

# APPENDIX H: Competition guide

## Overview



Modified rules for four-person curling – especially the one-sweeper rule – and physical distancing markers has allowed Curl BC to successfully advocate for curling to be moved from Group B into Group A in the viaSport guidelines – the guidelines every provincial sport organization needs to adhere to in order to return to play. Being in Group A – the group that doesn't have participants come into contact with one another – gives your curling club and Curl BC the option to pursue these events.

In this section we define “event” as anything that is a one-off or time-limited occasion that is separate from league play.

## Measures Related to Phases



### Phase 2 Events

1. Closed club bonspiels may occur.
  - a. Only open to the members of the curling club.
  - b. We recommend doubles and triples event to start.
  - c. If four-person modified curling, we recommend round robin with pools to limit potential close contact.
2. Regional, Provincial, or Interprovincial bonspiels and events are not allowed.

### Phase 3 Events

1. All Phase 2 events allowed in Phase 3.
2. Regional bonspiels and cashspiels may occur in Phase 3. This should be a phased in approach occurring at least one month after your club has had a chance to open successfully.
3. Curl BC regional events may occur starting Dec. 1, 2020
4. Curl BC provincial events may occur starting Jan. 1, 2021
5. Interprovincial bonspiels and events are not recommended at this time. This means teams cannot come from outside of British Columbia to participate in any type of club or Curl BC event. Exemptions can be granted for those men's, women's and wheelchair teams eligible for provincial playdowns through the residency exemption process.

***As part of the Phase 3 “Progressively Loosen” approach, Curl BC is asking clubs to gradually loosen their restrictions so that they can slowly build up to hosting regional and provincial events.***

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## Measures Related to Club Bonspiels and Cashspiels



1. A club bonspiel is defined as an “event” under the **Provincial Health Officer’s Mass Gatherings and Events order**.
  - a. Only 50 patrons can be present. Anyone who is curling or staff is not considered a patron.
2. Physical distancing must be maintained on the ice (field of play) at all times.
  - a. For traditional four-person curling, the Rules of Modified Four-Person Curling must be followed:  
**See Appendix G - Rules for Modified Four-Person Curling and the Measures Related to Game Modifications on Page 37 of this document.**
3. The maximum allowable number of teams for a single bonspiel in Phase 2 and 3 are as follows:
  - a. Traditional Fours (4 vs 4) = 12 teams
  - b. Triples (3 vs 3) = 16 teams
  - c. Doubles (2 vs 2) = 25 teams
4. Clubs may consider running two bonspiels within the same weekend (such as a men’s and women’s bonspiels happening concurrently) with the following restrictions in place:
  - a. Clearly defined events:
    - i. Men’s Bonspiel  
OR Block A Men’s Bonspiel and Block B Men’s Bonspiel
    - ii. Women’s Bonspiel  
OR Block A Women’s Bonspiel and Block B Women’s Bonspiel
    - iii. Mixed Bonspiel
    - iv. Open Bonspiel
    - v. Senior’s Bonspiel, etc
  - b. As per the Provincial Health Officer order, the participants of these events do not come in contact with one another and there is one hour between events during which there are no patrons present on the place or the area of the place to permit cleaning and sanitizing. The cleaning process must be finished before patrons are allowed back in.
    - i. Only teams of the defined event may be on the ice at the same time. Example: Draw 1 is men’s only, Draw 2 is women’s only, etc.
    - ii. If the events must meet for a playoff round (for example winners from the Block A Women event meet winners from the Block B Women event), that is considered a new event and should take place with the above PHO order cleaning protocols.
5. Bonspiel Format
  - a. Triple knock-out or full round robin is not recommended
  - b. Round Robin Pool Play is recommended:
    - i. Increased control over minimizing contact between teams, in turn reducing the risk of transmission between participants.
6. Additional Bonspiel Considerations
  - a. Consider using technology such as a website, email, social media or app for:
    - i. Online bonspiel registrations and entry fee payments.
      1. Collect participant information, waivers, and declarations for the event.
    - ii. Bonspiel draw, scoring, and results.
    - iii. Distributing any cash prizes to participants
    - iv. Running any fundraising events such as: 50/50 and/or raffle draws.
  - b. Consider how to space out draw times.

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- c. Consider occupancy limits of spaces within the lobby, lounge, and common areas of the facility.
- d. Designate arrival and exit times for participants.
- e. Designate areas for equipment storage.
- f. Communicate whether or not there will be areas available for warm-ups and cool downs.
- g. Modify champion and/or trophy presentations to avoid crowding.

### 7. Event Safety Plan

Create an Event Safety Plan and post it in a visible area in the club.

- a. Ensure it is based off of your club's Covid-19 Safety Plan and/or Return to Curling Plan
  - b. Ensure participants sign a health declaration and waiver
  - c. Ensure participants are aware of your club's illness policy before they get to the club
  - d. Communicate any cleaning or safety protocols that are in place for the event with all participants. Post these protocols at the club.
  - e. Ensure you have contact information for all participants of the bonspiel and have them sign in every time they are at the club.
8. Banquets are not recommended at this time unless it is a members-only or club-only bonspiel.

### 9. Spectators

- a. Spectators are not recommended in Phase 2
- b. Spectators are not recommended in Phase 3, but may be allowed if:
  - i. They are only accessing the lounge, and
  - ii. There is lounge capacity to accommodate bonspiel participants and spectators.
    - 1. It is recommended that bonspiel participants should only access the lounge if it is a club-only or members-only bonspiel. Having teams from across a region or a province in the lounge increases the risk of an exposure or outbreak.
- c. All spectators are subject to a health declaration and/or screening process and must provide their names for contact tracing purposes.



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## Measures Related to Competitors at Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



1. As part of the registration process for 2020-21 events all competitors are required to sign a Covid-19 health declaration and:
  - a. Competitors over the age of majority will sign a waiver “The Competitor’s Agreement”.
  - b. Competitors under the age of majority will have their parent/guardian sign an assumption of risk form.
2. All competitors have read and understand **Curl BC’s Illness Policy**.
  - a. The Illness Policy is subject to change as PHO guidelines change.
3. Teams are encouraged to register a designated eligible 5th player, and/or secondary coach in the event a replacement is necessary:
  - a. Prior to the event due to a team member presenting Covid-19 Symptoms.
    - i. Please refer to **Curl BC’s Illness Policy** for the scenarios for coach replacement. See below section on Measures Related to Coaches for additional information.
4. All competitors are required to wear masks/face coverings upon entering the host facility.
  - a. Masks/face coverings are to be worn in the lobby and common areas at all times throughout the event.
  - b. Masks/face coverings may be removed upon entering the ice area (field of play) or when eating or drinking.
  - c. Competitors may wear masks while competing, however they should be aware that:
    - i. Competitors choosing to wear masks while competing should bring additional masks to change during the course of a game as the competitor’s breath and the humidity in the ice area will decrease the effectiveness of the mask.
    - ii. Physical distancing is still required.

## Measures Related to Coaches at Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



1. As part of the registration process for 2020-21 events all coaches are required to sign a Covid-19 declaration and waiver.
2. All coaches have read and understand **Curl BC’s Illness Policy**.
  - a. The Illness Policy is subject to change as PHO guidelines change.
3. Coaches may consider sourcing a substitute coach in the event they display Covid-19 symptoms prior to or during a Curl BC regional and/or provincial event.
  - a. Providing Curl BC with information regarding a substitute coach with the team registration is recommended in order to have the appropriate credential checks done prior to the event including:
    - i. Criminal Record Check
    - ii. Coach Certification Check
    - iii. Safe Sport Module Check
  - b. Coach substitutions prior to a Curl BC regional and/or provincial event will be discussed and assessed on a case by case basis with the Competitions Manager and communicated to the Chief Umpire of the event.
4. Coaches are required to wear masks at all times while in the host facility including but not limited to the following areas:
  - a. Lobby
  - b. Common Areas (except to eat and drink)
  - c. On the ice (field of play) during team Time-Outs

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## Game Play Modifications at Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



1. Handshakes are not permitted to start and/or end a game.
2. There will be designated physical distancing markers on the ice (field of play) so that all competitors can maintain a 2m distance from their teammates, their opposition and those on the sheets beside them.
  - a. Competitors will be informed of which layout the host facility has installed.
    - i. Curl BC Modified Layout
    - ii. Curling Canada Modified Layout
    - iii. Other layout with all required physical distancing markers
3. Only one sweeper at a time per stone delivered.
  - a. The person that starts sweeping the shot will continue until the hogline or the end of the shot.
    - i. Relaying is permitted at the hogline.
  - b. The skip or vice-skip controlling the house can sweep after the t-line their own team's rocks but only if another active sweeper has stopped sweeping. There should be no sweeping of opposition rocks.
    - i. The opposing skip is NOT permitted to sweep and must remain in the hack area or on the backboards until all stones come to rest.
4. Lockers/Changerooms may not be available. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the facility.
  - a. If no availability, players are expected to come dressed and ready to play.
5. Team arrivals and practice times for events with more than 4 teams
  - a. Teams assigned to the TOP of the scoreboard:
    - i. Will arrive at the host venue 45-60 minutes before game time.
    - ii. There will be a designated waiting and/or warm-up area, if available at the host facility.
    - iii. Instructions around the waiting area and warm-up area will be communicated to teams prior to the event with facility specific details.
    - iv. Teams will proceed to the designated end of their sheet for first practice.
    - v. Last Stone Draw (LSD) for first practice will use the CLOCKWISE rotation.
    - vi. LSD will be played towards the home end.
    - iv. After the LSD results have been recorded the teams will exit the field of play and enter the lobby area into a designated waiting area.
    - v. Once the LSD for second practice has been recorded teams will enter the field of play and prepare to start the game.
  - b. Teams assigned to the BOTTOM of the scoreboard:
    - i. Will arrive at the venue 30-45 minutes before game time.
    - ii. Will remain in the designated waiting and/or warm-up area in the facility.
    - iii. Instructions around the waiting area and warm-up area will be communicated to teams prior to the event with facility specific details.
    - iv. Last Stone Draw for second practice will use the COUNTERCLOCKWISE rotation.
    - v. LSD will be played toward the home end.
    - vi. After the LSD results have been recorded the teams assigned to the TOP of the scoreboard will come into the field of play.
    - vii. Both teams will prepare to start the game.
6. To start the game the non-delivering team will be stationed at the appropriate physical distancing markers.
  - a. The individual of the deliver team will remain in the designated physical distancing area while their team delivers the first stone of the game.
7. If a stone needs to be switched during a game an OFFICIAL TIMEOUT will be called.

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- a. The stones in questions will be re-sanitized.
- b. Stones will be positioned appropriately, if necessary.
- c. Play will resume.

## Measures Related to Host Facilities for Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



1. Form a small safety committee with an event chair, club manager and/or president, the Curl BC Competitions Manager, and the Chief Umpire.
  - a. Provide Curl BC with your club/facility's:
    - i. Return to Curling Plan/Return To Play Plan
    - ii. Covid-19 Safety Plan (if separate from your RTC/RTP)
    - iii. Host facility layouts (off ice and on ice plans), if not included in the RTP Plan.
  - b. Discuss any additional enhanced cleaning protocols/procedures for the event.
  - c. Recommend meeting using online communication.
    - i. If meeting in person ensure 2m physical distancing, and wear a mask.
    - ii. Curl BC can organize Zoom meetings as necessary.
2. All committee members and volunteers will follow the host facility illness policy during the planning of the event and the **Curl BC's Illness Policy** for the duration of the event.
3. Curl BC is reducing the number of required volunteers for an event.
  - a. Umpires & Officiating Volunteers
    - i. Hogline Observers NOT required
    - ii. On-Ice Observers NOT required
    - iii. Timers ARE required\* 1 per sheet per draw
    - iv. Timing Supervisor required\* Provincial event
      1. 1 per draw
    - v. Away Supervisor required \*Provincial Event
      1. 1 per draw
    - vi. Home Supervisor required\* Provincial event
      1. 1 per draw
  - b. If a host facility's occupancy limit is below 50 in the common areas, please discuss with the Competitions Manager.
4. Host committee to discuss how to reduce the number of their volunteers needed for an event.
  - a. Door security (pairing individuals already in their "bubble" ie: family members)
  - b. Discuss whether a printed program is necessary
  - c. Transportation and hospitality committees may not be necessary
5. Discuss spectators
  - a. Spectators are not recommended, but will be discussed and reviewed on a case by case basis:
    - i. If the facility set-up allows for the separation of spectators to prevent contact with event participants, volunteers, and staff.
    - ii. If allowed a strategy for ticket sales and seating will be discussed
6. Discuss how to keep competitors, volunteers, and staff separated from spectators during the event.
  - a. Designated access to: lobby, common areas, competitors' area, coaches' area, umpires area, lounge,

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- and locker rooms.
- Locker rooms may be open at the approval of Curl BC and the host facility as long as there is room for social distancing in these areas.

## Measures Related to Umpires for Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



- Umpires will maintain physical distancing of 2m at all times.
- Umpires and officiating volunteers are required to wear masks:
  - In the lobby and all common areas of the host facility.
  - On the ice (field of play)
  - During any event meetings with Curl BC staff, club staff, competitors, coaches, chaperones, parents, and volunteers.
  - During any of their event duties except to eat and drink.
- Umpires will perform all measuring duties during regional and provincial events.
  - Umpires will disinfect and/or sanitize all measuring devices prior to the start of the event and after each use.
    - Appropriate cleaning supplies will be available from the event committee and/or Curl BC.
    - Umpires will remove their gloves and sanitize their hands prior to touching the measuring device.
    - Umpires will follow measuring protocols.
    - Umpires will return the measuring device and resanitize it.
    - Umpires will sanitize their hands before putting their gloves back on.
- Scoreboards Management
  - Regional and Provincial Events:
    - The third (vice-skip) is responsible for managing the scoreboard.
    - Appropriate disinfectant/sanitizer will be available from the event committee and/or Curl BC.
- The following officials will NOT be used during the Covid-19 Pandemic
  - Hogline Officials
  - On-Ice Observers
    - On-ice issues are referred to the home/away supervisor for a ruling. If the ruling is disputed the ruling can be referred to the chief umpire for a final decision. The chief umpire's ruling is final.

## Food and Beverage Services at Curl BC Regional, Open and Provincial Events



- If host facilities have food and beverage services available during a regional and/or provincial event all provincial health officer orders must be adhered to.
  - Please provide Curl BC with available services, protocols, capacity limits, and expectations for competitors.
- Curl BC recommends that no banquets are held.
  - A host facility may request an exemption in order to host a banquet but that will be subject to approval by Curl BC.