Return to Curl

Your Board of Directors have been busy this Covid-19 summer. In July the decision was made to open the club for the 2020-2021 season. A Return to Curl committee was appointed to move ahead and work on a plan to open, with the guidance of South Western Public Health.

We currently are limited to 50 people in the building at a time, consequently there can be no spectators. Masks to be worn, see specifics below, we must social distance where possible and Clean Clean Clean.

BUILDING ENTRY
Anyone planning to attend our facility must abide by the following rules:

- **Stay Home If You:**
  - Do not feel well.
  - Have a fever, difficulty breathing or a new/existing cough.
  - Have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or is suspected of having Covid-19.
  - Have traveled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.

A sign in book will be at the front door to sign in/out if coming into the club at times other than league play (eg. To throw rocks.) You must clean and sanitize any touched surfaces or equipment that you use.

Arrive 15 minutes before your game. Come in the front door with masks on, sanitize hands, clean boots, go **directly** downstairs – remove coats, change – go up **back** stairs to lobby or ice. The locker rooms will be open and will allow for 16 people in each change room. The old office downstairs will be considered a change room for those needing to just change your shoes. **Do not go into Lounge to change shoes etc.**

Waivers
All members and guests or those trying curling for the first time must sign a Covid-19 Declaration of Compliance. The Covid-19 Declaration states that you will not enter building under specific situations (e.g. Contact with a Public Health identified positive case) and that you assume the risk of potentially being exposed or infected by the virus, and more.

Anyone under age 26, as well as all coaches, must sign and drop off a copy of the **Rowan’s Law** document which discusses concussion awareness and safety.

Masks
Ingersoll Town council recently passed a temporary by-law, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, which requires residents to wear a mask or face covering in all public indoor spaces. Masks must be worn at all times within our facilities (in the arena, lounges, locker rooms, washrooms etc.) with the following exceptions:

- Our local public health unit permits the "temporary removal of a Face Covering as necessary for the consumption of food and drink". As such, masks will not be required (optional) while you are seated at a table upstairs. A mask must be worn when you leave the table for any reason.
- Our local public health unit permits the "temporary removal of a Face Covering as necessary for actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity". Masks must be worn in the arena, and although we strongly encourage the wearing of a mask at all times, a mask may be temporarily removed if necessary while sweeping or delivering a rock.
- Our local public health unit permits the "temporary removal of a Face Covering as necessary for any emergency or medical purpose".
**Sanitizer**
Sanitizer will be available throughout the club (in the arena, lounges, change rooms).
The building will be cleaned at least twice a day, or more, if more than 1 group is in.
All high touch area will be sanitized regularly.
You must sanitize your chair upon leaving.

**On Ice**
The Board of Health recognizes that it is impossible to be 100% compliant with the social distancing guidelines. It is up to the teams on the ice to practise social distancing as much as possible but the game does not have to change eg. 1 sweeper.

- Games will be 2 hours in length with no extensions. The ice doors will be locked between games to allow for ice prep and sanitization of rocks, surfaces, etc.
- 45 minutes between games. This will allow for curlers to change and proceed to the lounge or leave building and for the new draw to enter the building.
- Vice to bring own coin to flip.
- Assign one individual to handle all scoring. That way only one person will touch the number cards which will be sanitized after each draw.
- You may only handle your own rocks.
- Sheets 1 & 3 to begin at window end Sheets 2 & 4 to begin at scoreboard end.
- When measuring: Remove your gloves, sanitize your hands using the sanitizer provided, conduct the measure, return the measure device to its normal location, sanitize your hands once again.
- A few club brooms/stabilizers will be available for use. They will be stored in the broom rack. A cleaning station will be provided where you can sanitize a broom prior to, and after, your game.

**Footwear - Members must have their own curling shoes, gripper and/or slider. The sharing of this equipment cannot be permitted.**

**Lounge**
Bar will be open.
- You may buy your opponent a drink but only handle your own.
- Bar Waste After socializing, please deposit your empty bottles and cans in the bins provided near the bar. There will also be a bin for dirty glassware. Our staff will clear this area as time permits. Dirty bottles and glassware not be placed on the bar. Group snacks (popcorn, chips) will not be sold this year, but single serving snacks will be available. Water jugs will not be available this year; either on the bar or in the arena. Bring your own water in a personal container. You may also buy bottled water at the bar when it is open.
- Masks are to be worn until seated
- Tables will be set for 4/table to allow for social distancing. Upon leaving sanitize your chair.

**Pro Shop**
If shoes, pants, gloves or headwear are tried on but not sold that item will be placed into quarantine for 3 days. Any other equipment (e.g. broom) that is touched will be wiped down prior to going back on display.

**Ice Equipment**
Only Ice Staff are permitted to touch the ice maintenance equipment (scraper, hand scrapers, pebbling cans, brooms, mops and garbage cans).

This is a very fluid situation with changes being made daily. We are working very hard to keep up with these changes and keep you informed.

Return to Curl committee.
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