

# COVID-19 Operational Plan: Re/Max Centre 2020

- This operational plan has been prepared by the Re/Max Centre Board of Directors with the objectives of protecting the health and safety of members and ensuring minimum economic viability of the club's operations. It intends to respect provincial health and Curling Canada guidelines and regulations for sport's return to play.
- Due to the ongoing uncertainty and evolution of the pandemic, this plan is subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the Board, without prior notice to members.

## 1. Curling Canada Agreements (Risk Management)

- **Adults.** Adult members shall sign the following forms when registering for membership:
  - Curling Canada Waiver Form
  - Curling Canada Declaration of Compliance Form
- **Juniors.** Parents or guardians of junior members shall sign the following forms when registering their dependent juniors for membership:
  - Curling Canada Assumption of Risk Form
  - Curling Canada Declaration of Compliance Form

## 2. Building/Member Safety (Cleaning & Distancing)

- **Signage.** Management will be placing signage around the club that describes COVID-19 symptoms and advises members to stay at home if experiencing any symptoms.
- **Hygiene.** Management will ensure there is an emphasis on personal hygiene (hand washing, avoid touching surfaces, etc.) and will provide sanitizer, disinfectants, soap, and cleaning supplies for member use.
- **Cleaning.** The club will perform a full daily cleaning of the facility, including used tables and chairs, and be otherwise informed by the Curling Canada cleaning guidelines.
- **Occupancy.** The club is currently subject to an occupancy maximum load of 100 people, which may be lowered at any time back down to 50. To sustainably minimize intermingling of groups of players actively on the ice and those scheduled to play later, the club will institute the following protocol:
  - For early draws in league play, the downstairs lounge will be considered a "no go zone" except for changing immediately prior to the game and entering/exiting the

ice shed. Each sheet will have a designated area in the downstairs lounge for changing and leaving belongings.

- In order to maintain adequate separation from the ice shed (the performance space), the upstairs space will be deemed the usable space for spectators unless there is no risk of crowding in the downstairs lounge.
  - After early draws in league play, players may still purchase beverages at the downstairs bar after their games, but must immediately bring their drinks to the upstairs space and maintain physical distancing in the upstairs space.
    - **Exception:** wheelchair curlers and others with accessibility issues, who may partake post-game in the downstairs lounge with the opposing team.
  - After the final (late) draw of the evening, players will use the downstairs lounge for post-game distanced gatherings.
  - If the upstairs space is rented on a particular evening, the decision to allow use of the downstairs lounge on that evening will be at the discretion of the manager considering the actual occupancy on that evening.
- **Traffic Flow.** The club will be attempting to mitigate crowding to the extent possible:
    - Members should enter as usual by the front door, but leave the building by either the back door or the door adjacent to the main front door (directly from upstairs).
    - Players playing games on Sheets 1-3 should enter/exit the ice shed via the Sheet 1 door, with players on Sheets 4-6 entering/exiting via the Sheet 6 door (subject to exception for wheelchair curlers and other accessibility issues).
  - **Water.** The club will not be providing water dispensers this season. Members must bring their own water or buy beverages at the club, and mark their names on water bottles (which will be thrown out if not promptly recovered by the owner).
  - **Locker Rooms.** As required by provincial health authorities, the locker rooms will be closed for this season unless current measures are relaxed. Washrooms will still be accessible. Players should arrive changed and ready to play to the extent possible to reduce the incidence of pre-game crowding, and will be responsible to take their equipment to and from the club for all games and practices. All members are requested to put their name on their equipment (shoes, grippers, brooms, etc).
  - **Rental Equipment.** Subject to the manager's discretion, a small set of rental equipment will be made available upon request, and will be sanitized on a per-use basis.
  - **Stones.** Players shall select their set of stones prior to each game, should sanitize those stones before the game, and shall not interchange stones at any point.

- **Ice Maintenance:** Only designated personnel will be permitted to use or otherwise handle ice-making equipment; any exceptions must be approved by the manager.
- **Masking:**
  - The requirement for members to wear masks is dictated by public health authority directives regarding indoor spaces in effect at any given time.
  - At present, masks are required when entering or exiting the building, or moving about the common spaces in the club, including washrooms.
  - At present, **the only exceptions** to wearing a mask while inside the club, in accordance with current NL health directives, are as follows:
    - (1) you may remove your mask once reaching your sheet of play in the ice shed and you are about to start your game/practice, and must immediately re-mask once your game/practice has concluded before leaving your sheet of play/practice; and
    - (2) you may remove your mask while seated at a table for a post-game distanced gathering (i.e. similar to restaurants).

### 3. League Management

- **Staggered Starts.** To assist with physical distancing in league play, and to minimize crossover traffic between early and late draws, for this season the club will institute staggered start times for the early draw and late draw in all member leagues:
  - The early draw will have three sheets (e.g. Sheets 4-6) begin play 30 minutes prior to the remaining three sheets (e.g. Sheets 1-3).
  - The late draw will have three sheets begin play 15 minutes prior to the remaining three sheets.
  - Exact start times for each league will be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Curling Director.
  - For league play, all members will be expected to arrive for their games only in enough time to change shoes and briefly warm up before play begins.
- **Extra Ends.** To minimize interruptions to league schedules, there will be no extra ends in any league this season. For leagues who previously allowed extra ends (e.g. Superleague, Major League), wins will be determined by a draw to the button. The team with hammer in the extra end will choose first or second draw to the button.
- **Pre-Game Practice.** Practice for Major League and Superleague will be comprised of one rock up and back for each player, with assigned hammers.

- **Spares.** Though online rosters will be used primarily for contact tracing purposes, the club will provide spare sign-in sheets that must be signed by any spares during league play for the purposes of contact tracing.

## 4. Gameplay

- **Curling Canada Guidance.** For anything not specifically mentioned in this plan for in-game play, please see the most up to date online version of Curling Canada's Return To Play Guidelines - e.g. diagram for player positioning on the ice to maintain distancing.
- **Salutations.** No pre-game handshakes or similar - use broom taps or similar.
- **Hammer.** No coin flips for hammer (use stopwatches, coin flip apps, etc.)
- **Scorekeeping:**
  - Regular scoreboard use will not be available this season.
  - If the teams choose to use the scoreboard for a particular game, the opposing teams must assign one player to be responsible for scorekeeping.
  - The assigned scorekeeper will keep track of both teams' score by using two pre-assigned tags to track the aggregate score of each team.
- **Sweepers:**
  - As per Curling Canada guidelines for game play and competition, currently only one sweeper at a time will be allowed to sweep its own team's delivered stone. The one-sweeper requirement will be assessed on an ongoing basis to determine if there are any exceptions for competitive league or tournament play.
  - The player controlling the house (the skip) cannot sweep at all – i.e. cannot sweep its own team's rock, or the other team's rock behind the tee line.

## 5. Junior Programs - Special Considerations

- The Junior Director, Laura Phillips, has established a special junior subcommittee that will be responsible for COVID-19 related protocols for the following junior programs:
  - Weekday after-school program
  - Saturday Little Rocks
  - Saturday Interleague
  - Saturday Learn to Curl

- In addition to the rules and guidelines contained in this operational plan, which will still apply in full to junior programs, the junior subcommittee will be releasing guidance related to coach attendance, parent/guardian attendance, chaperone involvement, and maximum numbers in each program.
- The club expects that as a result of the need to reduce overcrowding of our popular junior programs, ice availability on Saturdays for other club members will be particularly limited by the modifications required to the junior programming this season.