



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR SAFETY

The Petersfield Curling Club considers the health and safety of our guests and staff as paramount. As such, the following COVID return-to-curl protocol has been adopted for the 2020/2021 season to support our safe return to the rink...

Hygiene

- All members, spares, and those trying curling for the first time will sign the online Declaration of Compliance and Assumption of Risk waiver forms prior to curling. When rentals resume, all renters will also need to sign both forms prior to each event.
- Anyone with symptoms is reminded to NOT enter the facility. Posters are on site re: the same.
- Additional hand sanitization stations are available at prominent locations (main entrance, entrance onto ice surface).
- Proper hand hygiene reminders will be posted.
- PPE is available to paid staff. Visitors must provide their own, and must wear it (until seated and/or participating in sport) while current public health orders direct us to do so. If no current public health order is in place with regards to mandatory masks, then masks will be optional.
- We have invested in a wireless POS machine to support a card/debit/credit payment option for our patrons who choose not to handle cash at this time. The ATM has been removed.

Facility

- Our current capacity occupancy load is posted on site. Capacity seating has been reduced.
- Tables are spaced to ensure social distancing, and are placed in a marked position, and cannot be moved. Chairs cannot be moved from one table to another location. Large tables (upstairs) will have max. 5 chairs. Downstairs max. 4 chairs.
- All additional tables and chairs have been stored and are off-limits.

Cleaning Protocol

- A full building clean-up has been completed prior to the start of the curling season.
- Cleaning of facility, including all high-touch surfaces, is done prior to each daily event.
- Cleaning staff is provided with the supplies necessary to maintain a clean and safe environment – including hard surface disinfectants approved by Health Canada.
- Soap and paper towels are available in all washrooms.
- PPE is available to paid staff.

Curling Facility (layout and navigation)

- Sneeze shields have been installed at both the bar and canteen. Traffic flow is clearly identified at both areas.
- PCC locker rooms are off limits this season (not large enough to accommodate social distancing). Players must empty their locker pre-season, and come with their own gear, to each event.
- Water dispensers have been removed. Players may bring their own water. Drinks do not need to be socially distanced when put down, however only the owner of each drink should handle the drink.
- Traffic flow - MAIN ENTRANCE: Traffic flow is managed with signage and floor decals.
- Traffic flow - LOUNGE: There is one stairway used as an entrance up to the lounge area (near main entrance), and patrons will exit the lounge area down the back stairs.
- Traffic flow – ICE SURFACE – There is door onto the ice for sheets A & B and one for sheets D & C. Traffic will flow is managed with signage and floor decals.

Equipment

- Extra equipment is now stored in the office.
- Toys have been put away.
- Stones are individually disinfected before each daily event.
- Scoreboards are disinfected before each daily event.
- Teams are asked to assign one scorekeeper, who agrees to keep score for both teams, and keeps their gloves on if possible. Hand sanitizer will be available on-ice.
- Players select their own two stones. No interchanging during game. No touching other stones.
- Measuring device will now have a stationary resting location where hand sanitizer and instructions will be available.

League Considerations

- Draw times may be different this year to allow for the flow of traffic in and out of the lobby and on and off the ice, and the sanitization of all surfaces.
- Little Rocks league encourages having 1 parent/adult per child participant on the ice, as coach will not be able to socially distance if he/she must assist all curlers.

Additional Considerations

- We will abide by all Federal, Provincial, and Municipal public health orders.
- We have requested and completed a site visit with the Public Health Inspector to review our COVID PCC Return to Curl plans and facility adjustments to ensure the safety of our guests.
- We have moved to an online registration, where the waivers and payment are online, and are required in advance, also supporting contactless interactions.
- As per the Provincial directive - there is no dancing allowed indoors at events.

- The pool table and shuffle board table are temporarily out of use.
- There will be no rentals this year, with the exception of the IERHA Flu Clinic.
- When arriving at the rink, players are encouraged to seat self and jacket/items at the same table they plan to sit at when finished curling (versus changing tables).
- REIMBURSEMENTS – In the event that the curling rink must close all programs due to pandemic, a reimbursement of a portion of a league fee will be made to all members in good standing in the amount prorated effective the dates which the PCC is shut down. NOTE – payments will be issued at the end of season.

Playing the Game (as per the CurlIMB and Curl Canada rule changes during COVID):

- Instead of a hand shake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.
- Players can use this online tool on their phone if they are not carrying cash to flip a coin: <https://justflipacoin.com/>
- Players stay on the same side of the sheet. For example, if you are playing on sheet 2, always walk or position yourself on the sideline to sheet 1. This will keep players 10 feet apart.
- **Non-Delivering Team:** The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on the markings 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.
- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. No relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet). The person in charge of the house is not allowed to sweep under any circumstance. The skip of the non-delivering must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition stone behind the tee-line. **Lessening of physical distancing restrictions would/could allow this guideline to be removed.**
- The skip or vice skip (not both) of non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished playing and has relinquished control of the house.
- The skip or vice skip (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.