



Arthur & Area Curling Club

2020/2021 COVID Procedures for the ORANGE ZONE

The 2020/21 curling season will be like no other that the Arthur and Area Curling Club has experienced in recent memory. For the club to operate this season, there have been several modifications made to how the building is used and how the game is played.

We would like to thank those members who took the time to fill out the survey in the summer. We appreciate the feedback, and we took it into consideration during our discussions.

The following modifications will be in place, subject to changes to adapt to the ongoing directives from the local and provincial Health authorities and CurlON.

1. Entrance, Exit and Movement within the Building

- It is expected that any member who feels unwell will not attend the Club for any reason
- Only those curling that night should be entering the building. There should be no spectators this season.
- Curlers arrive dressed to play no sooner than 15 minutes before draw time
- We ask that everyone utilizes the hand sanitizer that will be available upon entering the club.
- When you enter the club, you will notice that coat hangers have been removed. In order to reduce crowding by the front door, you will take your coats up to the table specified for your team, this is where you will keep your belongings while you curl.
- Once you head up into the clubroom please sign in using the QR CODE tablet scanner if you have been sent a code or use the sign in binder for those leagues not using the Code scanner. This table will also have the draw sheets for you to find out what ice you will be playing on.
- Wearing of **FACE COVERINGS** is mandatory in the building at all times except when **NOTED** in this document.
- In order to minimize co-mingling and increased numbers in the lounge area there will be one draw per evening. Waiting lists will be formed for draws that have more than 32 curlers.
- Arrows on the floor will indicate foot traffic flow
- The ATM will still be open, but hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available

2. Hand sanitizer stations

- Hand sanitizer bottle will be positioned at the entrance/exit points of the club, at the bar and other locations throughout the clubroom.
- On Ice Hand sanitizers will be located at each end of each sheet of ice.

3. Club Room Set-up and Changerooms

- All spectator chairs will be removed from the window viewing area
- The kitchen will be closed, but the door will remain unlocked due to the fire exit.
- Please note that the changes rooms will be closed until further notice. You will be required to come dressed and ready to curl. This also means that you will be required to take your broom and shoes home at the end of each night. The doors will remain closed but not locked due to the fire exits.
- Men's and Ladies washroom will be limited to two occupants at a time.
- While your table will only be for your teammates, it will be close enough to the team you just played in order to continue socializing from a distance.
- You are to disinfect your own spot at the table at the end of each night, please push the chair in to the table to indicate that this has been done. If you are unsure or uncomfortable about whether your chair has been disinfected feel free to do that before you use it.
- Masks are mandatory while walking around.
- You will not be able to stand and drink, you must be at your table to enjoy your beverage of choice.

4. Bar and Food

- ***Bar will be open between the hours of 6:45pm and 7:50pm. Drinks will not be served after the games due to the Orange Zone Frameworks setting our health unit is currently in. YOU MUST BE READY TO PLAY YOUR GAME AT 8:00 PM***
- ***Bartenders will need to plan to arrive early before the game to do their volunteer duty and then go curl.***
- Plexiglass barrier will be installed to give added protection to the bartenders
- Glassware will not be used this season (Wine glasses) – Plastic cups only.
- Taped markings on the floor every 6 feet will ensure members are adequately distanced when ordering at the bar.
- In the past you have bought for your opposition – please work out an option with this method of good sportsmanship – buy for your own teammates or yourself, hand sanitize before touching oppositions drink etc.
- Face coverings are always required in the clubroom except when a member is seated at their team table. (same ruling as a restaurant/bar)
- We will be tightening our restrictions on access to the bar. Only one person should be behind the bar and serving. You will not be able to serve yourself.
- There will be one opportunity per night to allow for a change in bartender with full sanitization.
- The bartender will also be given a checklist to review and ensure that all required cleaning is done each night. This mean the bartender will need to be the last to leave the club.

- *Under the Government's Orange Zone Framework for Restaurants and Bars – The Bartender must stop selling alcohol by 9pm and everyone must leave the clubroom premise by 10:00 pm. This is subject to changed based on the colour code our Health unit is currently in.*

- Those leagues who serve a lunch normally will not have access to the kitchen and will not be able to do a "buffet setup" for serving, even if its individually wrapped. With permission from Public Health – Pizza will be allowed to be brought in but must be served at each table. (e.g. Each team will have a box of pizza to themselves). The pizza delivery person will not be allowed in the building so a designated person must greet them at the front entrance.
- **NO TABLE GAMES ALLOWED** (e.g. Euchre, all card and chip games) according to the Ontario Government Casino's framework.

5. Ice Set up

- **All four sheets of ice will be installed**
- The club will not be providing brooms during the current season.
 - Sliders will be available to new curlers as a loan out per draw.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each ice on both ends.
- You are to disinfect your own rocks at the start of each game. Each member family has been asked to donate a canister of Lysol Wipes for this purpose.
- If possible, we recommend using other ways to keep score, for example one player may use their phone. If that is not available, only one person is to be designated for each ice to keep score during the game, this is to limit the number of people touching the numbers. If boards and scores are used PLEASE Disinfect after your game.
- Measuring equipment will remain accessible on the ice. Disinfect your hands before using it and wipe the sticks down after.
- Supply your own coin for the coin toss.
- Tissue and garbage receptacles will be available as usual for players on each sheet.
- Only the Head Ice Makers and the Ice Tech Team members will handle any ice maintenance equipment (this includes the Mops)

6. Game Play, Leagues.

- **Masks will not be mandatory on the ice but highly recommended at this time** as long as you are able to maintain a safe distance from other players. **All Leagues are suggested to have 1 SWEEPER, but if your team chooses to have 2 sweepers it is mandatory for those 2 sweepers to wear a face covering.**
- House control: **Opposing Skip can sweep rocks behind the t-line if both Skips are both wearing a face covering. If you as a skip choose not to wear a face covering – you will not be allowed to sweep your opposing teams rocks behind the t- line.**
 - Please try and remain a safe distance away from the other team who is in control of the house until the point of needing to sweep a rock. Same goes for sweepers coming into the house play.
- The rocks on each sheet must be cleaned before and after each game (your responsibility to clean your own 2 rocks).
- No one will touch rocks other than their own.

- In the past we shake hands before and after the games – please just wish everyone a good game by either tapping your broom heads or just waving and say “have a good game or good game”
- There will be a sign in sheet for spares in order to record their name and phone number each night they are curling.
- Leagues will be restricted to only one draw in an evening/daytime to reduce the potential of intermingling of both draws in the clubhouse and to allow proper disinfection time.
- Leagues will only allow a max of 32 curlers to a draw and it will be done on a first come first signed up basis. A waiting list will be formed if there are more than 32 curlers signed up for a draw. These individuals will be the spares if required.
- Vices will need to write down the scores on the scoring cards and hand to the draw committee member in charge of your night. The front Bulletin board will not be used this year for recording scores to eliminate a “touch point that would see high traffic”. A binder/duo tang will be given to each night for these sheets to be kept in.
- **WHILE IN THE ORANGE ZONE for EVENING LEAGUES: Our games can still be played but you must vacate the premises after your game. You will have 30 minutes to leave the building after you have disinfected your chair and table space where your outdoor clothing and curling bag was put. ABSOLUTELY NO Alcohol will be served after evening games.**
- **DAYTIME LEAGUES MUST BE VACATED from the Premises by 3:00 pm**

7.) Protocols for Positive COVID-19 CASE in our Club.

- Should a member suspect or be diagnosed as positive with COVID-19 virus they must notify the Risk Management committee from the board of directors (listed below) and Public Health right away. Public Health will require access to the contact list of players within the league(s) that member plays. This member must follow Public Health Guidelines.
- It would be expected that any other curling member that is in close contact with the infected member, would self-isolate for 14 days. This could mean that the league he or she played in will not run for the 14 days due to this and the proximity that members will be in on the ice if not social distancing properly. (ie sweeping with 2 members)
- They must not return to the club until they are symptom free and they have a negative Covid-19 test.
- A deep clean of the building would be conducted by a hired company with priority to the most likely areas that the infected member encountered.

8.) Cleaning of the whole facilities

- All tables, chairs, light switches, doorknobs, alarm system keypad, cooler doors in bar, cash register buttons etc., in addition to the two washrooms will be thoroughly cleaned by the hired cleaner regularly.
- A cleaning log will be kept by the Club’s cleaner.
- The facility may be “fogged” every morning after a league has used the facility. (only if we purchase this)

9.) Junior Curling Program – If opens in January

- 1 parent to a child allowed in the building and must sit at the tables. (this does not include on ice helpers)
- Junior curlers must abide by the game play rules and ice set rules as set out above.

10.) Waivers and Declaration of Compliance

- Should a member wish to curl this season, they must sign a waiver, acknowledging the risk of contracting the virus and risk of the sport at the AACC.
- Members will also be required to sign a Declaration of Compliance to acknowledge that in the best interest in the health and safety of our members, they will comply with the new procedures introduced this season.

Created by The Board of Directors of 2020-2021 Season

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