

2022

Curl BC U21 Championships

COVID-19 Protocols

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 an exemption to hold these championships under the current provincial health orders in place. As a member association of Curling Canada, Curl BC maintains the right to name provincial representatives to national championships 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 these protocols closely reflect the Return to Curling protocols which have been developed by Curl BC. They have been developed in consultation and reference to viaSport Return to Sport guidelines and province-wide direction from Dr. Bonnie Henry.

Potentially, a member of your team could have symptoms of COVID 19, or a positive diagnosis leading up to and during the event. Curl BC's illness policy is written so that close contacts of infected people will not be able to participate in a Curl BC event. As a result, please plan accordingly with regard to the number of interactions you and all the members of your team are having with family members, friends, and the general public.

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.

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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, and Officials)
- ii. 7 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 (school and work are considered essential)
- iii. Training is allowed at a local curling rink with strict physical distancing:
 - i. Arrive at the rink ready to train;
 - ii. Drive your own vehicle;
 - iii. Depart the rink immediately after training;
 - iv. To reduce exposure, training with other teams is **not** recommended

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/ride-booking services/taxis;

Temperature Check

Temperature checks will be taken upon entry to the event. Anyone with a temperature above 37.8 will be moved to an isolated area and 15 minutes later have their temperature checked again. If it remains high the athlete/coach will not be allowed to enter and will be encouraged to isolate and call 811 for advice.

Event Boundaries

Curl BC will utilize two key facilities to mitigate any incremental risks associated with the 2022 Curl BC U21 Championships. After reviewing their COVID protocols, the event facilities have been deemed as the curling host sites and the Super 8 Hotel by Wyndham, Courtenay BC, 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.

To align with Curl BC illness policy, Curl BC encourages all teams and associated persons, when not at the event location or travelling to the event, to stay in their accommodations. If a team member is staying in a different hotel or vacation rental accommodation, they will need to continue to follow the same protocols in place at the Super 8 Hotel by Wyndham, Courtenay BC

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 event location 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 event location and other boundaries within the event location, and team vehicles.

Volunteer Zone: will comprise areas in the event location for time clock operators/staff/volunteers inside the event location but not in the field of play.

Media Zone: for the broadcast and live streaming crew, news print, etc. Individuals credentialled for Media Zone are not allowed in the Athlete or Volunteer 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 bands that are color coded and must be worn for the duration of the event. If your wrist band is lost or comes 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 • Super 8 Hotel by Wyndham, Courtenay BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes & coaches: maximum 7 per team for the 2022 U21 Championships • On-Ice Officials (max. 9) • Broadcast/live streaming cameras & support (max. 6) • two photographers (max. 2) • Ice technicians (max. 5) • Curl BC staff (max. 1) • Some Comox Valley Curling Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff (TBA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Hotel • Home or other hotel / accommodations 	<p>Athlete Zone participants should 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>Volunteer Zone access and exiting will be separate from Athlete Zone access and exiting at the event location.</p> <p>When Volunteer Zone essential services/maintenance needs to access Athlete Zone, they must follow proper</p>

				PPE, distancing, sanitation measures and will not access 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.

Facility Protocols for Participants

Entering and Exiting the Facility

1. 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 obey all posted signs.

Usage Requirements

1. Mask are REQUIRED to be worn at all times in the Comox Valley Curling Club. The exception to this is when eating or drinking in a designated dining area.
2. Athletes and coaches are required to come to the facility dressed ready to play.
3. There will be a break between draws where the ice and facility will be cleaned. All teams will exit the ice upon the end of their games. It is encouraged that team debriefings be done off-site, but they may also take place in the upstairs team areas. Teams must leave the facility no more than 40 minutes after their game ends to facilitate cleaning..

Curlers, coaches, chaperones and volunteers will be required to maintain physical distancing with staff and each other when visiting the Comox Valley 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.

Event Specific Safety Measures

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 event.

- a. Upon showing proof of double vaccination, participants will be given 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. This includes training and practice periods.
- c. All individuals in each Zone shall always maintain physical distancing (a minimum of 2 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 in 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 masks are recommended) shall be worn at all times by individuals while inside the Comox Valley Curling Club, except when eating in a designated dining area.
- 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.

- g. All individuals from any Zone should follow the following additional safety precautions for the entirety of the event.
 - 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.
- j.

Travel to the Event

- a. Curl BC recommends that each competing team bring a maximum of seven (7) persons to Courtenay, BC: 4-5 athletes, 1 chaperone, and 1 support personnel (e.g. coach, high performance consultant, psychologist). Any persons travelling or lodging with teams must have a clear understanding of both this protocols document and the Curl BC Illness Policy so both can be strictly adhered to.

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 Courtenay, BC for non-team members

Prior to travelling to Courtenay, BC and arriving at the event location individuals (including those who are local and who will not travel by air) shall:

- a. before travelling to the Courtenay, BC:
 - 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. Avoid public transportation/mass transit/ride sharing/taxi when possible;
 - 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 Courtenay, BC

Teams are allowed to travel in their personal vehicles. The vehicle should be 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. It is recommended that groceries, prescriptions, other products be brought to the hotel using a delivery service, or that the team has a person designated for pick-ups.
- c. Volunteers and/or officials should use their own vehicles and consider travelling alone. If this is not possible, they should remain masked while in vehicle.
- d. If at any time one or more members of a team develops COVID-like symptoms or tests positive for COVID they must isolate and not ride in a car with other team members

Hotel and Accommodation Guidance

The Super 8 Hotel by Wyndham, Courtenay BC has been designated as the host hotel for the women and men's teams in the event. Teams may also choose to stay in a vacation rental or alternative hotel, however we recommend only be the team, coach and chaperone (if required) who are residing at the team accommodation.

The following guidelines are in place for the safety of individuals who are staying in the hotels.

- a. No individuals should permit other 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). Fellow team members, coaches, and chaperones can visit other members of their team in their rooms, but physical distancing and mask wearing should occur. At all times, the [Rule of Two](#) must be followed when adults and youths are together.
- b. The hotel lobbies, eating areas and meeting spaces will be available for use by persons permitted entry in the hotel, so long as proper physical distancing is followed.
- c. 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.

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 at the event location. They must follow all Athlete Zone protocols

Local teams staying in their own homes

It is recommended that local teams staying in their own homes follow the same distancing, mask, and restaurant guidelines as those staying in hotels.

Food, Restaurant, Pub and Takeout Guidance

Safe Food options:

- a. Breakfast Provided in host hotel daily.
- b. Delivery from local restaurants or contactless delivery with a specified drop-off location in the hotel lobby is recommended.
- c. If staying in a vacation rental, teams are encouraged to have groceries delivered rather than visiting grocery stores, or have a team member designated for pick-ups.
- d. Individuals having food delivered should wash hands after opening food containers and before touching food.
- e. Sit-down dining options outside of hotel rooms are not encouraged.
- f. Access to shopping services should be limited to essential items only.

Individuals who are not staying at a hotel must practice the same physical distancing and food hygiene measures that are listed above.

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 or anyone else who may be admitted to the event, or staying in a room at the designated accommodation. These measures will be used for all Curl BC business including but not limited to zone and BC Championship events, camps, courses, clinics, business of curling seminars, and meetings.

Symptomatic Persons and Positive Test Handling

- a. Any person, with credentials in the Athlete, Volunteer and Media, who develops symptoms should immediately self-isolate, contact the Curl BC event manager, and call 811 for further direction.
- b. Any person with credentials in the Athlete, Volunteer and Media Zones must immediately notify the Curl BC event manager if they suspect that they came into contact with someone who has Covid-19.

Steps for Symptomatic Persons

- a. Learn how to care for yourself if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19>
- b. Any participant who develops symptoms should immediately self-isolate, contact the Curl BC event manager, and call 811 for further direction.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 Courtenay, BC. 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, and shall not participate in any activity or have any contact (other than remotely) with any other personnel for the duration of their isolation. 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 in the form of a doctor's note 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 in the form of a doctor's note 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. The appropriate local 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.
- b. 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 2 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.

- c. Close Contacts shall be tested through the administration of a Covid19 antigen test, if available.
- d. 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.
- e. Close Contacts who test negative for Covid-19 shall:
 - i. be subject to daily symptom and
 - ii. temperature monitoring
- f. NOTE: In the event that the Index Person is subsequently found to be negative on confirmatory testing, the Close Contact measures no longer apply.
- g. 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, self-isolate, obtain medical advice, and be subject to the applicable provisions of this Protocol.

Follow up testing after a positive test occurs.

If an individual subsequently exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 or has been exposed to potential infection through close contact with an infected person, their 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. Further details regarding specifics for the scheduling of symptom and temperature screening will be provided prior to the start of the event.
- b. Any report of symptoms or fever will be flagged, and the individual will be directed to a medical professional for guidance and next steps.
- c. Individuals who refuse 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.
- d. Curl BC will take appropriate measures to protect the privacy of the information collected and to maintain the security of the information collected.
- e. 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 2022 Curl BC U21 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.
- b. 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 and 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

Therapist visits—like massage, physio and chiro—are permitted, however appropriate protocols must be followed. The costs of this are the responsibility of the team.

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:

North Island Hospital Comox Valley
101 Lerwick Rd
Courtenay, BC V9N 0B9

- b. Appropriate PPE will be on site.
- c. Go to the Courtenay, BC testing site for Covid-19 PCR tests (with approval from medical professional)

Assessment and Enforcement

- a. The event manager shall provide communication to Curl BC that the provisions of this Protocol have been complied with at the event location on a daily basis. Any incident or circumstance or non-compliance shall be reported immediately.
- b. Curl BC will identify a COVID Compliance Officer, who will be required to oversee that the following measures are taken:

- 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 remain 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.
- c. The Compliance Officer will be a senior member of the Curl BC organization. They shall communicate 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.
- d. To protect others, violations of COVID protocols will result in immediate suspension for the remainder of the event. Both the event manager and the COVID compliance officer shall have the power to enforce this rule.

Cleaning and disinfecting

- 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. Teams will be responsible for:
 - Sanitizing curling stone handles prior to each game or practice;
 - Wiping down coach's bench prior to each game or practice;

Officials will be responsible for:

- Wiping down scoreboard numbers and board prior to each game or practice;

Icemakers will be responsible for:

- Wiping down ice-making equipment prior to each game or practice.

Athlete families, guests and fans

A limited number of spectators will be permitted for each draw, masks and proof of double vaccination are required for entry to the spectator area. Exceptions: nursing mothers and attendant/alternate caregiver for nursing mothers or a designated chaperone for U19 athlete(s).

Social Activities

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

Compliance

If 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 present, the event may be stopped either temporarily or permanently.

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 him) 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. Disciplinary action can include anything up to and including expulsion from individual games as well as the entire remainder of the event.
- 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. Disciplinary action can include anything up to and including expulsion from individual games as well as the entire remainder of the event.

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.
- 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. Media outlets wishing access should contact Curl BC's Communication Manager at dsarti@curlbc.ca.
- 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 events not being able to be held in this category.

Team

- A team is a small group of people (always the same people) who do not always keep their 2m 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 physically distanced from their team members as per Curl BC return to curling guidelines and rules.
- Team members are required to wear masks during play. Coaches will be required to wear a mask at all times as well.

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 2 metres of distance at all time. Masks should be worn and hygiene should be closely monitored at all times.

Sweeping & Control of the Sheet

- At Curl BC events, 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 both in control of the house and not in control of the house.

Substitutes & Alternates

- There will be a spare pool for each event.

Masks

- Curl BC requires the use of masks during play
- Tips on using a mask while curling can be found [here](#).

Officials

- Timing volunteers will be situated downstairs
- Chief Umpire and Game Umpires will have access to the athlete zone of facility.

Nameboards, Scoreboards, Measuring Devices and Scorecards

- a. To reduce common touch points, the officials will manage the nameboards, scoreboards, and 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.

Athletes' Lobby

- There will not be changing rooms. Teams will arrive at the venue dressed to play. Each team on each draw will have an area to store equipment. This area will be secure.
- There will be safe and secure areas, both upstairs and downstairs where curlers can maintain distance while waiting for their games. These areas will be marked with team name cards.

Team Obligations

- To limit gatherings at sanctioned events, the formal banquets, and opening and closing ceremonies will not 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.
- The pre-competition team meeting will now take place via email.