

2022

BC Scotties and BC Men's Curling Championships

Event Specific COVID-19 Protocols

Kamloops Curling Club, Kamloops, British Columbia

Team obligations

Background

Annually, Curl BC sanctions 17 BC championships, 15 of which would normally serve to qualify champions onto a national championship. In the current 2021-2022 season, any BC Curling Championship leading to a national championship has been provided a sport-specific exemption to hold these championships under the current provincial health orders in place. Curling Canada has announced that it will hold the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the Tim Hortons Brier later this season. As a member association of Curling Canada, Curl BC maintains the right to name a representative to each of these events which are on route to the 2022 World Championships. Therefore, the importance to name BC Representatives is critical this season.

It should be noted that this proposal closely reflects the protocols which have been developed by Curl BC and endorsed by Curl BC's board of directors. This has been developed in consultation and reference to ViaSport Return to Sport guidelines and province wide direction from Dr Bonny Henry.

The two events will be staged without fans and the zoning protocols are described in detail in this application. Each participant will fully cooperate with these protocols and will play a critical role in promoting his or her own health and safety. Curl BC and our organizing partners are committed to the health and well-being of our athletes in their training and competitive opportunities including field-of-play safety. We are committed to unequivocal cooperation with government regulations and health authority guidance. Finally, we are flexible to customize return to play plans and event protocols.

Event Boundaries

Curl BC will utilize two key facilities to mitigate any incremental risks associated with the Men's, Women's BC Championships. After reviewing their Covid protocols, the Kamloops Curling Club facilities have been deemed as the curling host site and the Best Western Plus Kamloops, has been deemed the preferred accommodation host site. In addition to the current protocols each facility has in place, Curl BC will add additional measures.

When curlers, volunteers and organizers are not at the Kamloops Curling Club or travelling to the center, they will be in their accommodations, unless otherwise agreed upon by Curl BC. If a team member is staying in a different hotel or homestay/short-term rental, they will need to continue to follow the same protocols in place at the Best Western and to follow the key principles of wearing a mask, physically distancing and limiting any social interaction to a minimum.

For the remainder of the document, the term participants will be used when referring to all individuals that encounter the event boundaries and are related directly to the event, i.e. curlers, organizers, volunteers, officials and other essential personnel

Event Zones

All participants will be assigned to a 'Zone' in the Kamloops Curling Club based on their roles, responsibilities and the level of access they require. Adherence to the restrictions and permissions set out in the chart below are mandatory. Participants will be assigned to one of three zones; the breakdown of zones is as follows:

Athlete Zone: the safe hotel (including dining areas), the arena and other boundaries within the arena, and team vehicles. There is a maximum of 2 team vehicles per team.

Volunteer Zone: will comprise areas in the arena for time clock operators / staff / volunteers inside the arena but not in the field of play. They will arrive via separate entrance and will not be allowed in the Athlete Zones

Media Zone: for the broadcast and live streaming crew, new print, ect. Media Zone credentials are not allowed in the Athlete or Zone.

Credentials

Each participant, including registered curling teams, will receive clearly marked credentials which have been provided by Curl BC. These credentials will be wrist band that are color coded and must be worn for the duration of the event. if your wrist band falls off, you will need to bring proof of ID and proof of Vaccine status to the event managers to receive new credentials.

Participant Zone Chart

A chart has been prepared to identify the zones to which each person participating in the Championships is assigned to.

Zone	Description	Representative Personnel	Accommodation	Access Restrictions
Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice area during practice and play • Best Western Plus Hotel • Team accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes & coaches: maximum 6 per team for Men's and Women's BC Championship. • On-Ice Officials (max. 9) • Broadcast/live streaming cameras & support (max. 6) • Photographers (max. 2) • Ice technicians (max. 5) • Curl BC staff (max. 1) • Media (max. 2) • Some arena staff (TBA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Hotel 	<p>Athlete Zone participants may not have close contact with each other. The event expectation is that physical distancing will be maintained in the field of play and at the hotel or accommodation.</p>
Volunteer	<p>Persons with key business functions with the event(s), but with no contact in the Athlete Zone. Masked and physically distant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Clock operators • Photographer (max. 2) • Curl BC staff (max. 2) • Event Directors, and volunteer committee members including screeners and testers. • Some hotel staff (TBA) • Some facility staff (TBA) 	<p>Home or other hotel / accommodations</p> <p>*Home stays must be cleared with Curl BC - clearance means they will 'soft quarantine'.</p>	<p>Volunteer Zone access and exiting will be separate from Athlete Zone access and exiting at the arena.</p> <p>When Volunteer Zone essential services/maintenance needs to access Athlete Zone, they must follow proper PPE, distancing, sanitation measures and will not access</p>

				Zone while ATHLETE Zone members are present. ex. janitorial services and ice maintenance.
Media	Broadcast and live streaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perimeter Security • Broadcast crew • Commentators 	Other Hotel or Home	No contact with Athlete Zone other than via zoom calls.

Traffic Flow and Logistics

Maps of entrances, washrooms, equipment and break areas will be provided to teams at the event.

Site Specific Safety Plan-Kamloops Curling Club

Facility Protocols for Patrons

Occupancy Limits

- Main lobby washrooms – men’s: 2 people, women’s: 2 people
- Lounge – with tables and chairs: 50 people
- Lobby – with tables and chairs 70 People
- Officials dressing room – 4 people
- Dressing rooms: 2-4 person
- Elevator: 1 person

Entering and Exiting the Facility

1. User groups will use the main entrance. Do not arrive until 20 minutes before your pre-game practice.
2. A facility Attendant will allow athletes and coaches access to the club 20 minutes before your team’s pre-game practice. If you arrive earlier you will not be provided access to the facility.
3. Teams must follow the directional floor arrows through the facility and obey all posted signs.
4. The stairwell immediately below the entrance way will be how you access the “athlete zone”
5. Teams will be directed to exit the facility through the main lobby doors marked “Exit”.

Usage Requirements

1. Mask are REQUIRED to be worn at all times in the off-ice areas of the arena. When players are walking to and from the ice they need to wear a mask. The exception to this is when eating or drinking.
2. Athletes and coaches are required to come to the facility dressed with equipment on.
3. There will be a break between draws where the ice and facility will be cleaned. All teams will exit the facility within 15 minutes of their game ending.
4. Spectators are not permitted at this time.
5. Main lobby washrooms will be designated for curling rink participants only.
6. Washroom in lounge will be designated for event personnel only.

Curlers, Coaches, Chaperones and Volunteers will be required to maintain physical distancing with staff and each other when visiting the Kamloops Curling Club.

Disrespectful behaviour toward staff and/or patrons disregarding physical distancing will be reported to bylaws or the police depending on the severity of the incident.

Emergency Procedures for First Aid

1. Facility Staff will follow the procedures for Minor First Aid. These are specifically first aid situations that can be addressed while still maintaining 2m/6ft of physical distance.
2. If there is a major emergency facility staff will call 911 immediately.
3. Facility staff can retrieve the AED and First Aid kit for the user group or affected person and assist in crowd control.
4. Facility staff should be prepared to provide access and direct EMS to the site of the emergency as soon as they arrive.

Summary of Alterations to Facility Arrangement / Furnishing

6. A one-way enter/exit system implemented for patrons.
7. Directional markings installed on floor throughout the facility to indicate one-way travel.

Site Signage

The following signage will be observed at Kamloops Curling Club:

#	Location	Sign Content
1	Main Entrance	Maintain Good Physical Distancing
2	Main Entrance	“Do not enter if you are feeling Ill” Sign.
3	Main Entrance	Ice User Expectations Summary Sign
4	Lobby	Occupancy Limits & Physical Distancing
5	Lobby Washroom	Occupancy Limits & Hand Hygiene
6	Officials Room	Occupancy Limits, Hand Hygiene & Physical Distancing
7	Change Rooms	Occupancy Limits, Hand Hygiene, Physical Distancing & Masks
8	Staff Washroom	Occupancy Limits & Hand Hygiene
9	Lounge	Maintain Good Physical Distancing & Occupancy Limits
10	Extra Room upstairs	Maintain Good Physical Distancing & Occupancy Limits

Event Specific Safety Measure’s

A pre-competition practice schedule will be provided in advance of arrival to the club. Practices will be one (1) hour in length with each men's and women’s team having a maximum of six individuals on the ice.

The event schedule has been created to facilitate traffic flow and keep the number of participants on site at a minimum. Ample time for cleaning and disinfecting has been included in the schedule.

In addition to the safety measures put in place by the federal and municipal government, the following measures will be implemented to limit possible risk of infection. These measures will be in effect throughout the entirety of the BC Championships.

- a. All participants will wear wrist bands that will clearly identify the zones they are assigned to. Participants will always wear these credentials, and they must be visible. Participants may not cross between zones at any time.
- b. Participants may only enter the club during their scheduled time. A schedule will be made available to all participants ahead of January 4th. This includes training and practice periods.
- c. All individuals in each Zone shall always maintain physical distancing (a minimum of 3 meters) throughout the schedule, to the extent possible. Physical distancing will be required in all circumstances in which it is feasible, including within your team while competing at the Athlete Zone field of play. To clarify, curlers within a team will maintain distance from their teammates and opponents even while in the field of play.
- d. Physical distancing will be maintained in the Athletes & Volunteer Zones when face coverings may not be worn, such as during meals. Individuals are not permitted to congregate in these situations.
- e. Face coverings (surgical-type mask) shall be worn at all times by individuals from all three zones when outside of their rooms, unless otherwise states as above. Anyone who has concerns about wearing a mask should contact Curl BC prior to arriving at the event.
- f. Participants will be expected to provide their own face coverings. Face coverings must meet

the [Covid-19 Mask Requirements](#) as set by the government of BC. Should an individual not have a face mask for any reason, Curl BC will provide them with a mask.

The exceptions to this requirement are as set forth below:

- i. Play-by-play commentators are not required to wear face coverings in the Volunteer Zone (broadcast booth) when they are on air or when in the other offices in the Volunteer Zone. Camera operators and assistants inside the ‘field of play’ will wear face coverings.
 - ii. Individuals are not required to wear a mask when eating and/or drinking (so long as appropriate physical distancing is maintained at all time).
 - iii. Coaches or alternates are required to wear face coverings when on the coach’s bench.
 - iv. On-Ice Officials are required to wear face coverings during games.
 - v. Athletes and staff may remove face coverings during interviews, if performed with appropriate distancing.
- g. All individuals from any Zone shall follow the following additional safety precautions for the entirety of the BC championships.
- i. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or, if soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
 - ii. Wash or disinfect hands before and after eating or drinking.
 - iii. Wash or disinfect hands and face after touching possibly contaminated surfaces (such as high-touch areas like elevator buttons, countertops, door handles, water coolers).
 - iv. Use disinfectant wipes on items that may have been touched by others (such as pieces of luggage, chairs, office equipment, menus, etc.)
 - v. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, including adjusting your mask/face covering while wearing it.
 - vi. Avoid close contact with people who are sick or appear symptomatic.
 - vii. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands with soap or use alcohol-based sanitizer. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands, and then wash your hands with soap or use alcohol-based sanitizer.
 - viii. Avoid handshakes, high fives and fist bumps.
 - ix. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be readily available throughout the three Zones.
- h. Glove use is not a replacement for hand hygiene practices such as hand washing, use of alcohol-based sanitizer and avoiding touching of one’s face. Sanitary gloves shall be discarded after each use, and after your face is touched. Hands should be washed when changing gloves.
- i. Teams shall establish a process that promotes safe and regular cleaning and/or disinfection of their equipment, face coverings and other clothing.

Testing

Curl BC will not require athletes to provide a negative COVID-19 test before competing. There will also be no testing during the event.

- i. Each person entering arena at any time will be subject to temperature testing. A failed test (greater than 37.9C°) will result in that person retesting 15 minutes later, if that test is too high, the player will return to their hotel for 24 hours. Medical clearance by Curl BC's medical consultant will be required before re-entering the Kamloops curling club.
- ii. Failure to comply may result in an individual's inability to continue in the event.
- iii. Self-conducted Daily wellness check will be completed prior to leaving your hotel each morning. Athlete, coaches, volunteers and media will be reminded to do this check upon entering the curling club each draw as well.

Event Schedule – Kamloops Curling Club

- A. Ice Making begins on evening of December 30th
- B. A Maximum of 40 female athletes and 70 male athletes
- C. Maximum of 22 Coaches
- D. Schedule to commence on January 3rd, 2022 beginning at 3:00PM

Travel to the Event

- a. Each competing team may bring a maximum of six (6) persons to the City of Kamloops: 4-5 athletes and 1 support personnel (e.g. coach, high performance consultant, psychologist).
- b. An exception would be if a team requires a chaperone because team members are not of the age of majority.

1. Travel by Air:

- a. Only asymptomatic persons and persons with no suspected exposure to, or symptoms associated with Covid-19, are permitted to fly.
- b. Wear a mask inside the airport and on the flight. Medical grade is recommended.
- c. Choose a window seat if possible as this minimizes contacts with others.
- d. Wash hands frequently at the airport. Once settled in your seat, use hand sanitizer and wipe(s) to clean the arms of the seat. Do not use the seatback table or entertainment system unless necessary and wash it with a wipe before using it.

- e. Wash your hands again upon leaving the plane and airport.
- f. Practice rigorous cough hygiene at all times.
- g. Wipe down luggage including hand luggage once retrieved and before exiting the airport.
- h. Where possible, teams/individuals will be booked on the same inbound flights

2. Travel to the City of Kamloops for non-team members

Prior to travelling to City of Kamloops and arriving at the arena individuals (including those who are local and who will not travel by air) shall:

- a. before travelling to the City of Kamloops:
 - i. Use diligent preventative measures: strict physical distancing, use of masks, frequent hand washing;
 - ii. Avoid unnecessary interactions with non-family members and non-essential activities;
 - iii. avoid interactions with non-family members and non-essential activities;
 - iv. not use public transportation / mass transit, Uber, taxi;
 - v. Follow self-isolation procedures:
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>
- b. Be asymptomatic and have no suspected exposure to or symptoms associated with Covid-19;

Transportation while in Kamloops

Teams are allowed to travel in their personal vehicle. The vehicle is restricted to the six (6) members of the team unit unless a chaperone is required. Each team vehicle is to have sanitizing products and equipment and be cleaned after each use to keep the vehicle clean and sanitized.

- a. Free parking will be provided at the host hotel and the curling club
- b. Travel is allowed between the hotel and arena only.
- c. Groceries, prescriptions, other products will be brought to the hotel using a delivery service
- d. Volunteers and/or officials must use their own vehicles and must travel alone to the City of Kamloops and to and from the arena.
- e. Curl BC Staff will travel with 1-2 people in vehicle and can use personal vehicles and/or rental vehicles

Hotel and Accommodation Guidance

The Best Western Plus Kamloops has been designated as the host safe hotel for the women and men's teams in the event. many steps are being taken to ensure resources and amenities are provided to the teams staying here. Team's may also choose to stay in a homestay/short-term rental, or alternative hotel however it must only be the team, coach and chaperone (if required) who are residing at the team accommodation. Team will also be required to complete a whereabouts form prior to the event so Curl BC is aware of where you are staying and the steps you are taking to be physically distanced from the Kamloops community.

The following rules / information are in place for the safety of individuals who are staying in the safe hotels. (*Check-in procedures for all individuals will be provided ahead of arrival*)

- a. For all hotel amenities, the safe hotels will be subject to Curl BC mandated physical distancing, personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfecting requirements.
- b. Each individual staying at the safe hotels will be required to stay in a double occupancy room. Our recommendation is that teams have 1 athlete to each room as a best practice but understand if two team members share a room. In that case, a mask should be worn in the room and 2M of physical distancing should be maintained when possible.
- c. No individuals shall permit guests, family members, or other personnel in their room (with the exception of housekeeping or engineering staff, whose services shall be provided while individuals are not present in the room).
- d. Each team will be assigned to a designated floor where possible.
- e. The hotel lobbies, eating areas and meeting spaces will be available for use by persons permitted entry in the safe hotel, so long as proper physical distancing is followed.
- f. Individual workstations in the hotel are off limits. You are required to work from your own room.
- g. Elevators may be subject to specific capacity and distancing protocols, identified with floor markers. Other best practices should be adhered to when using elevators, including:
 - i. Not using fingers to press elevator buttons. Instead use knuckles or elbows.
 - ii. Not entering crowded elevators (if capacity limits are not mandated).
 - iii. Not lingering or standing in a crowded elevator bank.
 - iv. Not talking to others while in the elevator.
- h. Housekeeping and room maintenance personnel will be prohibited from entering your room when occupied.
- i. Housekeeping personnel will be required to wear face coverings, gloves, and to use EPA approved cleaning and disinfecting products.
- j. Housekeeping in guest rooms will be provided daily.

- k. The hotel pool, spa, steam room and sauna and hotel fitness area will be closed to everyone
- l. Individuals must wash hands and face immediately before using the facility and after any time they touch their face.

Nursing mothers will be allowed to enter the Athlete Zone Hotel with their infant and caregiver. All three will stay in the same hotel room. The caregiver and infant are not allowed in the Athlete Zone Arena. They must follow all Athlete Zone protocols

Chaperone will be allowed to enter the Athlete zone Hotel with their team. The chaperone is not allowed in the athlete zone of the arena.

Food, Restaurant, Pub and Takeout Guidance

Food options for individuals staying in the safe hotel will have several food options, and will be permitted to order from any of the options for dine-in service only.

Safe Food options:

- a. Breakfast Provided in hotel daily.
- b. Appropriate dining tables will be accessible to team's in hotel throughout day
- c. Delivery from local restaurants or host committee meal plan – contactless delivery with a specified drop off location in the hotel lobby. Individuals will be directed to designated locations in the safe hotel(s) for delivery pick-ups. Packages should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes upon delivery. Individuals having food delivered should wash hands after opening food containers and before touching food.
- d. If staying in a homestay/short-term rental,, teams are expected to have groceries delivered rather than visiting grocery stores.
- e. To minimize in-person interactions, the room service employees at the safe hotel(s) restaurants and bars will be instructed to place the meals/drinks that are prepared on a cart for pickup outside your room.
- f. Individuals having food delivered should wash hands after opening food containers and before touching food.
- g. Sit down dining options outside of the safe hotel(s) and homestay/short-term rental(s) are not permitted.
- h. Access to shopping services should be limited to only essential items and only picked up twice during the week. Individuals will be directed to designated locations for delivery pick-ups.

Individuals who are not staying at a safe hotel must practice the same physical distancing and food hygiene measures that are listed above. Team will sign off on this commitment when they

complete the individual form related to following protocols. Failure to follow this protocol will result in disciplinary measures from Curl BC.

Leaving the Host Sites without Permission

Individuals may leave Kamloops Hub City under the following conditions:

- a. When eliminated from the competition. Teams will depart the City of Kamloops and will return to their homes the day after their final game.
- b. To consult with or be examined by a physician of their choice, in circumstances where the use of telemedicine is not medically appropriate, or where the attendance of the physician at a secure location in the Kamloops Curling Club is not a practical option as determined by the athlete's physician. In such an event, approval of both the athlete and the Curl BC medical team will be necessary. Approval for leaving the Arena and City of Kamloops on account of second medical opinion shall not be unreasonably withheld. If individuals have extenuating circumstances (e.g. the birth of a child, an illness or death in the family, or to attend an important family event such as a wedding), approval for leaving the Arena and City of Kamloops on account of extenuating circumstances shall not be unreasonably withheld. However, the athlete will be subject to re-entry procedures similar to when they first entered the Kamloops and Arena. Curl BC shall provide a system for processing requests for permission to leave the hotel(s) that protects the confidentiality of the individual's circumstances.
- c. Absence from the City of Kamloops and Event without permission
 - i. Individuals, who leave the City of Kamloops without permission, will be subject to consequences, including testing, strict quarantine for up to 14 days, temporary refusal of access to the Arena, and/or seizure of credentials. Prior to re-entry, they will be required to follow the same re-entry procedures as when they first entered the City of Kamloops and will be required to quarantine in their individual hotel room until such testing requirements have been fulfilled.

Pre-Event Isolation Guidelines

Athlete Zone:

- i. These guidelines also apply to anyone working in, or having access to, the athlete Zone (i.e. Athletes, Ice Technicians, Umpires)
- ii. 3 days days prior to start of the competition, the team must:
 - Use diligent preventative measures: strict physical distancing, use of masks, frequent hand washing;
 - Avoid unnecessary interactions with non-family members and non-essential activities.
- iii. Training is allowed at a local curling rink with strict social distancing:

- i. Arrive at the rink ready to train;
- ii. Drive your own vehicle;
- iii. Depart the rink immediately after training;
- iv. Training with other teams is **not** allowed.

Volunteers:

Prior to admittance to the volunteer or media zone individuals must:

- adhere to diligent preventative measures including strict social distancing, use of masks, frequent hand washing;
- avoid unnecessary interactions with non-family members and non-essential activities; no use of public transportation / mass transit, Uber, taxis;

Illness Policy for Event

The Curl BC Curl BC Illness Policy for 2021-22 Season will be in full effect for this event. In this policy “Team Member” includes an employee, contractor, volunteer, visitor, coach, umpire, participant or parent/spectator. These measures will be used for all Curl BC business including but not limited to regional and BC Championship events, camps, courses, clinics, business of curling seminars, and meetings.

Symptomatic Persons and Positive Test Handling

This is the reporting mechanisms for individuals who become symptomatic while at the Men’s and Women’s BC Championships.

- a. Any person, with credentials in the Athlete, Volunteer and Media, who develops symptoms should immediately self-isolate and contact Curl BC and the event specific medical team. They will need to be evaluated by a physician.
- b. Any person with credentials in the Athlete, Volunteer and Media Zones must immediately notify Curl BC’s medical team if they suspect that they came into contact with someone who has Covid-19.
- c. If any individual in any of three zones tests positive in the course of testing and/or develops symptoms of Covid-19, the following steps shall be taken:
 - i. Immediate isolation pending confirmation.
 - ii. If the person is at the athlete zone, and is medically stable, he/she shall be removed immediately and shall be directed to isolate in a location that has been designated by the Team as a safe and secure isolation area, and to refrain from contact with other persons until the confirmation of Covid-19 positive/negative status is established. In the event the person is acutely ill or medically unstable, the team, shall arrange appropriate clinical follow up, treatment and care.

Steps for Symptomatic Persons

- a. For persons who develop symptoms of Covid-19, Curl BC will direct people to get immediate medical attention and Covid-19 testing if recommended to confirm the person's status. Information on where this can be done in Kamloops will be provided to teams prior to arriving in Kamloops.
- b. A positive test of a person who exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 shall not be subject to further confirmatory testing under this Protocol and such person's Covid-19 positive status will be considered confirmed if, in the opinion of the Appropriate Physician(s), there is no basis to doubt the person's Covid-19 positive status.
- c. Persons who develop infectious respiratory symptoms but who test negative for Covid-19 shall self-isolate, monitor symptoms and have their clinical care and clearance managed by the Appropriate Physician(s) in the City of Kamloops. They may be subject to further testing.

Self-Isolation upon confirmation of Covid-19 Positive Status

A person, whose Covid-19 positive status has been confirmed, shall remain in isolation, shall not exercise, and shall not participate in any activity or have any contact (other than remotely) with any other personnel for the duration of their isolation. During such period, the person shall be in daily contact with and receive remote care from the Appropriate Physician(s) in the City of Kamloops. A person whose initial test has been confirmed positive shall remain in isolation until the following conditions have been satisfied:

- a. For a person who was **asymptomatic** during the entire period of their isolation, they will need medical clearance prior to returning to competition.
- b. For a person who was **symptomatic** at the time of testing, or who developed symptoms during the period of isolation, they will need medical clearance prior to returning to competition.
- c. The Appropriate Physician(s), providing care to the person, must conclude that the person no longer presents a risk of infection to others, that it is medically safe to return to competition, and finally, the termination of the isolation requirement is consistent with applicable local public health regulations.

Positive Case Protocol

In the event of an initial positive finding for Covid-19 for a person covered by this Protocol (“Index Person”):

- a. A contact tracing investigation shall be conducted immediately upon receiving the Index Person’s first positive test, which shall be done by Curl BC and in conjunction with, and pursuant to, regulations from local health authorities, to determine whether other Athletes or any other person that had access to the training facility had “close contact” with the Index Person.
- b. b) The Appropriate Interior Health employees may also seek to identify other people, not covered by this Protocol, who have been in contact with the Index Person as appropriate and consistent with regulations of local health authorities. Curl BC will contact trace; Interior Health Services will be notified and support any potential contact.
- c. Any such person shall be considered to be a “Close Contact” if they have been in contact for 15 minutes or longer, at a distance of 3 meters or less with the Index Person (regardless of whether facial protection is worn) in the 48-hour period leading up to the time the Index Person’s test was taken (if asymptomatic), or 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms in the Index Person until 10 days after testing or symptom onset.
- d. Close Contacts shall be tested immediately through the administration of a Covid19 PCR test.
- e. Close Contacts whose test results are positive for Covid-19 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 17 of this Protocol regarding test confirmation and isolation.
- f. Close Contacts who test negative for Covid-19 shall:
 - i. be subject to daily symptom and temperature monitoring
 - ii. shall not be subject to quarantine provided that the following conditions are satisfied for such 14-day period if the person remains asymptomatic and afebrile (free of fever), and, the results of PCR testing are negative on each occasion.
- g. NOTE: In the event that the Index Person is subsequently found to be negative on confirmatory testing, the Close Contact measures no longer apply.
- h. During the 14-day period described above, the Close Contact shall be reminded of their obligations to observe the requirements regarding social distancing and face coverings.
- i. Upon developing any symptoms consistent with Covid-19 or if any PCR test results return positive, the Close Contact shall be required to immediately end their participation in any curling activity, shall self-isolate, shall contact the Appropriate Physician(s) and, thereafter, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this Protocol.

Follow up testing after a positive test occurs.

If an individual has a confirmed positive Covid-19 diagnosis, and thereafter has been cleared to return to play/work, ongoing screening with PCR testing is unnecessary (PCR-based testing results may remain positive for a prolonged period of time after resolution of symptoms). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such individual subsequently exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 or has been exposed to potential infection through close contact with an infected person, his Covid-19 status shall be determined based on a clinical assessment by the appropriate physician, which assessment may, in their discretion, include further medical testing.

Monitoring Requirements

- a. All participants entering the 'field of Play' will be required to undergo daily temperature and symptom checks to detect for possible infection. Temperature and symptom screenings will be set up at the Kamloops Curling Club.
- b. Further details regarding specifics for the scheduling of symptom and temperature screening will be provided prior to the start of the event.
- c. Any report of symptoms or fever will be flagged, and the individual will be directed to a medical professional for guidance and next steps.
- d. Individuals who refuse to monitoring requirements will be prohibited from participating in the event and may be subject to permanent removal from the event if they persist in their refusal.
- e. Individuals who refuse to monitoring requirements will be prohibited from participating in the event and may be subject to permanent removal from the event if they persist in their refusal.
- f. Curl BC will take appropriate measures to protect the privacy of the information collected and to maintain the security of the information collected.
- g. Curl BC will work with local health authorities to ensure the appropriate reporting is completed.

Education

Curl BC understands the importance of educating all participants of the policies, protocols and measures that will be implemented for the BC Championships, including curlers, staff, and volunteers. The following steps will be taken to clearly communicate to these individuals:

- a. The protocols will be provided to all individuals as soon as possible. A copy will also be sent to the curlers December 31st, 2021.
- b. A zoom call will be held in the days prior to the event for curlers to ask questions and share any concern upon request

- c. separate Zoom calls will be held virtually for staff, volunteers, and other key personnel.
- d. Prior to the start of any event, Curl BC will conduct a remote educational meeting for all team members regarding protocols, the potential risks associated with involvement in the host sites, and the obligations of the teams to comply with the provisions of this protocol.
- e. Opportunities for continuing education / information will be available as well throughout the duration of BC Championships.
- f. Signs providing reminders of health and safety protocols will be posted throughout the host sites. These will include, but are not limited to, the posters developed by Curl BC the BC Centre for disease control.

Event Physicians

There is not an event physician. Curl BC will provide directions to the nearest clinic should a medical physician be required.

Therapists

Therapists like massage, physio and chiro are ok however appropriate protocols should be followed when reaching out to a contractor. The costs of this are the responsibility of the team. A list of options will be provided to teams

Medical Services during event

- a. Emergency Action Plan requirements, will include designation of the local hospital or emergency care facilities where individuals will be sent in the event of a medical emergency.
 - The Royal Inland Regional Hospital is the nearest 24/7 medical and emergency centre. 311 Columbia St, Kamloops, BC V2C 2T1
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- b. Appropriate PPE will be on site.
- c. Go to Kamloops Public testing site for Covid-19 PCR tests (with approval from medical professional)

Assessment and Enforcement

- a. Curl BC's staff will assess and enforce compliance with the facility related requirements in the Kamloops Curling Club. This staff may build a committee with the host committee to assist with these duties. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Conducting a tour of the location and boundaries within the arena with a member of the City's Emergency Management Team and any other relevant personnel to review implementation of these protocols prior to opening of the club to athletes.
- ii. Ensuring that the facilities within the club are properly equipped to enable individuals to comply with basic hygiene measures (hand washing and/or hand sanitizing, coughing and sneezing hygiene, physical distancing).
- iii. Ensuring that the club is opened regularly and as often as practicable.
- iv. To the extent possible, updating the club to be as automated or no-touch as practicable to remove or reduce the use of touchpoints (e.g., door handles, door knobs, push bars, elevator buttons, restroom sinks and soap dispensers, etc.).
- v. Adding signage to reinforce safety and health requirements.
- vi. Ensuring that all facilities within the Athlete Zone, including the hotel(s), dining locations, and club are compliant with the rules outlined in this Protocol, including, but not limited to, enforcement of the following:
 - b. Compliance with the cleaning and disinfecting requirements set forth in this document and the attachments, including instruction of facility cleaning personnel in respect of such requirements;
 - c. Physical distancing requirements; and
 - d. Face covering requirements.
- e. The event manager shall provide written confirmation to Curl BC that the provisions of this Protocol have been complied with on a daily basis. Any incident or circumstance or non-compliance shall be reported immediately.
- f. Curl BC will identify a Covid Compliance Officer, who will be required to certify on a daily basis, Curl BC's compliance with the following aspects of protocol:
 - i. Athletes and all other members of the teams completed their daily symptom self-assessment before entering the club
 - ii. Athletes and all other members of the teams remained inside the Athlete Zone, or, otherwise received permission from Curl BC to leave the Athlete Zone; and,
 - iii. Athletes and all other members of the teams wear face coverings in all required situations.
- g. The Compliance Officer will be a senior member of Curl BC's staff or board. They shall certify, in writing, by 8 p.m. local time each day, to Curl BC, that all team members remain compliant with all necessary aspects of the Protocol. In the event that any member of any team is not compliant with one or more aspects of the Protocol, the Compliance Officer shall report such non-compliance and provide details on how and by when the noncompliance will be remedied.

Cleaning and disinfecting of the Kamloops Curling Club.

- a. The facility must adhere to the requirements in the Facility Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Hygiene Requirements section (to be established in consultation with the local authority and the club management).
- b. At a minimum, this disinfection must be completed:
 - i. Curling stone handles sanitized prior to each game or practice;
 - ii. Coach's bench wiped down prior to each game or practice;
 - iii. Scoreboard numbers and board must be wiped down prior to each game or practice;
 - iv. Any ice making equipment will wiped down prior to each game or practice.
- c. The safe hotels must adhere to the requirements in the Facility Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Hygiene Requirements. They will be required to adhere to cleaning and disinfecting guidelines consistent with CDC and/or Health Canada guidelines.

Athlete families, guests and fans.

Families of team members and guests will **not** be permitted at any of the host sites at any time. Exceptions: nursing mothers and attendant / alternate caregiver for nursing mothers or a designated chaperone for U19 a U19 athlete(s).

Social Activities

There will be no social activities between teams approved during the event. All team members need to adhere to physical distancing measures with teammates when in close quarters like wearing a mask and washing hands frequently.

Compliance

At any time either before the commencement of, or during play Curl BC in consultation with the PHO, believes that conditions in which the commencement or continuation of play would likely create risk to team health and safety and/or jeopardize the integrity of the competition are imminent or may have emerged. Such conditions may include an uncontrolled outbreak of Covid-19 in the athletes of one or more teams participating in the athlete Zone. At that point, the Chief Executive Officer of Curl BC (or a person designated by her) shall make the determination whether to postpone, delay, move or cancel any game(s).

- a. It is expected that everyone at a Curl BC sanctioned event conducts themselves in a manner that promotes safety as our top priority. Intentional failure to comply with all applicable policies and guidance to the best of one's ability, including concealment of illness, may result in disciplinary action.

- b. All participants are also responsible to follow the authority, policies, and protocols of relevant agencies in the community, municipality, and facility.
- c. A reminder that Curl BC has the authority to make decisions related to its competitions as it considers necessary, to handle any situation not covered by its rules and policies. Decisions may be made in consultation with other parties.

Media

- a. The host and live streaming company will have a maximum of three camera operators each in the field of play. If additional camera operators are required, they will be within the Volunteer Zone.
 - i. Commentators will be in the Volunteer Zone.
 - ii. 2 photographers will be allowed in the field of play (Athlete Zone).
- b. Only media granted permission by Curl BC will be invited onsite. An application process will be available to media wishing to access the event. Media will follow Volunteer Zone protocols.
- c. If a media outlet wishes to conduct an interview, they will complete a media request by email via Curl BC's Communication Manager. The Communication Manager will arrange a virtual meeting with the media outlet and requested curlers. dsarti@curlbc.ca is the email these requests can be sent to.

Competitor Guidelines and Protocols

The Team Briefing and Competitor's Guide and related category specific rules should be consulted for competition specific information. The following supersedes any contradicting information in the Curl BC Rules. Some of the category specific rules have been altered due to zone and open event not being able to be held in this category.

a. Team

- A team is a small group of people (always the same people) who do not always keep their 3m distance from other members on the team but try to keep physically distanced and wear a mask at all times.
- Curl BC does not use the Cohort Model. Teams who elect to compete will remain physical distanced from their team as per Curl BC return to curling guidelines and rules.
- Your coach will be required to wear a mask at all time along with team members.

b. Physical Distancing

- All teams will be required to maintain three metres physical distance from anyone including their own team members when possible (e.g. other teams, officials, organizers, etc.) during competition. In addition to lowering risk, by maintaining physical distance

between teams, there is no limit to the number of teams that can be included in a competition.

- When in accommodation it may not be possible to maintain 3 metres of distance at all time. In these circumstances a mask should be worn and hygiene should be closely monitored.

c. Sweeping & Control of the Sheet

- Curl BC's Men's and Women's Championships teams will be permitted to utilize more than one sweeper at a time.
- Relaying will be permitted
- Sweeping opposition Rocks behind the T-line will be permitted when your team is in control of the house and when your team is not in control of the house.

d. Substitutes & Alternates

- There will be a spare pool for both championships.

e. Masks

- Curl BC does not require that curlers use masks during play
- Tips on using a mask while curling can be found [here](#).

f. Officials

- Timing volunteers will be in the Volunteer Zone and will be situated upstairs in lounge
- Chief Umpire and Game Umpire will have access to the athlete zone of facility.

g. Nameboards, Scoreboards, Measuring Devices and Scorecards

- a. To reduce common touch points, the officials will manage the nameboards, measuring devices for each game.
 - i. All numbers will be sterilized after each game.
 - ii. Proper hand hygiene and equipment protocol should be followed.
 - Wash or disinfect hands before and after touching equipment
 - Use disinfectant wipes on items that may have been touched.
- b. Scorecards will still be used as they are a formal confirmation of the score. Scorecards will be provided ahead of each draw and will be completed by one team member following each draw. The cards will be collected in a box and only touched again if required. The winning team is responsible for reporting the final score to the umpire and/or volunteer responsible to post the scores online and on the draw board.

h. Athletes Lobby

- There will not be locker rooms. Teams will arrive at the venue dressed to play. Each team on each draw will have a small section of the lobby to store equipment. This area will be secure.
- Each athlete will remove shoes prior to entering the lower lobby level. Shoe racks will be provided.
- Athlete are encouraged to bring slippers for walking around the lobby
- There will be a safe and secure area where curlers maintain distance while waiting until they are invited onto the ice to curl.

i. Team Obligations

- To limit gatherings at sanctioned events, the formal banquets, and opening and closing ceremonies are not planned to happen at this event. However, please be advised that your team may be requested to participate in alternate initiatives intended to recognize the contributions of event organizers, sponsors, and other partners. If this does occur, Curl BC will minimize any potential burden placed on the teams and will provide as much notice as possible (e.g. your team may be asked to write a simple thank you note to an event's host and title sponsor).
- The pre-competition team meeting will now take place via email.