



RETURN TO CURLING POLICIES FOR COVID-19

This is a living policy that may change as the season, COVID-19 related events and/or further government mandates unfold.

It is the responsibility of Curl Mesabi Membership to self-govern using these guidelines, practice social distancing on and off the ice, and adhere to good hygiene.

Stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or are waiting on COVID-19 test results or have been in contact with anyone currently waiting on COVID-19 test results or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

Increased Cleanliness

- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be provided throughout the club.
- Common, frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned daily.
- Do your part to clean tables and other common, frequently touched surfaces after use.
- Disinfect shared club brooms and stabilizers after use.

Traffic Flow

- Main club doors will be marked with ENTER and EXIT signs.
- Stairwells have a designated up and down side. Follow the arrows.
 - If going upstairs after leaving the ice or locker room, use the back hallway.
- Enter the ice using the door designated for the sheet you are playing on.
- Do not rearrange tables and chairs. They have been arranged to allow for social distancing.
- Do not congregate or mingle in common areas.

Masks are required in all areas of the club except while eating or drinking per Minnesota [Executive Order 20-81](#). Although this order does not require a mask while on the ice curling, Curl Mesabi does recommend one be worn.

The upstairs bar and restaurant will be open. Customers must:

- Be seated at all times, including at the counters and bar.
- Run a tab and pay it all at once to limit employees handling of cash/credit cards.
- Only use pens from the “disinfected” container.

- Dispose of their own bottles/glasses/dinnerware in provided containers.
- Be seated at tables marked as “DISINFECTED”.
- Remove the “DISINFECTED” sign and bring it to the bar when vacating a table.
- Pour their own refills into a glass, if using.

Locker rooms will be open, however:

- When possible, arrive dressed and ready to play.
- Should only be used to change shoes and store personal items.

Leagues will start the week of November 30th and continue until the end of March 2021.

To accommodate social distancing on the ice only 6 sheets will be put in this season. This will allow for walkways between each sheet. Sheets will stagger starting positions to reduce crowding.

- Sheets 1, 3 and 5 will start on the window end.
- Sheets 2, 4 and 6 will start on the scoreboard end.

Substitution rules will be relaxed. Club members can sub in any league as many times as needed.

No COVID-19 related forfeitures if the opposing team is notified 90 minutes before game time.

COVID-19 related games not played will not count for OR against your team. League winners will be determined on win/loss percentage.

Club Championship will not be played this season.

If you are diagnosed with a positive COVID-19 test please inform a member of the Safety Committee: Phill Drobnick, Joe Leoni, Jeff Ralston, Steph Dowell, Steve Andrie, Keith Harvey, or Jim Newman. The safety committee will:

- Ensure membership is notified via email of an UN-NAMED positive test on the night you played.
- Ensure you have access to the Minnesota guidelines on what to do if you have COVID-19.
- Report the positive test to USA Curling via their COVID-19 Reporting form.

GAMEPLAY

Teams with an early draw must be off the ice and out of the locker room hallway 1 hour and 45 minutes after the draw start time. The late draw starts 2 hours after the early draw. Late draw teams must enter the locker room hallway/ice no more than 10 minutes before the late draw start time to help prevent over-crowding.

Hammer/Stone color determined by thirds immediately upon entering the ice.

No handshakes or elbow bumps. Start the game with the traditional “Good Curling”.

One person scores for both teams and sanitizes the scoreboard/numbers after the game.

Do not touch any stones, other than the ones you are throwing.

- All players retrieve their own stones.
- After an end, one player from each team should use their feet/broom to clear their team’s stones from play.

Measurements will be done by thirds.

- Sanitize hands before using the measuring equipment.
- Sanitize equipment and hands after use.

Winners clean the ice and sanitize both sets of rocks before leaving the ice.

- Sanitize hands before using the ice cleaning equipment.
- Sanitize equipment and hands after use.

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

Do not enter Curl Mesabi if you answer YES to any of these questions:

- Are you waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?
- Have you received a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you had close contact with someone how has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Close contact is within 6’ for more than 10 minutes.
 - The contact was within 48 hours before the individual was diagnosed or started experiencing symptoms.
- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 14 days:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Sore Throat
 - Loss of Taste or Smell