



RED DEER CURLING CENTRE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WILL THERE BE ANY RULE CHANGES FOR THE SPORT OF CURLING BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

Yes, following Curling Canada's recommendations, the single sweeper rule will be in play. Only one sweeper per shot. No relaying or having another player taking over the sweeping. No sweeping the opponents stone after it passes the T-line. No one aside from the dedicated sweeper for a shot can sweep any stone including ticks, bumps or raises.

2. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE ON ICE EXPERIENCE?

- No handshakes. Consider raising brooms or other non-contact greetings before and after the game.
- No touching other curler's rocks with your hands.
- No group congregating on the backboards.
- All players should stand or walk on the east side of their sheets when they are the non-delivering team.
- Third of the team winning the coin toss shall be responsible for keeping the score for both teams.
- Please sanitize your hands before and after using any measuring sticks.
- Draw times will be staggered.
- Please practice physical distancing

3. IS THE RED DEER CURLING CENTRE ALLOWED TO USE ALL 12 SHEETS OF ICE?

Yes, according to Phase 2 of the AHS guidelines, a facility like the Red Deer Curling Centre is permitted to use all 12 sheets of ice at the same time to normal capacity because curling is considered a non-contact sport that can be played while maintaining physical distances.

4. IF MEMBERS OF A TEAM ARE FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD CAN WE USE TWO SWEEPERS?

No. Whether one is from the same household or not the "single sweeper rule" will be maintained for consistency.

5. WILL ALL RDCC LEAGUES BE PLAYING DURING THE 2020-21 SEASON?

Yes, all leagues will be operating as normal other than the staggered start times.

6. WILL THERE BE A JUNIOR PROGRAM?

Yes, the junior program is planning to proceed as normal as possible. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

7. WILL THERE BE BONSPIELS IN THE 2020-21 SEASON?

Yes, we will continue to plan for the bonspiel season. There may be some bonspiels that cannot be played but with careful planning most bonspiels should be able to take place.

8. WILL LEAGUE FEES BE REFUNDED IF RDCC IS REQUIRED TO SHUT DOWN FOR THE SEASON?

Yes, a modified pro-rated league fee refund will be offered if AHS requires RDCC to shut down for public health safety reasons.

9. WILL MASKS BE REQUIRED?

Currently masks are not required in the City of Red Deer. Curlers are encouraged to use them should they feel it's necessary. Policy on this could change at any time and we will notify you of those changes.

10. WILL LOANER EQUIPMENT BE AVAILABLE?

Yes, loaner equipment will be made available. Proper sanitizing protocols will be in place to ensure a low-risk responsible use. Better yet, purchase your own equipment from our well stocked pro-shop.

11. WILL THE PRO SHOP BE OPEN?

Yes. The pro shop will be open and fully stocked as usual.

12. WILL SLICK'S LOUNGE BE OPEN?

Yes. The lounge will be open as usual. There is lots of room upstairs to social distance. However there is a limit of 6 people per table. You may come early in the evenings for a pre-game drink. Just head directly upstairs from the main entrance.

13. WILL THE KITCHEN BE OPEN?

Yes. The kitchen will be open for lunch and supper. However there may be some reduced hours before and after those times.

14. ARE SPECTATORS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING?

Yes. But there is a limit. In alignment with AHS guidelines and proper physical distancing measures in place we are allowed spectators on the warm side of the glass both upstairs and downstairs.

15. WILL THERE BE SANITIZER AND SANITIZER WIPES AVAILABLE?

Yes. There will be sanitizer wipes out in the ice area for sanitizing your rock handles. As well there will be sanitizer stations and/or bottles throughout the building.

16. CAN WE USE THE LOCKERS?

Yes. With the staggered starts we should have less people in the locker rooms at any one time. However there will be a maximum of 10 people at one time in the locker room. Please use the hand sanitizing station before and after entering locker room. Please practice physical distancing at all times.

17. WHAT IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

Following AHS guidelines, any Covid related incidents at the RDCC will be immediately reported to AHS for next step guidance. All members would be immediately informed. Any extra cleaning and/or sanitizing will be put into action. FYI - The latest sports update from the government says that there is no onus on anyone to inform anyone of a positive test.

18. WILL CURLING IN A LEAGUE AT RDCC MEAN THAT I AM PART OF A "COHORT LEAGUE"?

No. Unlike contact sports that require close contact, curling is considered to be a low risk non-contact sport and physical distancing can be maintained. This means you can play in multiple leagues and curling clubs.

19. WILL THERE BE PRACTICE ICE AVAILABLE?

No. However any competitive teams/players wishing to practice should contact Wade and he will arrange practice times.

20. WHAT IS RDCC DOING TO REDUCE RISK OF SPREADING OR CONTRACTING COVID-19?

The RDCC will be providing hand sanitizer upon entering the building and throughout the facility. We will be increasing our cleaning schedules for ice, bathrooms, and lounge and lobby areas. Also extra daily cleaning of high touch points such as door handles. There will be Plexiglas barriers for the office, kitchen, lounge and pro shop counters.