

August 31, 2020 (REVISED – October 20th 2020)

FROM: Huntington Hills Curling Club and Community Association

RE: COVID Return to play protocols and procedures

Note: This document will be updated as things change and progress

Please read the entire document and establish your new routines to enjoy your 2020-2021 Curling Season and stay healthy and safe.

All patrons who wish to enter the Huntington Hills Curling Club and Community Association during the pandemic understand the risk of Covid 19. You will enter the building at your own risk. Alberta Health Services (AHS) reserves the right to adjust/cancel rentals as needed.

**Refund Policy – HH will refund fees on a pro-rated bases ONLY if AHS closes/shuts down our facility. Refunds will be Pro-rated on ice used. There will be NO other reason for refund.**

**DO NOT ENTER the building if you are ill or experiencing symptoms of Covid 19 or have been exposed to someone who has Covid 19 or someone in your household has travelled internationally in the past 14 days.**

Physical Distancing must be practised and wash hands often.

Additional hand sanitizing units have been placed throughout the building and curling lounge area.

NOTE: No access to any other part of the Community Association. Please go directly to the Curling area.

## **PROCEDURAL OUTLINE FOR CURLERS:**

### **Prior To Play**

1. There is a waiver form (on the webpage) that must be signed and returned to HHCA, as a hard copy, before being allowed to play. This goes for spares as well.
2. Leave all valuables at home. Do not leave in your car as vehicle break ins are inevitable at recreation facilities.

### **Entry To Curling Club**

1. YOU MUST WEAR A MASK UPON ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING.
2. Entry into the building MUST be through the front lobby doors at the main parking lot entrance. If you park out behind the building you must walk around to the front doors to enter the building.
3. Washrooms – there will be a maximum of 2 people at a time in the washrooms.
4. There is NO ACCESS TO THE LOCKER ROOM.
5. Players should arrive dressed and ready to play with only shoes needing to be changed.
6. In the winter, it would be recommended to bring a bag for boots/shoes so as not to drip snow, slush or gravel when transferring belongings onto the ice area.
7. Leagues and their executive are responsible to inform all of their participants of the proper indoor traffic flows and protocols in place.
8. Early Draw Curlers: 4:00 pm or 6:30 pm start times – you may enter the curling lounge 15 minutes prior your draw time only. You will change your shoes in the lounge. You will walk to the lounge down the stairs and turn right to enter the lounge area. You will exit after your game through the back-stairway doors.
9. Late Draw Curlers: 7:00 & 9:00 pm start times – you will enter the building then walk down the stairs and TURN LEFT and go to the away end of the ice area or the Senior Pioneers end. You will enter into this area with mask on and put on your shoes etc. and prepare for your game. You are only allowed to arrive **15 minutes prior** to your draw time. Upon completion of your game you will exit into the lounge through either door behind sheet 1 or 8 at the home end of the ice area. (the normal way we enter the lounge after a game).
10. REMEMBER ALL CURLERS – Take all of your belongings with you on to the ice and leave on the backboard area. You will only change your shoes either in the lounge or the away end

Senior area before and after a game.

### **Before Play**

1. Once ice is ready, you will enter the ice area from a doorway behind sheet 1 at the away end of the ice area.
2. Late Draws: teams enter the ice according to what sheet they playing on (starting with Sheet 8 then Sheet 7 and descending order after that), from the Pioneer Room.
3. Please use alternative non-touch greetings to begin play.
4. No Coin Toss: use alternative to determine hammer.
5. There will be NO WATER jugs on ice – please bring your own water bottles.
6. Curlers must wear their masks until their game begins.

### **During Play**

1. No spectators allowed behind the glass or on the ice.
2. One designated curler, from each team, will be responsible cleaning just the handles of their rocks at the beginning and end of the game. Wipes will be made available, on the boardwalks, between the sheets
3. There is only ONE (1) sweeper allowed on all delivered stones. You may not relay so that the second sweeper takes over half-way down the sheet.
4. The non-delivering team MAY NOT sweep any rocks – including their own.
5. There will be a designated marked area where the teammate not sweeping or delivering may stand.
6. Only ONE member of the non-delivering team should be behind the back line.
7. No team meetings behind the house on or off the ice.
8. After delivering your rock you should move to the nearest unoccupied standing zone.
9. This will allow the other player from the other team to move into position for the next shot. Players should touch only the rocks they are delivering. They should move other stones at the conclusion of an end with their broom or foot.
10. Players should NOT clean the bottom of the rocks with their hands or gloves but rather use their broom to clean off a rock.
11. If the measuring device is used, the person using it must wipe it down before putting it back.
12. Late Draws: when finished, return rocks to the home end.
13. When there is a second draw of the night (like the 9pm draw) the rocks from the 6:30pm draw CAN be left at the senior's end. The logic is that the 9:00pm group will be entering the ice from the senior's end. As there is NO draw after the 9:00pm draw, the rocks must be returned to the home end. We expect the rocks to be returned to the home end at the end of every game when there is no draw on immediately after the first draw. After your game gather all of your belongings and take off the ice area promptly as we want to ensure change over of draws is smooth and all cleaning that need to be completed is done so efficiently. Remember – our ice staff look after the entire facility not just the curling ice area and as curlers we need to assist in whatever we can in order that all ice surfaces are prepped and ready for the next group.
14. Wipe down the rocks at the end of the game.

### **After Play**

1. Exit the building in the main lobby through the side door, by the administrative office. There is a sign to identify the exit. Do not exit through the sliding doors.

### **Lounge**

1. You may remove your mask once at your table, after the game. You must put the mask back on to go to the bar to place an order, you must put your mask back on when leaving the lounge to go to the washrooms and you must put your mask back on when leaving the lounge and leaving the building.

2. There will be a maximum of 4 people per table in the lounge and Seniors end curing areas. Please do not move tables together – this is to adhere to social distancing guidelines

3. Bar will be open as usual with limited seating.

### **Additional Information**

1. Registration is open online.

2. Adult Learn To Curl, Corporate Rental, Ice Rental must abide by all above protocols

3. Bonspiels: Mens Bonspiel (January), we will update Bonspiel protocol closer to the date.

### **Juniors: Covid-19 Protocols**

1. JUNIORS – Must follow all Covid 19 guidelines – including Juniors MUST wear a mask into the building and in the lounge area. Once they are on the ice, they may take their masks off.

Coaches must wear mask at all times as they are usually talking loudly so participants can hear them. Coaches will clean all handles before and after a class and will assign two rocks per curler to be used during the session. This will ensure that all rocks touched will be cleaned twice during the junior session of play. Junior should arrive 10 minutes before the lessons start time.

2. Juniors Spectators – there is a limit of 1 (one) parent or guardian per family of the junior curler to watch from behind the glass. All Junior brooms and sliders and helmets that are property of the HHCC will be sanitized by the Junior Coordinator and volunteer coaches before the Junior curler may use the equipment. Sanitizing station beside the broom rental box area. At the conclusion of the session – the Junior Coordinator will sanitize brooms, sliders and helmets before putting them away. Helmets borrowed from the club will also be sprayed with a head lice spray as well as sanitized. PARENTS when picking up your Junior Curlers please arrive as close to the end time of the class as possible. All players must sanitize on the way out of the building and parents must sanitize and wear a mask upon entering the building. If children are sick – stay home.

**THANK YOU AND LET'S DO OUR PART  
TO MAKE IT SAFE FOR EVERYONE.**