Crestwood Curling Club – Return to Play Guidelines

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Disclaimer: With the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, and new information from our local, provincial and federal governments and governing Curling bodies this document is subject to change. Further revisions will be posted at the club and on our website when necessary.

We encourage readers to please provide feedback on this document by contacting the Club via email at crestwoodcurling@shaw.ca .

Opening Message:

The Crestwood Curling experience will be quite a bit different this year as we deal with COVID-19 and everything that comes with it. Our main objective is to try and keep our members and guests as safe as possible while enjoying the curling experience. The following document will try and answer your questions as best as possible. These guidelines are subject to change and may be modified as we move forward. We will be following guidelines put forth by Curling Canada and Curling Alberta as well as guidance from Alberta Health Services.

https://www.curling.ca/blog/2020/07/06/return-to-play-guidelines/

https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-andrecreation.pdf

CCC – Return to Play

On the Ice:

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

Masks will **NOT** be mandatory on the ice, it will be up to each individual to decide whether they want to wear one or not.

All curlers will enter the Ice area from the Sheet 6 door.

When your game is over please exit through the east door (Sheet 1 side). Please be aware of any throwing teams or other players standing on the backboards and allow time to properly social distance.

All curlers should come ready to play with all their own equipment. If you require new curling equipment please contact the office for a variety of options.

Stabilizers will not be available for use this year.

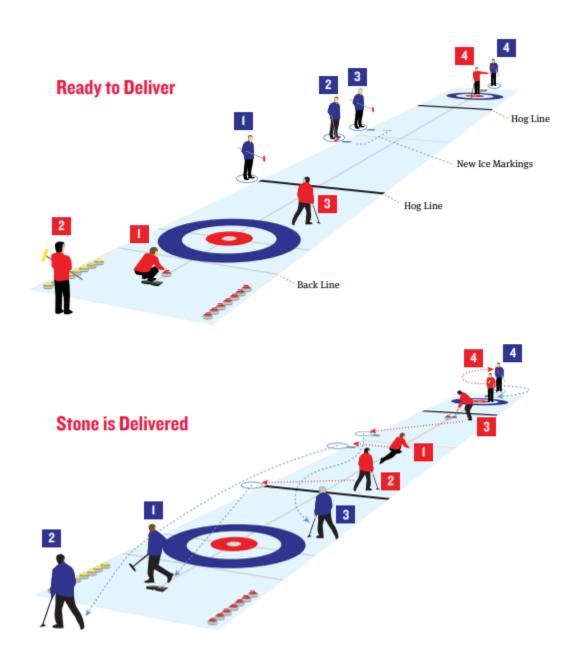
Brooms and step on sliders may be available under certain circumstances, provided they are sanitized after each use.

Here are the changes that you can expect:

- PLEASE MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING (6FT OR 2M APART) ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES
- The single sweeper rule
 - o Only one sweeper will be allowed at a time (NO SAME HOUSEHOLD EXCEPTIONS)
 - No switching during a throw
 - No sweeping an opponent's stone behind the T-line
 - No one aside from the dedicated sweeper for a shot can sweep any stone (including ticks, bumps and raises)
- When you hear the buzzer ring, finish the end you are curling and then the game is over. Move the rocks back to their starting position
- No coins will be provided. Curlers may bring their own coin (only 1 person handles it), or may use a rock-paper-scissors method, or use your stopwatch (odd/even)
- No handshakes (greet each other with a socially distanced broom tap)
- No benches
- Avoid team congregations on backboards
- Assign one person to mark both teams scores
- No touching other curler's rocks with your hand (Use foot or broom)
- If a Measuring device is required assign one of the Thirds to handle the stick, perform the measure, use a sanitizing wipe to clean the stick before putting it away
- The water cooler on the ice will **NOT** be available, please bring your own water bottle or acquire water at the concession or bar

See below Illustration from Curling Canada on the Flow of Play:

https://www.curling.ca/files/2020/07/CC-Manual_Return-to-Play_CAN_EN.pdf



Standing locations, all players should obey physical distancing while on the ice, here is an example of how it will look

• If playing on sheet 2 we ask that all players stay on the sheet 1 side of the ice, if you are playing on sheet 3 all players should stay on the sheet 2 side of the ice, sheet 4 stay on the sheet 3 side of the ice and so on.

Non-Delivering Team: The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on these marking while the other team is throwing. The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver should be positioned at hogline on the same side as the two sweepers. The Skip (or Vice-Skip) will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.

Delivering Team: The Skip has control of the house. The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player is on the backboards. The sweeping player is at the T-Line.

Once the stone has been released, the player who delivered the stone proceeds down the centre line of the ice until the halfway point to the marking or to the hog line if it is their turn next. After the stone comes to rest, the sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings. The non-sweeper travels to the halfway mark or the hog line depending on their turn to deliver or not.

Curling Canada plans to unveil a short video that will clearly demonstrate where curlers should stand in the field of play and how curling can be enjoyed while maintaining physical distance (video will be shared once released)

Off the Ice:

EVERYONE IN THE BUILDING WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING UNLESS THEY ARE IN THE ICE ARENA OR SEATED AT YOUR TABLE IN THE LOUNGE, this is in accordance with the City of Edmonton bylaw mandating masks or face coverings be worn in all public buildings. Please be respectful of your fellow curlers and staff.

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

We ask that curlers arrive dressed to curl no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of your game. When you arrive please head to the staging area of the sheet you are playing on. (Sheet 1 staging area is close to the West door. (Sheet 6 side) When the buzzer rings Sheet 1 will enter through the West door, followed by Sheet 2, etc.

All people entering the facility will be required to check in. (This process is currently under review)

The BootBoy will not be available this year.

The Draw Schedule and Results will be posted in the entryway. We ask that you do not congregate around this area; check and see what sheet you are playing on and move to that staging area. Draw Schedule and Results are always available on our website.

Hand sanitizer stations will be set up throughout the facility. We will also be doing extra cleaning at more frequent times than normal.

Markings and signage will be placed on the floor and on walls to help with flow throughout the building. The stairs will be used as normal but we ask that you only enter if empty, please be courteous of your fellow curlers.

After the game we encourage you to take your equipment to your car before heading upstairs to the Lounge.

A waiver signature will be required in order to curl in any league this year:

COVID-19 Declaration - <u>https://crestwoodcurling.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/COVID19-</u> Declaration-EN-AB.pdf

Assumption of Risk Age of Majority - <u>https://crestwoodcurling.com/wp-</u> content/uploads/2020/08/Waiver-ageofmajority-EN-AB-1.pdf

Assumption of Risk Under Age of Majority - <u>https://crestwoodcurling.com/wp-</u> content/uploads/2020/08/AssumptionofRisk-undertheageofmajority-EN-AB.pdf

Locker/changing rooms will not be available this year. Please come dressed to curl.

Only one person will be allowed in the Front Office at any time, there will be markings on the floor to indicate a line-up to access the office if necessary.

We ask that members try and use electronic methods of payment, credit/debit, e-transfer or online.

Spectators or non-members are still allowed to enter the club if space permits. If a spectator or nonmember curler enters the club they should immediately check in and proceed upstairs. If there is not adequate space in the bar they may be asked to leave.

Please see below a proposed weekly schedule with draw time changes for the 2020/2021 season. These purposed changes allow for extra time between draws for the staff to sanitize and complete the draw change, reduce gatherings of curlers and help with traffic flow in the building:

Crestwood Curling Club Proposed 2020/2021 Draw Schedule (Subject to change)

			Buzzer	
Day	League	Start Time	Ring	End Time
Monday	5 O'Clock Shadows	4:50pm	6:20pm	6:35pm
Monday	Mens Early	7:00pm	8:50pm	9:05pm
Monday	Mens Late	9:15pm	11:05pm	11:15pm
Monday	ESSC Early	7:00pm	8:25pm	8:40pm
Monday	ESSC Late	9:30pm	10:50pm	11:05pm
Tuesday	Seniors	9:15am	11:00am	11:15am
Tuesday	Afternoon Ladies	12:50pm	2:55pm	3:15pm
Tuesday	Ladies	6:00pm	7:50pm	8:05pm
Tuesday	Open	8:30pm	10:20pm	10:35pm
Wednesday	Practice/Points	9:00am		11:15am
Wednesday	Afternoon Ladies	12:50pm	2:55pm	3:15pm
Wednesday	Mixed	6:00pm	7:50pm	8:05pm
Wednesday	Fun	8:30pm	10:20pm	10:35pm
Thursday	Medical Ladies	9:15am	11:00am	11:15am
Thursday	Afternoon Ladies	12:50pm	2:55pm	3:15pm
Thursday	Mens Early	6:15pm	8:05pm	8:20pm
Thursday	Mens Late	8:45pm	10:35pm	10:50pm
Friday	Seniors	12:30pm	2:25pm	2:40pm
Friday	Mixed/Open Early	6:00pm	7:55pm	8:10pm
Friday	Mixed/Open Late	8:35pm	10:25pm	10:40pm
Saturday	Junior/Practice	9:00am		12:00pm
Saturday	Fun/Beginner	1:00pm	2:40pm	2:55pm
Saturday	Afternoon Open	4:30pm	6:20pm	6:35pm
Saturday	Evening Open	7:00pm	8:50pm	9:05pm
Saturday	Fun	9:35pm	11:00pm	11:15pm
Sunday	Practice	12:00pm		2:00pm
Sunday	Doubles	3:30pm	4:45pm	5:05pm
Sunday	Open	6:00pm	7:50pm	8:05pm

We may ask for volunteers to help us through the first 2-3 weeks of the season. This could be helping with staging areas and traffic flow, or helping with cleaning and sanitizing, or helping at the bar. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out.

We know this season will be difficult and different but we ask that each curler try to maintain physical distancing as much as possible and please be respectful of each other as we try and make this season as enjoyable and safe as we can

Junior Curling:

We are still discussing whether we will be running our Junior and Little Rock program this year; we hope to have a decision in the near future.

Bar and Lounge:

The Crestwood Bar and Lounge will be OPEN!

We are investigating text ordering and table service to reduce the lineup at the bar; more information on this to come.

We will be following Alberta Health Services Guidelines for Restaurants, Café's, Pubs and Bars for both the lounge and concession. <u>https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/covid-19-information-guidance-for-restaurants-cafes-pubs-and-bars</u>

- Extra cleaning and sanitizing will be done
- Signage and markings will be posted to direct traffic flow
- Masks <u>ARE</u> required on the second floor but can be removed once seated at your table
- Tables and chairs have been reduced to follow social distancing guidelines
- No more than 4 people per table
- Hand sanitizer will be located at each table
- Please leave all empties, food trays, dinnerware on your table when you're finished to reduce the traffic around the bar area
- We are investigating text ordering and table service to reduce the lineup at the bar; more information on this to come.

Knosh Catering:

Knosh Catering will be open with close to normal operating hours; this will be updated as we get closer to the season.

Outbreak Protocol:

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of a person or persons who were at the CCC in the last 14 days we ask that they notify us immediately so we can track when they were at the club and notify each person they may have come into contact with.

The Crestwood will immediately contact AHS for further guidance, and also contact each person who may have come into contact with the positive case by email or phone.

All members will be notified of the positive case and the club may be closed for a certain period of time until we determine it is safe to return.

At any time the CCC may be forced to close due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please see our **refund policy** on our website for details on how refunds will be determined if this happens.

Refund Policy link - <u>https://crestwoodcurling.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Crestwood-Curling-</u> <u>Club-COVID-19-Refund-Policy-2020.pdf</u>

We fully understand that the upcoming season will be a challenge and we will do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please be respectful of staff and curlers as we figure this season out.

As the days and weeks go on this document may change, please look for updates as we move forward.

Crestwood Curling Club Board of Directors and Staff