

## **Salmon Arm CURLING CENTRE**

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691 - 28th St NE, Salmon Arm, BC,

### **COVID – 19 Return to Play Safety Plan**

#### **Introduction**

The Salmon Arm Curling Centre is a six-sheet curling facility in the City of Salmon Arm, B.C.

We offer curling opportunities for members from Monday to Friday, with leagues in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Special events are sometimes offered on weekends. A full draw would see forty-eight people on the ice at one time. We currently have approximately 400 active members.

This plan was designed by a COVID-19 committee, composed of four members of the Board of Directors in consultation with our General Manager. In preparing this plan, we consulted the guidelines issued by the Provincial Health Officer, Curl Canada, Curl BC and viaSport British Columbia, as well as WorkSafe BC.

Included in the plan:

1. Building Safety
2. Game Modifications
3. Club Operations
4. Food and Beverage Services
5. Staff Safety and Well-Being

Appendices:

1. Illness Protocol Checklist
2. Curling Canada Physical Distancing Illustrations
3. Curl BC- Covid-19 Ice Layout

*Approved by Salmon Arm Curling Club Board of Directors  
August 31, 2020*

## **1. Building Safety**

### **a) Physical Distancing**

- (i) We will be asking all people in the building to observe physical distancing as much as possible. To aid in this we are providing a plan for traffic flow within the building. On the stairs, we will ask people to stay right. Arrows will be on the floor to remind people of this. Please follow signs and directions as posted.
- (ii) The number of tables and chairs in the lobby and the lounge will be reduced.

### **b) Cleaning and Hygiene**

- (i) Hand Sanitizing stations will be set up in several additional areas in the building. Most notable there will be one in the front landing, so people can clean their hands once they are in the door.
- (ii) People are asked to sanitize their hands before and after they clean their outdoor footwear.
- (iii) Washrooms and high touch areas will be cleaned before each draw.

### **c) Engineered Changes**

- (i) Plexiglass barriers will be installed in the bar and kitchen ordering areas.
- (ii) The doors to the ice surface have been changed, and some door handles removed. Only the right-hand doors will be used. Curlers will be asked to sanitize their hands before they open the door. From the ice surface the doors can be pushed open hands-free.
- (iii) We will close some of the urinals, sinks, and cubicles in all bathrooms, and restrict numbers to two people in the washroom at one time.
- (iv) Locker rooms will be closed.
- (v) Curling Equipment will not be shared. People that typically rent or borrow sliders, grippers, crutches or sticks will be required to supply their own.
- (vi) Rocks, scoreboards and measuring devices will be sanitized between draws by ice crews.
- (vii) Only two visitors will be allowed in the office at one time.

### **d) Masks**

- (i) Masks will be required to be worn in the downstairs lobby area, from the entrance to the ice surface and in the office. They will be optional on the ice surface and in the upstairs lounge.
- (ii) Staff will be required to wear masks, except on the ice surface.

## **2. Game Modifications**

viaSport British Columbia designates specific Phases for Return to Play for all sports within the province that are affiliated with a provincial organization. For curling this is Curl BC. You can read the specific details on the Curl BC website. We will follow their guidelines. Curl Canada has listed modifications to the game which comply with COVID-19 physical distancing requirements. Full information is available on the Curling Canada website. Restrictions may strengthen or loosen depending on the provincial situation.

These are some of the modifications that will be necessary for all curlers to know about changes to the game:

- a) There will not be handshakes at the start and the end of the game.
- b) Coins will not be available for a coin toss. Leagues and teams will be encouraged to set hammer in the schedule; toss a coin they have in their possession; use a cellphone or stopwatch app; or use rock, paper, scissors; or any other means not allowing the sharing of equipment
- c) Scores will be kept on the scoreboard by one person per sheet. The scoreboards and cards will be cleaned by the ice crew after each draw.
- d) There will be only one sweeper at a time, including in the house. Skips will not be able to sweep any rocks. Only one person from each team is allowed in the house at one time.
- e) Players will have designated spots to stand when not involved in a shot. See diagrams in appendix.
- f) When rock measurements are needed, people must sanitize their hands, do the measuring, return the measuring stick, and sanitize their hands again. The stick will be sanitized between draws by the ice crew.
- g) Draw start times will be staggered, and for some daytime leagues fewer sheets will be used at one time to allow for better physical distancing in our lobby. Times will be posted regularly on the website.
- h) Curlers will be asked not to arrive any earlier than 20 minutes before their draw time. They should arrive ready to curl, including doing pre-game stretching at home.
- i) Pencils or pens will not be supplied to enter game results on the stat sheets. Players will need to provide their own.
- j) Sheet assignments for each draw will be posted on a message board in the lobby. Full draw schedules and league standings will be posted online.

### **3. Club Operations**

- a) **Illness Protocol**  
Appropriate notices will be posted at the entrance. We expect that people will respect others and not come to the Curling Club if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or if they have any reason to be isolated. Specific guidelines are in the Appendix. We will deal with any issues promptly as they arise.
- b) **Plan for a case or an outbreak.** If we have someone develop symptoms while at the rink, or after having been at the rink, we will contact 811 immediately. From there we will follow their instructions.
- c) **Communication.** After contacting 811, we will also inform the City of Salmon Arm. The information will be posted on our website and emails sent to members. Personal information will not be divulged.
- d) **Tracking and Waivers**
  - (i) All persons entering the facility will need to sign a COVID-19 participant agreement.

(ii) For tracking purposes, we need to know who has been in the building. We will know when regular curlers will be expected at the rink. Guests and spares (that have not already done so) need to sign in with one of the staff members and sign a waiver.

**4. Food and Beverage Services**

Plexiglass barriers will help separate staff and patrons. There will be indicators to show where to line up to order, pay, and to indicate appropriate spacing.

- a) Food services – Patrons will order and pay. They will be expected to go upstairs to eat. (There will be limited seating in the lobby to encourage appropriate distancing.) The dirty dishes will be collected later. Curlers are not encouraged to move around the building any more than necessary.
- b) Bar Service – Seating at tables will be limited to four.

**5. Staff Safety and Well-Being**

These guidelines have been drafted to comply with WorkSafeBC regulations. The General Manager will brief all staff on these measures. Any concerns or complaints should be taken to the General Manager.



## Appendix 1.

### Salmon Arm Curling Club PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

Application- all athletes, coaches, members, volunteers, participants, and family members of participants while in attendance at club activities ("Participants")

All Participants of Salmon Arm Curling Club agree to abide by the following points when entering club facilities and/or participating in club activities under the COVID-19 Response plan and RTP Protocol:

- I agree to symptom screening checks and will let my club know if I have experienced any of the symptoms in the last 14 days.
- I agree to stay home if feeling sick and remain home for 14 days if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I agree to sanitize my hands upon entering and exiting the facility, with soap or sanitizer.
- I agree to sanitize the equipment upon entering and exiting the facility with soap or sanitizer.
- I agree to sanitize the equipment I use throughout my practice with approved cleaning products provided by the club (shared and personal equipment).
- I agree to continue to follow social distancing protocols of staying at least 2m away from others.
- I agree to not share any equipment during practice times.
- I agree to abide by all of my Club's COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines.
- I understand that if I do not abide by the aforementioned policies/guidelines that I may be asked to leave the club for up to 14 days to help protect myself and others around me.
- I acknowledge that continued abuse of the policies and/or guidelines may result in suspension of my club membership temporarily.
- I acknowledge that there are risks associated with entering club facilities and/or participating in club activities, and that the measures taken by the club and participants, including those set out above and under the COVID-19 Response Plan and Return to Sport Protocols, will not entirely eliminate those risks.

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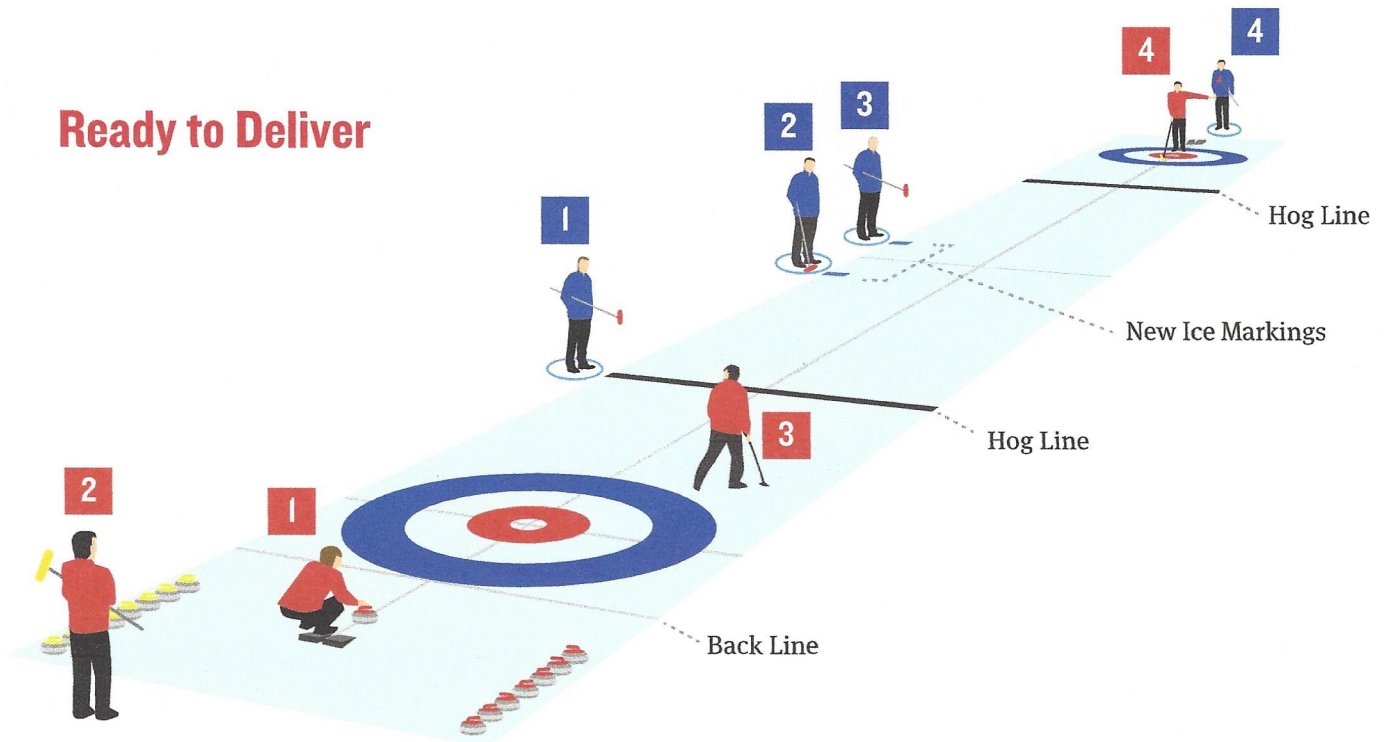
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# Appendix 5: Distancing Illustrations



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