



QDCC RETURN TO CURLING GUIDELINES – 2021-2022



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **DO NOT COME TO THE FACILITY IF YOU FEEL ILL FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING EXPERIENCING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**
- **Declaration of COVID-19 Vaccination Status** – Recent BC Public Health Orders require full vaccination to participate in non-essential activities like curling. **As such, anyone on site at QDCC must be vaccinated.** The only exception are children under age 12 who may still participate in the Junior program, but must wear a mask at all times. Anyone who is not vaccinated and/or does not declare and prove their vaccination status cannot enter the building to curl in leagues or bonspiels, visit the Café or Lounge, or watch games. Proof of status will be required prior to the first game played and/or when visiting the Lounge in the case of spectators. We will continue to follow Island Health and PHO guidelines and update our health safety operating procedures accordingly. All staff are vaccinated. Thank you for cooperating with staff as they carry out this important task.
- **Masks** - Masks are mandatory in the building except while seated for eating and drinking. Masks are optional for anyone aged 12+ while curling. Children under age 12 must wear masks at all times.
- **Cleaning** - Surfaces, touch points, doors, and washrooms in all areas are cleaned and disinfected frequently. Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout the building. Please sanitize your hands when entering the building or touching multiple surfaces.
- **Curling equipment** - Rocks and scoreboards are sanitized before each game. Curlers are responsible for cleaning the measuring devices before each use with the disinfectant wipes provided in the ice area. Loaner equipment used during clinics and coaching is sanitized between uses.
- **Entering & Exiting the Building** – Entering and exiting is permitted from the front door (Veterans Way) to access the lower lobby level and the Lounge. The back door (Church Parking Lot) is only be used for exiting the building (not entering). Please maintain social distance as much as possible.
- **Locker Room** – The locker room is open. Ventilation is in place for improved air circulation. To rent a locker for the full season, choose PRODUCTS in the Curling I/O system and a locker will be secured for you. Locks are included in the rental fee.
- **Lounge & Café** - The Lounge and Café are open to curlers and guests who are vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. Masks are required except while seated. Movement/mingling between tables is not permitted. Please follow all social distancing guidelines and cleaning protocols.
- **Payments** - Debit or credit card with “tap” payment is strongly recommended in the Lounge and Pro Shop. Pin pads are disinfected after each use. Cash only is accepted in the Café.
- **Physical distancing** - Physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) is recommended in all areas.
- **Practice Ice Time/On-ice Instruction** – Practice ice and coaching sessions are available during the season. An on-line reservation system will replace the on-site sign-up process previously used.
- **Spectators** – Spectators, including parents and coaches of junior players, who are vaccinated and show proof of status are permitted to be on-site.
- **Waivers** – All members must sign the Club waiver when registering on-line. Please read it carefully.
- **Youth/Children** - Children who are too young to be vaccinated may still participate in the Junior program. They must wear a mask at all times. Parents and coaches of junior players must be vaccinated and show proof of status to be on-site.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION & FEES

- **DO NOT COME TO THE FACILITY IF YOU FEEL ILL FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING EXPERIENCING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**
- **League Fees** – Some league fees increased slightly for the first time in four years. Other applicable fees remain unchanged (Club Fee, CurlBC, Curling Canada and PCMCA):
 - \$260/curler for one Full Season weekly league (21 games) plus GST
 - \$135/curler for one session (Fall or Winter) plus GST
 - \$70/curler for one session in a Stick League (Fall or Winter) plus GST
 - \$100/curler for the Junior Program (ages 8-20) for the Full Season (October to mid-March)
 - Multi-league discounts are applicable on Full Season fees only: 2nd League = 10% discount, 3rd League = 20% discount, 4th or more Leagues = 30% discount.
- **Membership Fees – QDCC, Curling Canada, CurlBC, PCMCA**
 - Membership Fees remain unchanged from the previous season. QDCC Club Fees \$10.50/adult, \$5/junior; Curling Canada \$2.00/curler; CurlBC \$18.00/adult; Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association \$5.00/curler aged 60+.
 - Membership Fees are due once/season when registering for the first time and are applicable for the full season.
- **Registration Dates** – Registration opens on Wed., Sept. 1st for all leagues and curlers (current and new). Curlers can register for one session (Fall or Winter) or the entire season (small fee discount applies). Curlers are encouraged to register early as this helps to determine league capacity and assist putting teams together who may need players. Registration closes on Thurs., Sept. 30th (end of day). League schedules will be created and communicated to skips the following week. League play starts on October 4th for the Fall Session and Jan. 3/2022 for the Winter Session.
- **Refunds** – Membership and league fees are eligible for refunds as per the Club's standard policy, however, if a curler stays away when feeling ill or when required to self-isolate, refunds for games missed will not be processed. If the Club is required by the Gov't of BC and/or Health Authority to shut down for reasons related to COVID-19, pro-rated refunds for games not played will be processed.

TEAMS, SPARES & EQUIPMENT

- **Teams** – Unless advised otherwise, curlers register as four member teams (or 5 or 6) for 'Team of Choice (TOC)' leagues and play games with four players. 'Out of the Hat (OHH)' leagues register as individual curlers and are placed on teams of four. Stick leagues are teams of two players.
- **Spares** – Spares are permitted if they are vaccinated and hold a 2021-2022 QDCC membership (including Curling Canada and CurlBC membership fees).
 - Members can add their name to the spare lists of their choice which is posted at the Club.
 - If a member is registered in a league, there is no charge for sparing. If a member is NOT registered in a league, the cost is \$12 each time they curl payable before playing.
 - Spare names and contact info. will be posted on the bulletin boards. Players are encouraged to take photos of the lists for future reference. Members will be provided with a PDF version of the Club Roster which will have the phone number and email address of all members. Spares can be contacted using the Roster information.

- **Curling equipment** - Rocks and scoreboard markers are sanitized before each game. Curlers are responsible for cleaning the measuring devices before each use with the disinfectant wipes provided in the ice area. Equipment cannot be borrowed or rented out this season, except for clinics and the Junior Program. The Pro Shop has equipment available for purchase including some used equipment.
- **Practice Ice Time/On-ice Instruction** – Practice ice and coaching are available during the season. An on-line reservation system will replace the on-site sign-up process previously used.

BEFORE YOU PLAY

- **Buzzer/Bell** – The buzzer/bell is used during games to keep games on schedule and ensure the Ice Technician has time to clean the ice and disinfect equipment effectively between draws. The buzzer will ring 1 hour and 45 minutes into the game. When you hear the buzzer/bell, finish the end you are in which ends the game. Please be mindful of your speed of play so that you are able to play all 8 ends.
- **Game Times** – Game schedules are posted at the Club and published on the homepage of the Club website www.qualicumcurling.ca.
- **Locker Room** - The locker room is open. Ventilation is in place for improved air circulation. To rent a locker for the full season, choose PRODUCTS in the Curling I/O system and a locker will be secured for you. Locks are included in the rental fee.

WHEN YOU PLAY

- **Benches** – Benches are available for sitting and holding equipment (please keep the seating free of equipment; use the holders on the ends of the benches).
- **Coin Toss/Hammer** – The Thirds/Vice-Skips decide hammer in the first end. Coins are not available at the Club. Bring a coin or use a digital coin toss app or www.justflipacoin.com on your phone.
- **Hand Shakes** - Do not shake hands or high five with others. The game can begin with “good curling”.
- **Keeping Score** – At the conclusion of an end, all players remain outside the rings until the Thirds/Vice-Skips have agreed on the score. Thirds/Vice-Skips are the only players to touch the score cards and move the rocks to the starting positions.
- **Positioning on the Ice** - Opposition stand on the right-hand side of the sheet (going and coming) outside the hog line and 2 metres (6 feet) apart.
- **Rocks** – Only handle the rocks you are throwing. DO NOT touch any other player’s rocks. At the conclusion of an end and once the score is determined, only the Thirds/Vice-Skips are permitted to move the rocks **using their brooms** to the starting locations, not moving by the rock handles.
- **Sweepers** – Two sweepers and sweeping behind the T-line are permitted. Please try to maintain social distance as much as possible during play.