

## **Return to Curling Guidelines – Vernon Curling Club 2021/2022 Season**

04 September 2021

**\*Current health guidelines are subject to change and will continue to be modified based on updated guidance from the Provincial Health Officer, the local health authority, Curling Canada, and Curl BC\***

### **GUIDELINE OVERVIEW**

1. The safety and well-being of our member's is our top priority.
2. Vernon Curling Club commits to following the guidelines set out by Interior Health Authority and recommendations made by Curling Canada and CurlBC's Return to Curling Guidelines.
3. Vernon CC commits to clear communication to its membership by providing regular updates through social media, email and the website.

### **VACCINE IMMUNIZATION**

1. Following the PHO's announcement on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, all curlers and visitors born in 2009 or earlier (12+) will need to show proof of at least one COVID-19 vaccination by September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, and full immunization by October 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. Proof of vaccination will be demonstrated using the BC vaccine card website in accordance with direction by the PHO.
2. As per updated guidance from the PHO, there are no exceptions for curlers and visitors who are medically exempt from vaccination.

### **MASK MANDATE**

1. Vernon Curling Club requires all curlers, visitors, and staff to wear masks in all common areas including the lobby, pro shop, change rooms, washrooms, leading to your sheet of ice, and leading to your seat in the lounge. Masks are required in the lounge when not seated, including in the bar line up and when leaving the facility.
2. **Curlers are permitted to remove their mask during on ice play or practice.**
3. Little Rockers (U-12): All little rockers will be required to wear a mask in all common areas. It is recommended little rockers wear a mask on the ice. This aligns with the PHO's updated mask policy announced on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Little rockers are restricted to the following time slots:
  - a. Monday 3pm – 5:00pm (Junior Program)
  - b. Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm (Junior Program)

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Vernon Curling Club strongly recommends curlers physically distance on the ice, and in the lounge area outside of your regular team. Curlers are encouraged to follow on-ice and lounge decals to assist with this.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Vernon Curling Club will continue to follow Interior Health guidelines with regards to food & beverage.

## **WAIVERS**

1. Before the start of the season all members will be required to sign Waiver and Liability Release form. When you register online it will be one of the steps you complete.
2. A Declaration of Compliance for COVID-19 including vaccination verification will need to be signed in person prior to curling first game

If you do not sign these forms, you will be unable to curl at the Vernon Curling Club this year.

## **CLEANING PROTOCOLS**

1. Vernon Curling Club will maintain regular cleaning protocols, including extra attention to disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
2. Vernon Curling Club will provide hand sanitizer, wipes, and access to soap and paper towels.

## **CURLING EQUIPMENT**

1. Vernon Curling Club will provide rental equipment (brooms and sliders) to those who require it. Used brooms and sliders will be put in a "used" bin and properly disinfected before re-use.
2. Curling stones: wipes will be provided on each sheet for teams to properly disinfect handles before use.

## **CHANGE ROOMS**

Men's and ladies change rooms will re-open as normal. Masks are mandatory in these areas.

## **LOUNGE**

1. Tables: Green check mark indicates the table and chairs are clean. Red X indicates table has been used and needs to be sanitized by bar staff. Once you leave your table please turn laminated green check mark upside down to red X.
2. Recommendation is to sit with your team only.

## **PLAYING THE GAME / ARENA GUIDELINES**

No handshakes permitted, instead give a friendly wave or broom tap.

**\*Current health guidelines allow for "normal" curling. Based on evolving health guidelines, modified rules could be implemented such as a mask mandate on the ice, 1 sweeper, etc. There will be no fee reimbursements for curlers who cannot adapt to updated modifications. \***

**BONSPIELS** Bonspiels are scheduled for the 2021-2022 season. The covid-19 committee will work with Club Management to assess proper protocols and will communicate them closer to the start of each event.