

TRENTON CURLING CLUB

RETURN TO PLAY 2021-2022

AND

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is our first season of curling during this ongoing pandemic. Last season we chose not to open until it was safe to do so. Despite the mass vaccination program, we are still living with a number of Public Health Measures to help limit the spread of this virus. Your Clubs return to play protocol and plan has been developed with the advice from the Trenton Public Health and following the guidelines of the Ontario Regulation 520.21 and mandated legislation. In addition, the Guidelines for Return to Play developed by Curling Canada and CurlOn in consultation with the Ontario Government provided guidance and rules we all must adhere to.

Keeping all this in mind the Board has implemented a policy that all members and anyone entering the building will have to show proof of full vaccination. There will be no exceptions. Social distancing of 2 Meters will be maintained at all times while in the building. Masks must be worn at all times but are optional during play once on the ice.

Despite these requirements the Board believes that we can have an enjoyable and successful curling season. We will need everyone's help to make this possible. Please read this return to play protocol carefully so you understand how this club will operate this year and what will be required of you. Keeping each other safe, our club open, and maintaining our curling privileges this season all depend on following the rules set out in this document.

Finally, members should be aware that our governments and public health officials can and will change requirements in response to the status of COVID-19 in our area and throughout the province. Trenton Curling Clubs rules, procedures and policies will be updated to reflect any such changes as required throughout the season.

Trenton Curling Club Board of Directors

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SUMMARY – How This Season Will Work

We can all contribute to maintaining a safe environment for our members. All members must follow regulations and the advice of our Public Health Officials, including

- 1 If you are feeling unwell or are sick, **STAY HOME**.
- 2 Wash your hand frequently and use the alcohol-based hand sanitizer provided throughout the club if soap and water are not available
- 3 Maintain 2 metre physical distancing as much as possible. Wearing a mask does not eliminate the need to physically distance.
- 4 Masks must be worn at all times inside the club except when curling, or when eating or drinking seated in the lounge.
- 5 High touch surfaces in the club must be sanitized as often as necessary.

Locker rooms will be opened this season for members who wish to use them or have rented a locker for storage of their equipment. Masks will be worn at all times and we ask that you minimize the time needed to change and to maintain social distancing. We would suggest that all members come to the club dressed ready to play and bring their shoes and equipment with them to help avoid waiting for space in the locker rooms

Entry to the Club

All persons entering the club will use the east door at the top of the ramp. Each player will be required to sign in on the sign-in sheet provided. You will then proceed to your assigned table indicated by the sheet number your team will be playing on. You will then select a chair at your sheet table. The chairs have been placed the required space for Social Distancing. Do Not move any of these chairs. Your personal clothing and street shoes that you will not use on the ice can be left at your chair. Teams will enter the ice surface starting with Sheet 4 first and then sheet 3, sheet 2 and then 1 in that order. To ensure that there is proper social distancing off the ice, Sheet 4 table will be situated in Shorty's Lounge and the other sheets tables in the main room.

On Ice Game Protocols

Once on the ice Game Play will be as a normal game would be played. The only difference would be that players are to social distance when possible. There will be Markers in the ice on each sheet to help players with social distancing when not engaged in sweeping or delivery of the curling stone. These guidelines are laid out by Curling Canada and CurlION. Masks are optional on the ice but must be worn when entering and exiting the ice surface.

There will be no shaking of hands or high fives during the game allowed. Last Rock will be determined by the leads of each team before entering onto the ice surface.

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Upon completion of their game, members must put on their masks and maintain distancing of 2m while entering and exiting the ice surface.

After each game the skip of each team will assign one person on their team to clean their teams' rocks with the alcohol wipes provided behind each sheet. Players will then exit the ice and proceed to their table and the same chair they used prior to the game. Only one person, preferably a skip will be responsible for marking the score for both teams after each end. At the end of the game one person will be responsible for sanitizing the numbers before placing them back in the holder.

POST GAME SOCIALIZING AND CLUB EXIT

Social distancing must be maintained always and Masks must be worn except when you are seated at a table enjoying a drink or snack.

Cleaning and sanitizing the table and chairs is extremely important. One volunteer from each Sheet will be asked to sanitize the chairs and tables once people have left the building. Cleaning solutions and wipes will be provided for each numbered table.

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High Touch Surfaces Cleaning Check list

Lounge Area

All light switches

Arm rests and Top of Chairs

Table Tops

Door Handles and Door push bars

Main Floor Bathrooms

Door handles

Taps

Toilet seat

Flush handle

Soap dispenser

Towel dispenser handle

Main entrance and exit doors

Door push bars and handle

Basement Bathrooms

Taps Flush handles- Urinals and Toilets