

## **PARKSVILLE CURLING CLUB COVID 19 - OPERATING/SAFETY PLAN**

### **Background – How we developed our Operating Plan**

The Parksville Curling Club has developed its operating and safety plan in compliance with both Government orders and guidelines provided by CurlBC and Curl Canada. We also surveyed our members and the results of the 187 members that responded assisted us in developing our plan. The Parksville Curling Club Board of Directors also met to work out a budget to determine if it would be financially viable to operate in the 2020-2021 season with the restraints caused by Covid regulations and ensuring the safety of our members based on the guidelines and regulations provided.

Surveys were done in neighbouring facilities and by governing bodies which all revealed close to the same results. Approximately 68% will participate as long as physical distancing, even among teammates, is in place. The Parksville Curling Club provided a similar survey to our members and 187 members participated. The results were in line with the CurlBC and neighbouring Club results. 67% answered they intend to register and an additional 22.2% were undecided.

Our goal is to provide a safe, recreational environment for our members. The guidelines we are providing are subject to change with the ongoing coronavirus requirements issued by the Provincial Health Officer, Minister of Public Safety, Solicitor General, WorkSafe BC, Government-Via Sport, Municipal authority, CurlBC and CurlCanada directives.

### **Return to Curling - Safety and Behaviour**

Our Safety Plan is based on 5 principles - Personal Hygiene, Stay Home if you are sick, Environmental Hygiene, Safe Physical Interactions, and Physical Modifications.

1. Personal Hygiene - handwashing upon entrance to the curling rink, utilizing the sanitizer prior to your game and upon completion. Cough into your sleeve, wear a non-medical mask (this is a personal preference; note that SportMedBC does not recommend wearing a mask while sweeping). No handshakes.
2. Stay Home if you are sick - Anyone with any symptoms must stay away from others. If you are a returning traveler you must self-isolate for the mandated period as per the BC Government before coming to our club. If a member of your team is ill and they show up to curl, we request team members ask their teammate to go home.
3. Environmental Hygiene - more frequent cleaning of the curling club lounge area and ice surface area. Enhanced surface sanitation.
4. Safe physical interactions - at the Club keep groups small, maintaining the proper physical distancing of 6ft/2m at all times on and off the ice. Only sit with members of your bubble, and remember the bigger the space the better.
5. Physical modifications - spacing within rooms, room design, plexiglass barriers, movement of members within spaces. We have provided a drawing of our rink plan.

## **REGISTRATION**

We have split our curling season into Fall and Winter sessions; you only have to register for the Fall session at this time. Registration is online for both the Fall and Winter sessions. As there are some members unable to proceed with the online process, arrangements can be made to complete the registration with the Club Manager by phone or by booking an appointment. If registering in person, both parties must wear PPE and use hand sanitizer prior to and at completion of the registration

During registration for either the Fall or Winter session, each curler will be required to sign a liability waiver and participant agreement. We have combined our liability waiver with a participant agreement as required by Curl BC and ViaSport.

If we are required to cease curling due to Covid or any epidemic, we will reimburse your league fees for the number of games remaining in the session (pro-rated fee).

We are currently operating under Phase 2 CurlBC and ViaSport regulations (August 2020). Phase 2 allows 3 player or 2 player teams only. Phase 3 allows 4 player teams. If we are still in Phase 2 at the start of the Curling season, one player will be required to stay home weekly on a team. We are governed by the Provincial Health Authority.

## **CLUB OPERATIONS and SAFETY PLAN**

### **PRIOR TO GAME TIME**

1. Come to the rink ready to play. At home: (i) do your warmups and stretching prior to coming to the rink; and (ii) check the schedule online to see what sheet you are on.
2. You will be able to enter the rink 20 minutes before your game time, no sooner.
3. Locker rooms are closed - carry your broom/stick and shoes to the rink and your own water bottle. There is no water cooler available at the rink.
4. Enter the building and follow the directional arrows as indicated.
5. SANITIZER is provided. PCC will provide accessible handwashing facilities and sanitizers throughout the facility. Please sanitize your hands upon entrance to the building with the sanitizer provided. Reminders to wash hands often, sanitize often and posters to illustrate proper technique will be provided.
6. There are two (2) areas to put your shoes on. 1) The lobby area - benches are provided along the window, the bench in front of the concession and the bench by the bar at the end of the lobby. Each bench has been clearly marked with indicators to provide proper physical distancing of 6ft/2m. 2) The second area to put your shoes on is the ice arena stands area.
7. There will be no league boards utilized in the lobby area. There will be a large whiteboard as you walk into the entrance area to the ice. Your game will be listed on the board with the sheet you are playing on.
8. League games have staggered start times. Sheets 1,3 and 5 will start at the scheduled league time. Sheets 2, 4, and 6 will start 1/2 hour later. Ensure you know your start time prior to showing up at the rink. If you are the 2nd start time, you are asked not to enter the rink until 20 minutes before your start time in order to maintain a maximum of 24 curlers in the lounge area prior to game time.
9. Once your shoes are on, proceed immediately to the sheet on which you will be playing.
10. MASKS - Masks are discretionary. SportMedBC does not recommend wearing a mask when sweeping.
11. PPE (Masks, gloves and face shields) will be provided to staff (Manager, Ice Technician, Assistant Ice Technician and Bartender). If physical distancing is at risk, PPE is required by staff.
12. Physical Distancing signs and clear directional signs have been installed throughout the facility. As indicated in the drawing, PCC has established safe physical distancing space.
13. Washrooms are provided - maximum occupancy 2 per washroom. If you enter and see there are 2 occupants, please practice physical distancing and wait for the washroom to clear. Washrooms will be sanitized 3 times daily and a sheet indicating the times will be posted outside the washroom area with the date, time and initial.

## ON THE ICE

1. All potential high touch objects have been removed including rental brooms, sticks, stabilizers and sliders. If you are in a Rental League (Friday, PGOSA, Saturday leagues) stabilizers and brooms will be available. They will be sterilized prior to your game. No sharing of stabilizers or brooms. Return the equipment to the right of the exit doors when leaving the ice (Sign is posted).
2. Water Coolers have been removed.
3. Enter the Ice Arena through the ICE-IN door only. Exit the Ice Arena through the ICE-OUT door only.
4. Proceed directly to your sheet after changing your footwear.
5. No handshakes, 3rds proceed to toss coin (bring your own). A friendly wave of good game is encouraged.
6. Each team designates 1 player to sanitize their stones. Stones will be lined up horizontally along the back to assist with physical distancing. Sanitizer is provided behind the sheets.
7. The team with the hammer: Proceed to the indicated markers between the 2 hog lines and stay on the indicated marker until the rock and sweeper have moved past the hog line at the far end. Skip with hammer proceed to the far end-take position on the backboard at the far end.
8. The team without the hammer: Proceed to position, one sweeper, one thrower, Skip at the other end, 4th player (if applicable) stands behind the thrower on the backboard.
9. Each curler throws the same 2 rocks the entire game. If for some reason there is a change, you must re-sanitize your own throwing rocks.
10. Neither Skip is allowed to sweep behind the tee line. The throwing team sweeper who has followed the rock down the ice is the only sweeper to sweep the moving stone to the end.
11. Scoreboard - The Skip of the Team with the hammer in the first end is responsible for the Scoreboard for both teams. The numbers will be sanitized prior to your game.
12. Scoring - All players physically distance and the 2 thirds determine the score. The team that scored the point(s) is responsible for clearing the entire house of rocks and putting them away in the corners. Do not use hands on the rocks, move with your feet to their appropriate corners. You do not have to put them in number order as this wastes time.
13. In the event of a measurement, physical distance and both thirds sanitize prior to and after utilizing the measuring stick. Don't touch the measuring device with gloved hands since gloves cannot be easily sanitized.
14. Both the home end and now the away end provide at least 12ft of area to move and allow for proper physical distancing behind each sheet
15. At the completion of the game, sanitize your hands and exit the ice arena through the ICE - OUT door as indicated.

## **AFTER YOUR GAME**

1. RESULTS – record your team win online in the member area when you are home or advise your League Captain of the W/L of your game (email or text preferred).
2. Socializing: The curling lounge area has been set up with 8ft tables in length and 6ft across. Please follow the indicated one-way directional indicators for movement in this area. Tables are 6ft across and have 4 seats at each table. Sanitizing bottles have also been provided for further disinfecting if you utilize the table. There is a maximum time limit of 60 minutes in this area.
3. The bar area has 2 tables with 6 seats at each table (maximum allowed is 12).
4. Our Bar license extends through the entire off-ice area, cash, debit or credit is available.
5. There will be no Concession for the Fall Session.
6. Our Club is open to Members only. No outside visitors are allowed.

## **ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES**

**In the event a Member shows signs that they are ill, advise your League Captain immediately. The member will be asked to leave. An isolation room, situated next to the Men's washroom has been designated in the event the member or employee is unable to leave the facility immediately.**

**First Aid Kits have been updated with PPE and Face Shields.**

**No concession will be provided until further notice.**

**No bonspiels are scheduled until further notice.**

**No Junior program until further notice.**

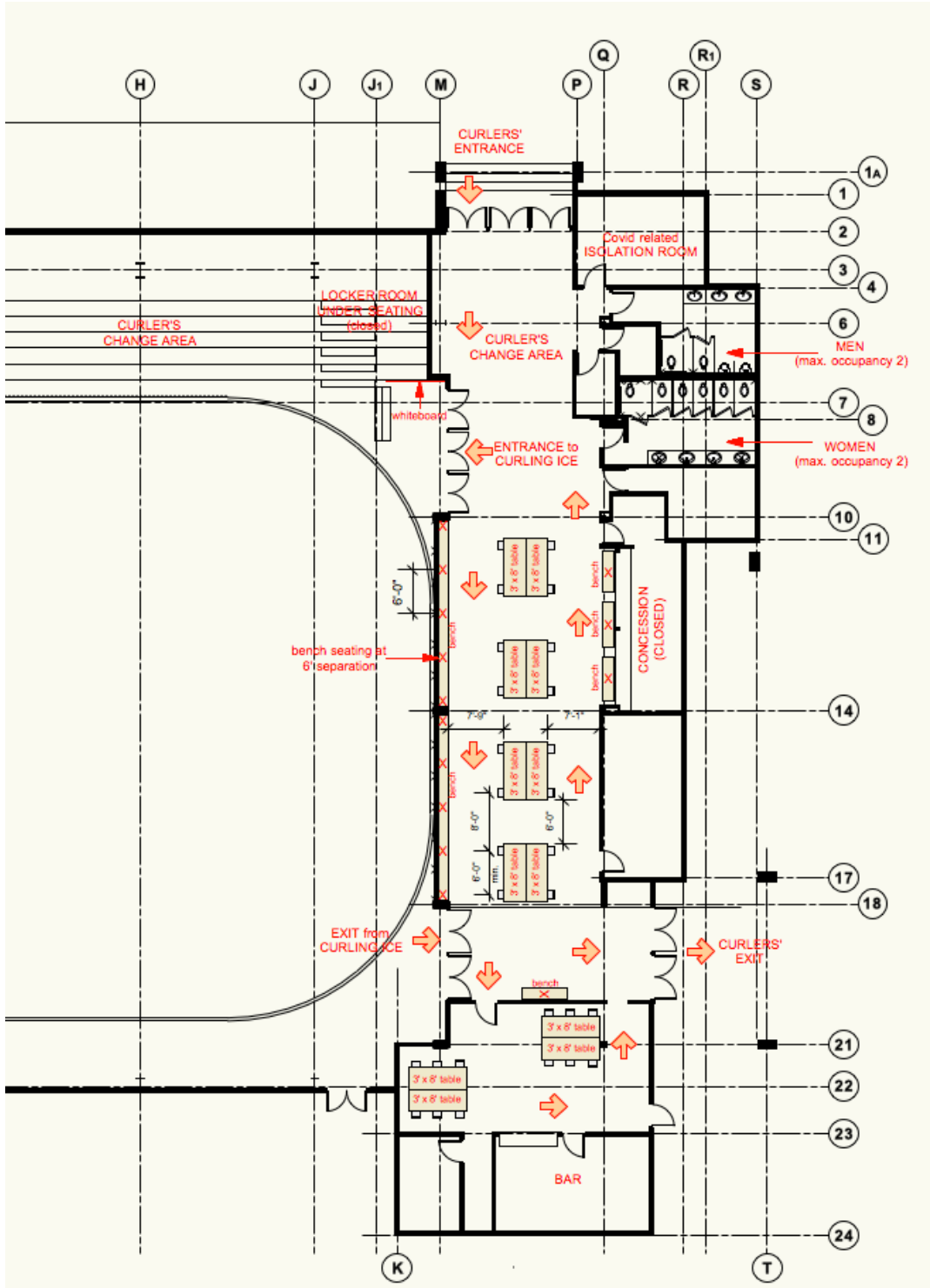
These guidelines have been established to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our members and employees and to minimize exposure to the coronavirus. We appreciate our Members support as we proceed with our re-start plan.

Attachments:

Lounge Area Map

On Ice Positions

# Lounge Area Map



# Appendix 5: Distancing Illustrations

