enough spares to still compete. In the uncommon event a 3 or 4-person team has only 2 players, they would be permitted to “borrow” a curler from an opponent or play as a 2-person team. If they play as a 2-person team:

- Throwing all 8 rocks per end, they would alternate pairs of shots (player 1 throws lead and third, player 2 throws second and skip rocks).

- Throwing 6 rocks per end, they would throw sets of three – player 1 throws the first three; player 2 throws the last three.
- Only one sweeper is allowed – either designate the non-thrower as the sweeper (and therefore have no “skip”) or sweep your own stone.

3. Spares

Due in part to our strict illness policy, we anticipate needing a higher than usual number of spares. We encourage the registration of “spare members” – those who do not play regularly in a league but wish to “spare only”. We also encourage our regular members to consider playing that extra game when asked to spare.

TABLE 1 - WEEKLY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

2020/2021 League Schedule (Subject to change)					
Day	League	Staggered Start Times			
Sunday	Doubles, Triples (overflow only if nec.)	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm	7:45 pm
Monday	Junior	4:00 pm	4:15 pm	4:30 pm	
Monday	Commercial	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	
Monday	Super League	7:00 pm	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	
Monday	Learn-to-Curl	(TBD) dependent on ice availability			
Tuesday	Seniors	1:00 pm			
Tuesday	Mixed	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Ladies	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Mens (overflow if nec.)	7:00 pm	7:30 pm		
Thursday	Seniors	10:00 am			
Thursday	Elementary	3:30 pm	3:45 pm		
Thursday	Mens	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Friday	Doubles, Triples	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm	7:45 pm

F. CURLING “THE PLAYBOOK”

1. Draw Times

As noted in the proposed weekly schedule, it is our initial intent to use “staggered starts”; specifically to schedule no more than two games/sheets starting at the same time. This would apply to all curling events, including league, bonspiels and rentals. Please appreciate that this will challenge our planners, and it will be critical that each player and team follow the pre and post game protocols. We will do our best to make the draw times equitable for all teams.

Everyone must be prepared to have regular evening games start between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Curlers can expect their start times will not always be the same.

Without prior approval from the Club Manager, games are to start only at their assigned time on the assigned sheet. Using the “first available sheet” at any random time will not be allowed until further notice.

2. Pre-Game Procedures

Please arrive no earlier than 20 minutes before the start of your game. Please change clothes and prepare as much as possible before you arrive.

Be especially respectful of overcrowding within the lobby and its boot/shoe removal area. Respect the physical barrier that separates direction of traffic.

Sanitize your hands immediately upon entry. Follow distancing protocols and signage.

All personal equipment is to be stored in lockers or on the “home” end of the rink. Please plan to “travel light” this season so that everyone has room available to maintain social distancing.

- If you are using the locker rooms, please see earlier references at section C(6). Be both quick and courteous in this space; drop off your coat and/or personal items, pick up your curling shoes and equipment and find another location in the waiting area to prepare for your game.
- If you do not use the locker room, please take your coat with you onto the ice area, and hang it on the dowel posts behind your sheet of ice. Don’t leave personal items in the waiting area.

3. Borrowing Club Equipment

Club equipment such as sliders, brooms and stabilizers will still be available for borrowing, but only under strict guidelines:

- Foam handles will be removed from stabilizers to enable better sanitization.
- If the equipment is in its rack or container, it is sanitized and ready for use.
- Choose and handle only one item.
- Ensure you are the only person to use/handle that item until such time as it is returned; unless you are sharing only with a family or household member.
- When you return the item, leave it in the area clearly marked for “returns”; it will be sanitized by staff before it is re-used.

No footwear will be available to borrow. You are encouraged to purchase your own gripper to ensure a proper fit to your on-ice shoes.

Failure to abide by these borrowing guidelines will result in a loss of that privilege.

4. To & From the Ice

All curlers will **enter** the ice area from our “left” (east) doorway, **nearest to sheet B**. Players for two adjacent games will enter at approximately the same time; we ask that you let the sheet furthest to the right (west) enter first to avoid overlapping congestion.

Do not put on your gloves before entering the ice shed. Your hands must be sanitized before opening the ice shed door.

Scheduling will minimize the number of curlers that walk behind neighbouring sheets.

During your game, if you have to depart the ice surface for any reason, use whichever doorway best facilitates proper physical distancing; you may need to wait for an opportunity to depart.

Upon completion of your game, all players **depart** through the west door (**nearest to sheet G**). Please be aware of any throwing teams or other players standing on the backboards and allow time to properly distance.

5. It’s “Game Time”

The skips have authority over the activities on their sheet of ice, and this year that includes responsibility for all players maintaining correct physical distancing. Skips – please take that role seriously.

a. YOUR “HOME END”

Games will begin on alternating ends of the rink (half of each draw’s games will begin at the far end of the sheet). At the conclusion of your game, please ensure the rocks are returned to the same end from where you started.

b. ROCKS AND SANITIZING ROCK HANDLES

- Rock handles shall be sanitized using club-supplied disinfecting equipment prior to each game play. Red/green marker cards will designate whether or not this sanitization has been completed; **green = sanitized, red = NOT sanitized**.
- If sanitization has not been done, either one person from each team can sanitize their entire team’s rock handles or each player may sanitize his/her own handles.
- Only touch the handle of your own rocks with your hand. All other rocks are to be moved using your brush head, delivery stick or foot.
- Avoid touching the running surface of the rock with your hand (gloved or bare). You are encouraged to use your own brush head to clean the running surface prior to delivery.

- Once a player chooses their rocks at the beginning of a game, the same rocks must be used by that player for the duration. No trading of rocks to another player is allowed during a game.
- If you are kind enough to sanitize rocks after your game, please leave the green card face-up so the next users will know.

c. REPLACING HANDSHAKES

Do not shake hands or touch in any way! Wish your opponents “good curling” from an appropriate distance, or with a socially distanced broom tap.

d. REPLACING THE COIN TOSS

Coin tosses will not occur, unless only one person handles their own coin and retains its possession. Alternatively, use your stopwatch; start the timer and have the opponent call out “odd” or “even” before it’s stopped.

e. SWEEPING

- Behind the T-Line:
 - No sweeping will be allowed behind the tee line by either skip. Only the active (designated) sweeper may continue to sweep their team’s rock behind the tee line.
 - No sweeping any opponent’s stone behind the T-line.
- Teams must follow the “single sweeper” rule:
 - Only one sweeper will be allowed at a time (no same household exceptions)
 - No “switching” during a throw; the designated sweeper must follow a delivered stone from the delivery end of the sheet to the target house.
 - No one aside from the dedicated sweeper for a shot can sweep any stone.
 - Sweepers may alternate either between shots or between delivering players; teams are encouraged to share sweeping duties amongst teammates as much as possible.
 - The non-sweeping players must always position themselves to maintain physical distancing (use designated areas and ice markers).

f. POSITIONING (THROUGHOUT THE GAME)

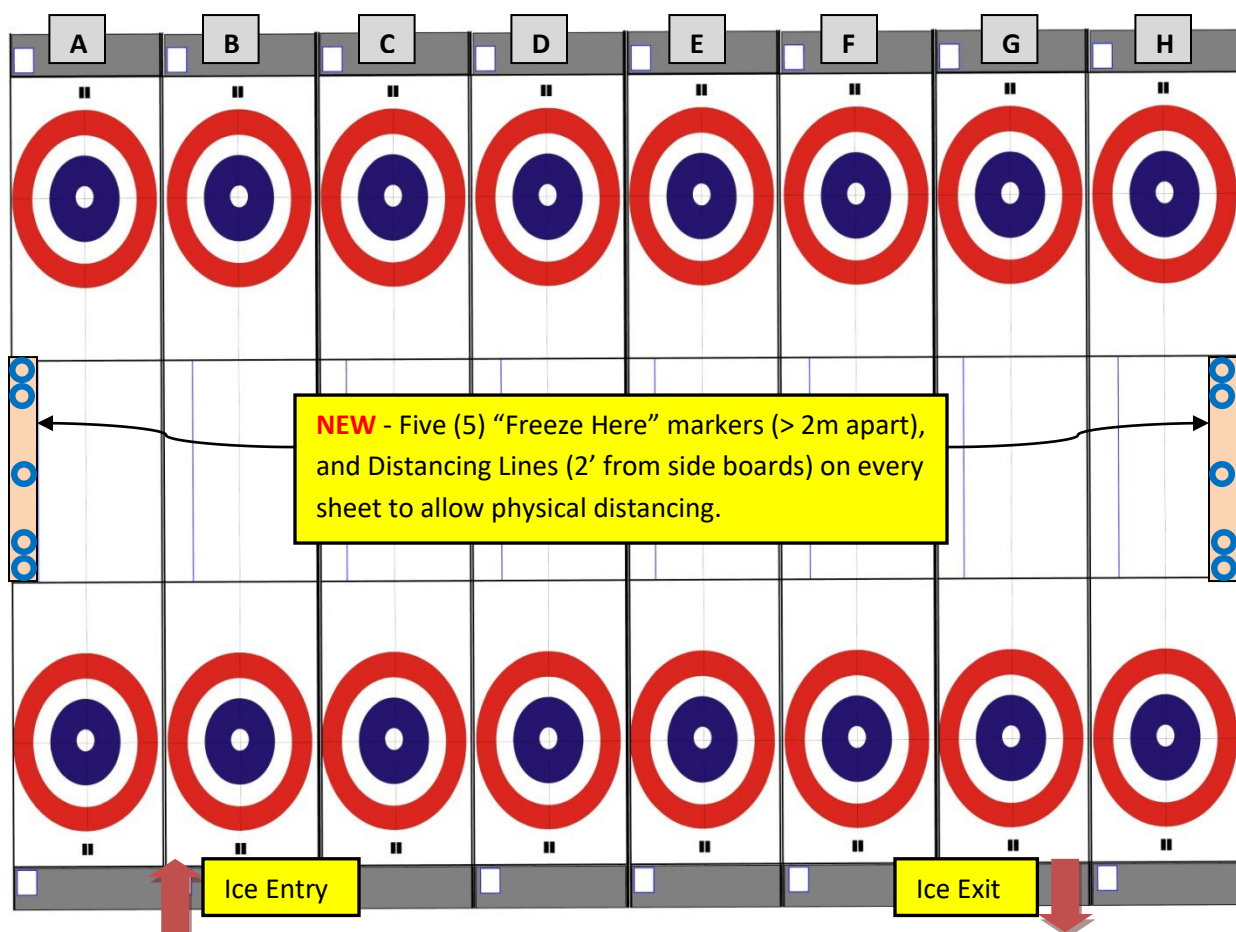
MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- “**Distancing Lines**” will be installed - 2’ from side boards and between the hoglines on only one side of a sheet. Curlers not active in a shot will commonly stop/wait within this area.
- “**Freeze Here**” markers will be installed within the distancing lines, at strategic locations no closer than 2m apart. Each inactive curler should stand on one of these markers.
- If inactive (not throwing, sweeping, skipping or next to throw), stay within the distancing lines between the hoglines and with only one person at each “Freeze Here” marker.
- Skips or vice-skips
 - Only the delivering team’s skip is allowed in the target house.

- The opposition skip must be at/near the backboards, and no closer to the house than the hack, until all rocks have come to rest.
- After a team shoots, the priority of all players is to proceed to their appropriate positions on the sheet as quickly as possible, while maintaining social distancing.
- Between ends, the team that has hammer in the next end should vacate the playing area by moving past the hog line, into the inactive zone within the distancing lines. The team throwing first in the next end should put away the rocks. Consider having two players push the stones from the playing area to the corners, and one player arranging the rocks. Use your broom or your foot to move rocks. Avoid team congregations.

See illustrations/descriptions below:

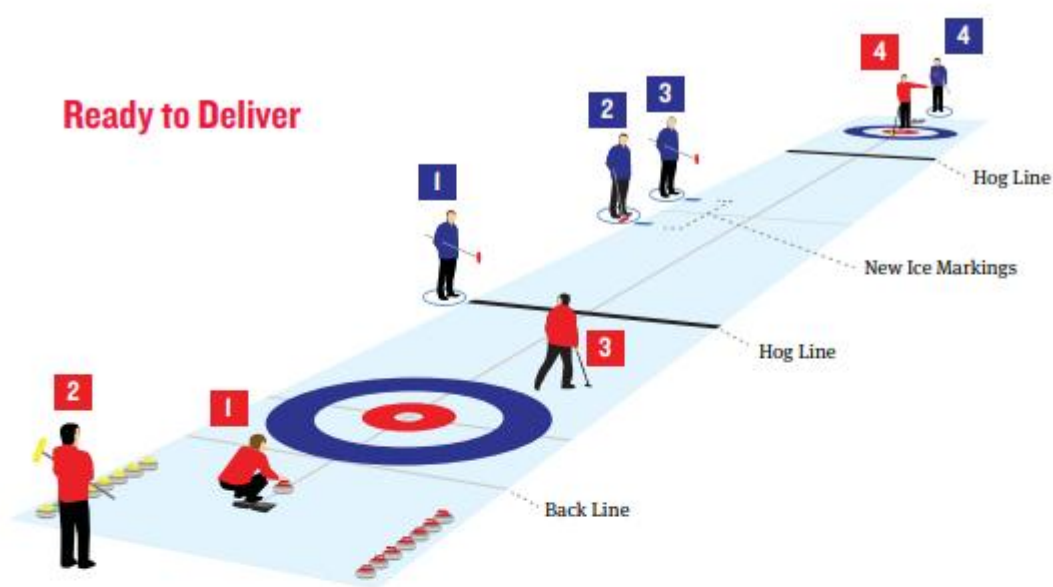


NON-THROWING TEAM:

- The two sweepers of the non-throwing team should be positioned on "Freeze Here" markers while the other team is throwing.
- The player of the non-throwing team whose turn it is next to deliver, should be positioned at/near the hogline on the same side as his/her two sweepers.

THROWING TEAM:

- The Skip (or vice-skip) has control of the house.
- The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack.
- The sweeping player is at the T-Line.
- The non-sweeping player is on the backboards, or at a “Freeze Here” marker.
- Once the stone has been released, the player who delivered the stone proceeds down the centre line of the ice until about the halfway point and moves to a “Freeze Here” marker, or proceeds towards the hog line if it is their next turn to deliver.
- After the stone comes to rest, the sweeper proceeds to a “Freeze Here” marker. The non-sweeper travels to a “Freeze Here” marker or the hog line depending on whether or not it is their next turn to deliver.



g. MEASURING DEVICES

If measuring is necessary, only one player should handle the device.

- Hands should be sanitized before and after use.
- Don't touch the measuring device with gloved hands.
- Use a sanitizing wipe to clean the device after use.

h. SCOREKEEPING

Numbers in the box affixed to the wall (usual location) have been sanitized.

- Assign one person to mark both teams' scores – the third of the team which scores first.
- Do not touch or handle a number other than the one you need; if you do, remove it from the wall hanger and discard it on the floor below the box.
- Do not take down the scores after your game.

i. GAME OVER

Do not shake hands! Congratulate your opponents on a "good game" from a distance.

Following your game, please pay it forward. We encourage you to sanitize rocks after your game or practice, and if you do, leave the green card face-up so the next users will know. Please use the standard sanitization procedures explained earlier at s. 5(b). Our start times will stay closer to schedule if everyone follows this procedure.

Depart the ice surface through the west door (nearest to sheet G). In most instances, games on sheets G and H should be completed first thereby minimizing congestion at the doorway.

The winning third is responsible to "circle the winner" on the posted schedule, or preferably inform office staff of the game result. Pencils in wall-mounted holders have been sanitized; if one is used, discard it to the "used" box on the floor.

Don't loiter in waiting or locker rooms. Be respectful of distancing and room capacities.

Adhere to traffic instruction(s) as you move within the facility; most notably, "Lean Left" as you exit the main floor or proceed up and down the stairs to the lounge.

G. OFF THE ICE

1. Your Equipment

Do not leave personal belongings in shared space within locker or waiting rooms. Be swift in handling your curling equipment and shoes, both pre and post game. Please return all personal belongings to your locker or vehicle before moving to other locations of our facility.

2. Socializing & Viewing

We encourage you to socialize in our lounge or concession areas post-game, but ask that you respect the posted capacity limits. If capacity nears upper limits, staff may request patrons to move to other areas of the facility or depart altogether. We ask that you be understanding in that circumstance. A reminder, at this time, capacities are limited to 50 persons per large area (ice, main floor waiting/viewing area and upstairs lounge).

Curling spectators or non-members are still allowed to enter the club if space permits. If a spectator or non-member enters the club they should immediately check in as earlier described in s. C(7). Members will be given first priority to remain if capacity limits become a factor.

H. BONSPIELS

1. General Modifications

Our bonspiels will always be open to DCCC members and their guests from within the same regional area. Our ability to accept entries from outside of our normal regional area may be dependent on current guidelines and pandemic responses beyond our control.

You will see changes to bonspiel formats and schedules, in an effort to minimize crowds and encourage social distancing. Meals and entertainment may be adjusted or restricted as well, based on BC Ministry of Health restrictions.

In general, this year's bonspiel schedule is anticipated to be similar to previous years.

2. Specific Changes

a. CASH BONSPIEL

We anticipate running our 48th Annual Cash Bonspiel in November 2020, and still hope to be doing so as part of the Peace Curling Tour. At this time, the structure and content of the Peace Curling Tour remains undecided.

New this year, the three western provinces have agreed to a "points ranking system" for their competing teams, and it is anticipated that our event would qualify for inclusion. See references at this link: [2020/Provincial-Team-Ranking-System-Information.pdf](#).

Due to capacity limitations, you can expect this year's Cash Bonspiel to be conducted over two weekends instead of the usual one.

- The Challenge Division on Nov. 13-15
- The Competitive Division on November 20-22
- The Junior and Special Olympics Divisions will occur on one of these two weekends; to be scheduled based on initial entry numbers from the other divisions.

b. CLUB's ANNUAL BONSPIELS

This season, our successful “combined” ladies and mens bonspiel will be adjusted due to Covid-19 restrictions. Unless there is an increase to our allowable event capacity, it is expected that this year’s ladies and mens bonspiels will have to occur separately.

Expected annual bonspiel dates are as follows:

- “Upper Montney” Mixed Annual Spiel – Jan 22-24
- “Upper Montney” Ladies Annual Spiel – Feb 19-21
- “Upper Montney” Mens Annual Spiel – Feb 26-28 or Mar 5-7 (TBA)

c. ELEMENTARY BONSPIEL

More details will be forthcoming with respect to this event, which last year occurred on the first Saturday of March. Should it proceed, and unless Covid-19 circumstances change, it will look different this season as well.

I. PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION

1. Scheduling Your Own Practice

This year, it will be critical to schedule practices. We must work together to ensure rock handles and related touch surfaces have been sanitized both before and after practices. Equally important, capacity considerations and ice/staff availability may be affected by our new scheduling changes, such as staggered starts.

Practice memberships are still available, and any “Practice Member” or “Spare Member” would also be eligible to substitute for regular leagues.

2. Klutch Curling App

We are hoping to again install the Klutch Curling equipment on three sheets, and to have the app accessible for any members who wish to make use of it. Klutch is a learning and analysis tool that provides instant feedback without the necessity of a coach or instructor; in either a game or practice, and particularly for split times, add/pull, rock rotation and line of delivery.

3. Booking Instruction or Lessons

This year, we will offer individual or team lessons taught by qualified instructors on an hourly basis. This is different than our fall 8-week Learn-to-Curl sessions (which are designed for newer players), and will be individually structured to offer more advanced curlers an opportunity to improve. Topics are not limited to delivery and mechanics, but may also include strategy or sport psychology (mental skills). Contact the office for pricing and scheduling options, or to determine your specific needs.

4. Learn-to-Curl Events

Last year, we had tremendous success with our short (75 minute) Learn-to-Curl promotions; it is hoped we can continue to provide these introductory and fun events within the current Covid-19 climate. Stay tuned for further information and local advertising specific to this topic.

J. BAR AND LOUNGE

The Dawson Creek Curling Club's Bar and Lounge will be OPEN!

We will be following BC Health Services Guidelines and Provincial Health Officer Orders for both lounge and concession operations. The most recent and relevant Order(s) is (are) available for view at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink.pdf>

In summary, here's what patrons can expect:

- Hours of Operation will be directly affected by PHO orders.
- Maximum total capacity of 50 persons (at this time).
- Hand washing & sanitizer stations will be available to patrons/employees at strategic locations.
- Adhere to signage and traffic flow markings.
- Tables and chairs:
 - Numbers reduced or tables/chairs re-positioned to follow social distancing guidelines.
 - Tables will display a green or red card indicator. Patrons should not choose a table until its green indicator is displayed, which confirms it has been sanitized.
 - No more than 6 people per table; avoid moving from table to table.
 - Remain seated unless moving between the viewing area, bar, washrooms, and exit.
- Table service will be employed as much as possible to reduce/eliminate any lineup at the bar.
- Beverages to be served in disposable cups unless already contained in a single service container.
- Leave all empties, food trays, dinnerware, etc. on your table when finished.
- Electronic payment is strongly preferred over cash payment.
- Plexiglass barrier(s) installed strategically at the bar.
- Removal of, or limitations to, self-service stations such as coffee, water, or popcorn.
- Limited entry into food or beverage areas to employees only.
- Face coverings (mask or shield) may be worn by all food/beverage service workers while:
 - They are unable to maintain a 2m distance from clients, and
 - During food preparation or service in kitchen(s), lounge and/or buffet to prevent the spread of droplets.
- Live music and/or dancing prohibited. Background music permitted.
- Enhanced sanitation protocols.

K. FOOD SERVICE AND CATERING

Our food service and catering business will be open with close to “normal” operating hours.

We hope to again offer an appetizer menu for regular evening leagues, managed through the upstairs commercial kitchen and/or bar, as well as a number of food specials and banquets during the season.

The downstairs concession will be open at limited times, which may include Seniors Daytime and Elementary League schedules. Tables on the main floor will be reconfigured to manage distancing protocols.

A SUMMARY OF FOOD SERVICE MODIFICATIONS:

General Considerations:

- Restricted and posted maximum capacities within kitchen/concessions.
- Service may include quick-service items and/or self-serve buffet items.
- Enhanced sanitation for patrons and staff.
- Limited entry into food service and preparation areas (employees only).

Personnel (Staff):

- Appropriate use of face covering/PPE.
- Increased training and education specific to hand hygiene and physical etiquette.
- Health screening questionnaire completed prior to each shift.

Menu:

- To promote efficiency and reduce wait times:
 - Menu may be slightly limited.
 - The addition of pre-packaged cold items during peak business.

Packaging:

- Items served in disposable covered containers or wrappers to limit exposure.
- Self-serve condiments removed from counter and distributed with each order.
- Utensils removed from counter and distributed with each order (disposable/wrapped).

Service:

- Increased use of table service.
- Plexiglass barrier at kitchen counter.
- Signage and physical markers to indicate traffic flow / distancing requirements.
- Removal of, or limitations to, self-service. If self-service coffee is provided, for example, pre-portioned condiments and disposable serving-ware will be used.
- Buffet Amendments:
 - Staff to manage traffic flow and limit attendees to smaller numbers (one table at a time).
 - Staff to attend buffet line, manage portion control and serve food at the individual instruction of each patron. Patrons do not handle service utensils at buffet.
 - Frequent sanitation and replacement of service utensils.
 - Pre-packaged and/or portioned condiments.

L. PRO-SHOP

The Pro-Shop will be open with strict capacity limits (maximum 3 persons). Patrons are asked to be mindful and courteous in maintaining 2m distances. Patrons are encouraged to minimize product touches and be respectfully prompt with their decisions and purchases.

It is expected the pro-shop will not be as fully stocked as normal, especially with respect to sized merchandise (shoes, clothing). However every effort will be made to maintain adequate stock of common items and obtain any others in a prompt manner. **Prices will remain member-friendly.** Electronic payment is strongly preferred.

M. SANITIZATION

Enhanced **sanitization and cleaning will be a priority** in all areas of our facility. Our club has always maintained a high standard in this regard; however our frequency will now be increased. This will be a shared responsibility between ice/bar/kitchen staff, custodial staff and members.

Patrons will notice our use of **green** or **red** markers – this will designate whether or not rock handles, tables, shared curling equipment, etc. has been sanitized. You are welcome to use items designated in green. The use of any item designated red is strongly discouraged; and is done so only at your own risk.

If cleaning products are provided for members to sanitize an item after you use it (for example, rock handles), we encourage you to do so; **PAY IT FORWARD** and promote our next user to do the same. If cleaning products are not provided, please ensure you place used items in the designated area so they can be properly sanitized by staff.

A thorough building sanitation will occur every day, at minimum, and more often as needed based on use. Our detailed standards and internal policies will minimize risk. A general summary is below:

- All staff will be trained and monitored with respect to new protocols and expectations.
- Assured use of approved disinfecting and sanitization products.
- Specific and increased frequency sanitization/disinfecting of shared areas and touch surfaces.
- Increased sanitization of food/beverage contact surfaces, preparation surfaces, and equipment.
- Appropriate tracking and reporting of sanitization.
- Added emphasis on hand hygiene (washing and the use of sanitizer) for all patrons and staff.

N. SPECIAL EVENT MANAGEMENT

The Dawson Creek Curling Club is **open for event bookings**, however is subject to all public health orders related to such activity; the most recent order specific to “Gatherings and Events” (Aug. 7, 2020) is available for review at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>.

At this time, the most notable limitation is a maximum of 50 persons for events.

This year, DCCC has added a new Covid-19 Appendix requirement for all Event Hosts:

[DCCCEventHostCovidAppendixSept2020.pdf](#)

We are an exceptional venue for a Christmas party, corporate retreat or training, wedding, birthday or anniversary celebration, reunion, baby shower, celebration of life, fundraiser, etc. It will be our pleasure to provide not only the space, but all your required tables/chairs and food/beverage services.

Ice is also available to rent, for both members and non-members.

Please discuss bookings directly with our General Manager, at dccurl@shaw.ca or 250-782-4080.

O. OUTBREAK PROTOCOL

The Dawson Creek Curling Club has developed a Confirmed Case Toolkit which is available for view at [Confirmed Case Toolkit.pdf](#). It includes an Incident Checklist which details “next steps”, considerations to help determine whether or not our facility should remain open and references to privacy concerns.

Our goals are:

- To manage any incident or outbreak properly, with care and attention to the parties affected.
- To ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, and to minimize any present or future risk.
- To comply with directions and guidance from public health authorities and provincial/national sport governing bodies.
- To determine (if necessary) whether or not we should continue, modify or discontinue our programming and/or operations

IF YOU HAVE A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

If you have been in the Dawson Creek Curling Club and you suspect or know that you have COVID-19, ***please contact our Manager (Jeff) at dccurl@shaw.ca, or by telephone 250-719-4687 or 250-782-4080.***

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of a person or persons who were at the DCCC in the last 14 days we ask that they notify us immediately so we can initiate our case or outbreak protocol.

The Dawson Creek Curling Club will immediately contact health authorities for further guidance. Ensuring privacy principles are met, we will also facilitate prompt contact tracing and/or contact with each person/team that may have interacted with a positive case.

Members will be notified of any outbreak, their required follow-up, and any resulting decision with respect to our continued operations.

P. REFERENCES AND LINKS

Curl BC Guidelines: <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Return-to-Curling-Guide.pdf>.

It is worth noting this Curl BC Guideline is expected to be updated in early September 2020, and any amended versions will be available at <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/covid-19-resources/>.

ViaSport “Return to Sport” Guidelines: <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>.

Curling Canada Guidelines: <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>

Curling Alberta Guidelines: (for reference only, as we are within BC public health jurisdiction) - <https://curlingalberta.ca/member-club-resources>

BC Public Health Order related to self-isolation and quarantine:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-class-order-travellers.pdf>

BC Public Health Order specific to “Gatherings and Events” (Aug. 7, 2020):

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>.

CDC Covid-19 Symptoms Info: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-class-order-travellers.pdf>

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