



Caribou  
Curling Club

# Caribou Curling Club

## Return to Play Guidelines

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*Disclaimer: With the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, and new information from local, provincial, and federal governments and governing Curling bodies this document is subject to change. Further revisions will be posted at the club and on our website when necessary.*

*We encourage members to please provide feedback on this document by contacting the Club via email at [cariboucurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:cariboucurlingclub@gmail.com).*

## **Opening Message:**

The Caribou Curling Club experience will be quite a bit different this year as we deal with COVID-19 and everything that comes with it. Our main objective is to try and keep our members and guests as safe as possible while enjoying the curling experience. The following document will try and answer your questions as best as possible. These guidelines are subject to change and may be modified as we move forward. We will be following guidelines put forth by Curling Canada.

<https://www.curling.ca/blog/2020/07/06/return-to-play-guidelines/>

## ***On the Ice:***

**If you feel sick or have symptoms pertaining to COVID-19, please stay home.**

Masks will **NOT** be mandatory on the ice, but they can only be removed once you reach your sheet of play. It will be up to each individual to decide whether or not they want to wear one during gameplay.

All curlers will enter the Ice area from the door that is closest to their sheet.

When your game is over please exit through the same door that you entered. Please be aware of any throwing teams or other players standing on the backboards and allow time to properly social distance.

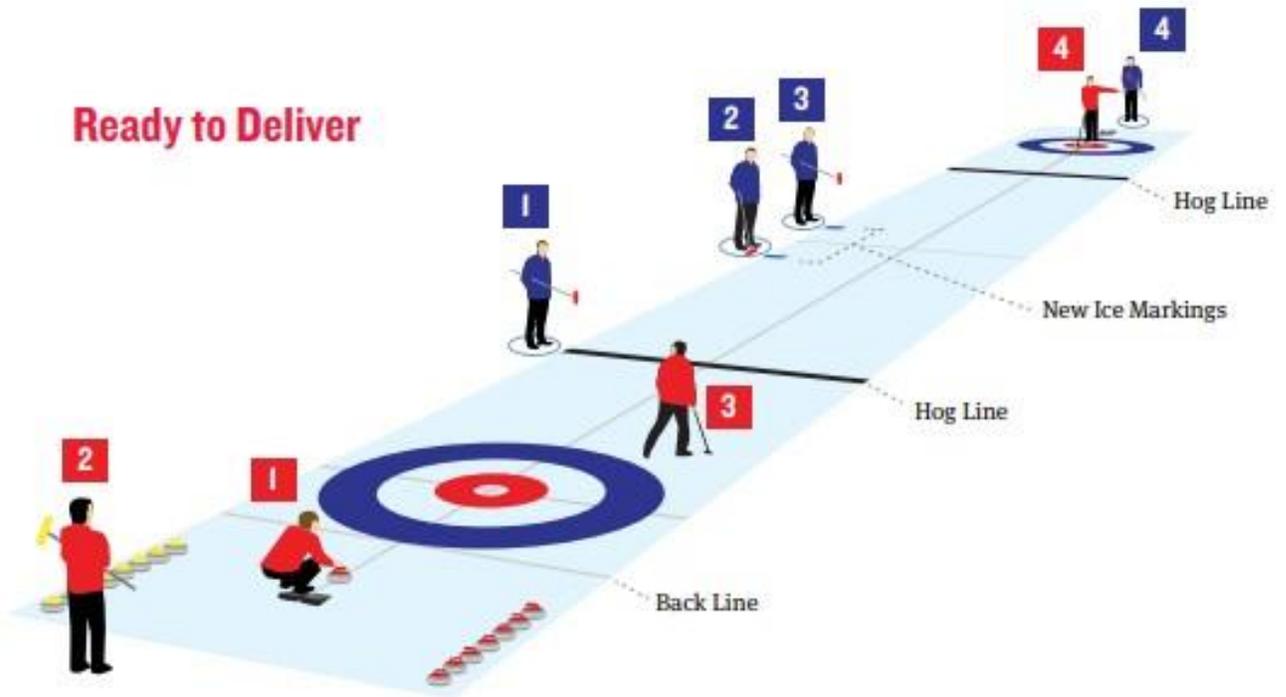
All curlers should come ready to play with all their own equipment. If you require curling equipment please contact the club for a variety of options.

Brooms, stabilizers and step on sliders may be available under certain circumstances, provided they are sanitized after each use.

Here are the changes that you can expect:

- **PLEASE MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING (6FT OR 2M APART) ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES**
- The single sweeper rule:
  - Only one sweeper will be allowed at a time
  - No switching during a throw
  - No sweeping behind the T-line
  - No one aside from the dedicated sweeper for a shot can sweep any stone (including ticks, bumps and raises)
- No coins will be provided. Curlers may bring their own coin (only 1 person handles it), or may use a rock-paper-scissors method, or use your stopwatch (odd/even)
- No handshakes (greet each other with a socially distanced broom tap)
- Rock colours will be pre-assigned (on drawsheet) before games to ensure teams only practice with their own rocks
- One person from each team will be designated to clean their own team's rocks before each game
- Avoid team congregations on backboards
- Assign one person to mark both teams scores
- No touching other curler's rocks with your hand (Use foot or broom)
- If a Measuring device is required assign one of the Thirds to handle the stick, perform the measure, use a sanitizing wipe to clean the stick before putting it away

See below Illustration from Curling Canada on the Flow of Play:



**Non-Delivering Team:** The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on these marking 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.

### ***Off the Ice:***

**EVERYONE IN THE BUILDING WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING UNLESS THEY ARE IN THE ICE ARENA OR SEATED AT YOUR TABLE IN THE LOUNGE**, this is in accordance with the Public Health Regulations mandating masks or face coverings be worn in all public buildings. Please be respectful of your fellow curlers and staff.

**If you feel sick or have symptoms pertaining to COVID-19 please stay home.**

We ask that curlers arrive dressed to curl no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of your game. When you arrive please head to the staging area of the sheet you are playing on.

The Draw Schedule and Results will be posted on the bulletin board in the club. We ask that you do not congregate around this area; check and see what sheet you are playing on and move to that staging area. Draw Schedule will also be available on our website.

Hand sanitizer stations will be set up throughout the facility. We will also be doing extra cleaning at more frequent times than normal. Markings and signage will be placed on the floor and on walls to help with flow throughout the building.

A waiver signature will be required to curl in any league this year:

*For Adults, this will include a Curling Canada Waiver Form, and a Curling Canada Declaration of Compliance Form. For Juniors, this includes a Curling Canada Assumption of Risk Form.*

**Locker/changing rooms will not be available this year.** Please come dressed to curl.

Spectators or non-members are still allowed to enter the club if space permits.

We know this season will be difficult and different but we ask that each curler try to maintain physical distancing as much as possible and please be respectful of each other as we try and make this season as enjoyable and safe as we can

## **Bar Area:**

### **The Caribou Curling Club Bar will be OPEN!**

We will be following NL government Guidelines for Restaurants and Lounges in our Bar area.

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/information-sheets-for-businesses-and-workplaces/guidance-for-restaurants/>

- Extra cleaning and sanitizing will be done
- Signage and markings will be posted to direct traffic flow
- Masks **ARE** required but can be removed once seated at your table
- Tables and chairs have been reduced to follow social distancing guidelines
- Hand sanitizer will be located at each table
- Please leave all empties, food trays, dinnerware on your table when you are finished to reduce the traffic around the bar area

## **Outbreak Protocol:**

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of a person or persons who were at the CCC in the last 14 days we ask that they notify us immediately so we can track when they were at the club and notify each person they may have come into contact with. The Club will immediately contact NL Public Health for further guidance, and also contact each person who may have come into contact with the positive case by email or phone.

All members will be notified of the positive case and the club may be closed for a certain period of time until we determine it is safe to return.

At any time the CCC may be forced to close due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will have a refund policy in place in the event that this happens.

We fully understand that the upcoming season will be a challenge and we will do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please be respectful of staff and curlers as we figure this season out.

As the days and weeks go on this document may change, please look for updates as we move forward.

*Caribou Curling Club Executive and Staff*