

KLCC Return to Curling Protocols for 2020

The goal of the Executive of the Kirkland Lake Curling Club is to provide a safe and enjoyable curling experience for our members. We want to ensure that members feel comfortable and can safely play, while taking precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19. In order to do this, we have consulted with local Health Authorities, community partners and followed the Curling Canada - Return to Play Guidelines.

The Kirkland Lake Curling Club hopes that these protocols will reduce the risk for our members, but recognizes that even with precautions in place, there is still a risk for the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Building Safety – Protocols for the Lounge, Washrooms and Changeroom

1. All members must review, complete and sign the **“Curling Canada – Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement and the Declaration of Compliance – Covid-19 forms”**, for the curling season before their first game.
2. Anyone entering the Kirkland Gold Curling Centre must self-screen using the self-assessment tool found at www.covid-19.ontario.ca. This must be done before each night of curling. If you are sick or have any symptoms, please stay home – do not curl that draw.
3. Following the Government of Ontario’s protocol, anyone entering the Kirkland Lake Gold Curling Centre must wear a mask or appropriate face covering.
4. Members must use hand sanitizer when entering the Kirkland Lake Gold Curling Centre as well as before entering the ice surface.
5. Masks must be worn everywhere in the club, with the exception of when the member is on the ice curling and when the member is seated at a table eating or drinking.

6. All tables in the lounge will be numbered. Tables will be assigned to players based on what sheet of ice they are playing on that draw. Members must use only the table assigned to their sheet before and after their games. Tables and chairs will be sanitized before each draw, but not while curlers are on the ice.
7. Members will not be able to congregate in the bar area. Please wear a mask and socially distance while you are ordering drinks and immediately bring them to your table, before removing your mask.
8. Only two members will be permitted in each washroom at one time.
9. Lockers and the locker room will be available, but members must allow extra time to keep social distance. Please respect other members space and wait to access your locker until the area around it is clear. It is suggested that curlers arrive dressed to play and only change their shoes at their locker
10. Only members who have a scheduled game and curling club staff will be permitted in the Kirkland Lake Gold Curling Centre each night. No spectators will be allowed in the club to guarantee the maximum of 50 people in the building is not exceeded.
11. Any spares must sign in with full contact information in order to facilitate contact tracing if an outbreak occurs. The skip of the team that the spare is playing for must ensure that the player signs in.

Curling Safety Protocols/Rules

Game play will follow Curling Canada's Return to Play Guidelines found at www.curling.ca.

Some key points/rules from these guidelines are:

1. Curling times will remain the same for each draw, but members are asked to enter the ice surface in a specific order. Entrance to the curling ice will be through the Ice 1 door. The teams from the highest numbered sheet will enter first. Once the first rock from that game has been thrown, the members from the next lower numbered sheet will enter and begin their game. This procedure will follow until all games are started.
2. The exit for the ice surface will be the Ice 6 door.
3. All stones will be sanitized before each game. Only touch your own 2 stones. Do not move "courtesy rocks" out for your opposition. At the completion of each end, rocks are to be removed from the house only by using feet or brooms.
4. Do not shake hands before or after the game. Use another way to wish your opponent luck and thank them for the game.
5. Scoreboards will not be used this season. There will be scoresheets on the bench at the far end. The vice skip from the team that has the last rock in the first end, will be assigned to record both teams scores on the scoresheet for each game.
6. Last rock in the first end must be determined by a method that promotes players remaining socially distanced. Suggestions for this are: using odd or even numbers on a stop watch, rock paper scissors or a coin flip if only 1 player flips the coin and finds the result of the flip.
7. Markings will be placed, near the centre of the ice, to indicate where the non-delivering team's sweepers must stand while the opposition is throwing. The thrower from the non-delivering team will stand outside the hog line. The non-delivering team's skip will stand behind the hack and will not come closer to the rings until the opposing skip relinquishes control of the house.

8. Each rock can only be swept by one player. The player who starts moving with a thrown rock must sweep it until it comes to rest. No other player can sweep this thrown rock. Rocks are not permitted to be swept behind the t-line – by either team.
9. When a game ends, please exit through the Ice 6 door and leave the ice surface following social distancing protocols. Be patient to respect other player's space.