

RETURN TO CURL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As we prepare to open during this unprecedented time the venue is working diligently to create a safe reopen plan with guidance from the Saskatchewan Government, Curling Canada and CURLSASK which includes several new safety measures for staff and customers. Since many of these measures will be new and will evolve, we want to be sure our guests are aware of these changes.

All curlers, staff and management will be provided return-to-play guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Curling Programmer and Spectra Venue Management operators of the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre. Venue to ensure that rules and guidelines are in place and made available to staff and guests prior to entering the venue. Any changes from the Saskatchewan Health Authority Guidelines re-open guidelines will be reviewed and applied to the venue re-open plan.

The following are anticipated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that we believe should answer some of your questions. But we also know you will have questions so please reach out to Rhonda.



FAQ

WHAT IS THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE PROVIDING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19?

The Mosaic Place will be providing hand sanitizer upon entering the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre and throughout the venue. Above our standard daily cleaning practices, increased and frequent disinfecting will be performed by the house keeping staff of high touch areas. Staff will be wiping down



rocks handles, and other high touch areas on the ice between draws. Directional and social distancing signage will be posted in the curling lobby. Social Distancing markers will be posted throughout the lobby. Specific entrance and exits will be created to name a few of the many changes.

WHEN WILL THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE OPEN?

We are excited to open the doors to league play on Monday October 19th.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN BE ON THE ICE?

A maximum of 10 people per sheet may be on the ice at one time. All curlers are expected to maintain physical distancing and refrain from prolonged contact with others.

WILL THERE BE CHANGES TO LEAGUE FEES?

YES, there will be a slight increase to league fees this year.

WILL LEAGUE FEE REFUNDS BE ISSUED IF SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY RESTRICTION FORCE THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE TO CLOSE THIS CURLING SEASON?

As you are aware, costs for the curling season are generally front-end loaded, with hiring seasonal staff, installing the ice, and this year especially, preparing the club for your arrival and for safe curling for all. In the event the club is forced to close for Covid-19 related issues or a government forced closure, we have put in place a refund policy that will allow for some flexibility in uncertain times, while also recognizing that there are expenditures for the club that we need to take into consideration. You will receive the following percentage of your membership fees depending on the timing of a closure due to Covid-19 or government regulation:

Up to Sep 30:	100%
Oct 1 - Oct 13:	95%
Oct 14 - Nov 13:	80%
Nov 14 - Dec 31:	45%
Jan 01 - Jan15:	30%
Jan 15 -Jan 31:	10%
After Jan 31:	no refund after this date

WILL THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE BE KEEPING RECORD OF ATTENDANCE IN THE EVENT CONTACT TRACING IS REQUIRED?

Each team entering the building will have a self-appointed Safety Captain. The Safety Captain will be responsible for doing wellness checks on their teammates prior to coming to curl at the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre and complete the contact tracing log to be provided at the lower lobby entrance. This will include all team members, coaches, or spectators (if permissible) attending on behalf of that team

A visitor sign in log will required to complete upon arrival for those not part of a team. This will be located at the entrance with the sanitization station.



WHAT RULE CHANGES WILL THERE BE FOR CURLING BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

- Two Sweepers of the non-delivering team will be positioned on markers while the delivering team is throwing.
- Only one sweeper per shot.
- The non sweeping player is on the backboards.
- There will be no handshaking. Please adapt with more socially distant congratulatory gestures
- There will be no scoreboards available.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND METHODS OF PAYMENT?

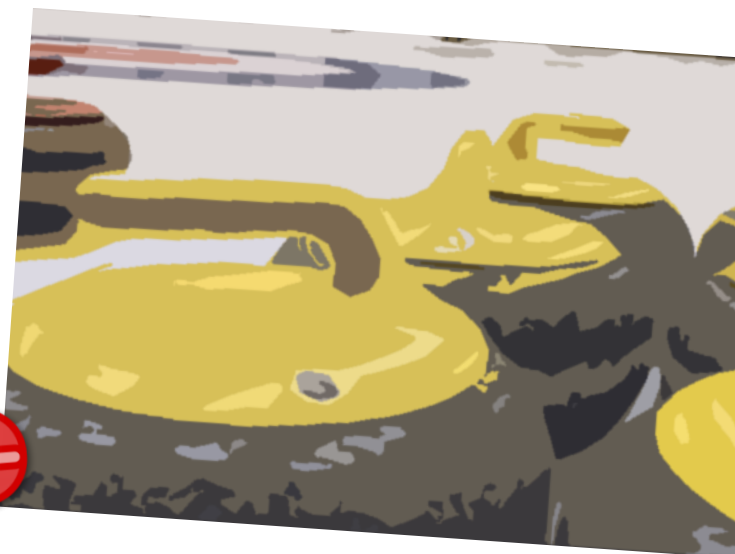
- A new online registration platform has been adopted and is called Curling I/O it will provide contactless payments.
- The Curling office will be closed to guest interaction at this time. If a payment is to be completed the Curling Programmer will come directly the curlers designated area. The POS system will be provided to the curler for a payment and will be sanitized right after.
- Payment with cash is discouraged at this time. Payment by cheque may be deposited in the drop box located directly outside the curling office.

WILL THERE BE ANY OTHER CHANGES ON-ICE FOR THE 20-21 SEASON?

- On the first day of each of the league a mass address to the curlers is required to provide instruction and communication. Curlers will remain in their designated places and refrain from gathering in a large group. There will be a review of new Covid-19 guidelines that exist on and off the ice.
- Curlers will be reminded to pay close attention to league schedules as game times and sheets

may be altered to ensure adherence to proper distancing.

- Instead of a handshake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms.
- Pick a number between 1-10 and closest to that number has the hammer to start the game.
- Do not use coins to decide the last stone advantage in the first end. The league convenors may assign them every game or, use an online tool on your phone: <https://justflipacoin.com/>.
- Players stay on the same side of the sheet. For example, if you are playing on sheet 2, always walk or position yourself on the sideline to sheet 1. This will keep players 10 feet apart.
- Insert two small markings, located four feet from each side of centre ice (roughly 69 feet from the end boards). See Distancing Illustrations (Appendix 5).
- No touching other curler's stones with your hand; use your broom on the side of the rock instead.
- Refrain from touching your rock with your bare hand: use a broom instead to clean your rock.
- No groups congregating on the backboards.



WOULD A PLAYER NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE BEFORE EACH TIME THEY ENTER THE RINK?

This will be a one time only form.

DOES A TEAM NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE CURLING CANADA 1 SWEEPER GUIDELINE?

YES, the one sweeper guideline will be followed for regular league play.

WHAT IF MEMBERS OF MY TEAM ARE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD, CAN WE USE TWO SWEEPERS IN OUR GAME?

NO, to be fair and consistent with the rules, it will be universal for all league games played at the Club.

WILL THE LEARN TO CURL AND YOUTH LEAGUE BE IN OPERATION THIS SEASON?

YES, further details to come.

WHAT IS THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE PROTOCOL IF A COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE OCCURS IN THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE?

- If a person becomes ill, they should immediately stop participating and return home.
 - Try to limit the number of individuals in contact with the sick person.
 - Place a mask over the individual's mouth and nose if they are not able to do so. Maintain a safe distance until the mask is in place.
 - The Moose Jaw Ford Curling Center will keep diligent record of the occupancy of the building to assist with contact tracing when called upon by Saskatchewan Public Health.
 - The venue will act on any recommendation brought forth by the Health Region.
 - The venue may close to the public to allow adequate time for a through clean and disinfectant of the facility.
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WILL LOCKERS AND LOCKER ROOMS BE OPEN?

NO, we are requiring all curlers to come dressed for the game except for footwear. Locker rentals will not be available.

WHERE WILL CURLERS SIT TO PUT ON THEIR SHOES?

Chairs will be placed in the curling lobby to provide an area to prepare for the game. Please arrive dressed and ready to play.



WILL THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE STILL RENT EQUIPMENT?

NO, participants are required to arrive with their own broom, shoes, sliders, and grippers. Equipment on loan will not be available for league play.

WILL THERE BE A CONCESSION, AND WILL THE GREAT WESTERN LOUNGE BE OPEN?

We are exploring all options at this time.

WILL WATER FOUNTAINS BE MADE AVAILABLE?

Water fountains will be closed. Players may bring their own water bottle clearly labeled with their name on it.

WILL THERE STILL BE 50/50 DRAWS?

Fundraising opportunities such as 50/50 draws still, remain to be determined.

CAN CURLERS EXPECT CHANGES ON HOW THE ICE AREA IS ACCESSED?

YES!

- Sheets 1 and 2 will enter and exit onto ice by the curling office.
- Sheets 3-4 will enter and exit onto ice through the center ice doors.
- Sheets 5-6 will enter and exit onto ice through the center ice doors.
- Sheets 7-8 will enter and exit onto ice by doors at the far end of the curling lobby.
- If there is another draw following your play, please exit the curling centre within 20 minutes following end of game.

WILL THERE BE PROPER SIGNAGE AND DIRECTIONAL TRAFFIC WITHIN THE MOOSE JAW FORD CURLING CENTRE?

YES, there will be proper signage and directional traffic within the facility.

WHAT ON ICE EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 20-21 SEASON? WHAT PROCEDURES FOR SANITIZATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE?

- Training equipment, if made available, will be sanitized after each use. Including items such as the video analysis system, tv's, laser, cameras, keyboard, and desk area all located by sheet 1, time clock/TV and laptop.
 - No benches will be placed on ice surface.
 - Measuring devices will be sanitized after each draw. When a curler needs to use a device please put on the gloves provided. When done replace device back where it was, dispose of gloves and sanitize your hands. A sanitization procedure will be posted with the measuring device.
 - Stones
 - Should be sanitized at the start of each draw.
 - Players will select their two stones for the entire draw.
 - Stones will be identified by the numbers on the rock handles.
 - Players will only be permitted to touch their stones.
 - Stones are lined up in single file in the corners.
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HOW WILL THE CASH LEAGUE PAYOUTS HAPPEN?

- Payouts will be awarded by cheque. There will be no payouts in cash form.
- Payouts will take place in December, at the end of Round Robin and at the point of team elimination.



WILL THERE BE WHEELCHAIR CURLING THIS SEASON?

We are waiting for direction.

WILL GUESTS BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?

- Masks may be required if dictated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and/or the authority with jurisdiction.
 - Masks are encouraged by the Saskatchewan Health Authority in situations when social distancing of 6ft is a challenge.
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WHO WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ICE MAKING EQUIPMENT?

- Ice technician and/or their assistant(s) are the only persons allowed to handle ice making equipment: power scraper, hand scrapers, and pebbling cans, brooms, rock dragging, Jet Ice canisters.
- The ice making staff and Curling Programmer are responsible for identifying and implementing a plan to identify high touch areas on the ice playing surface. The sanitization of these high touch areas may be sanitized with the assistance of the acting Safety Captain for each team.
- Ice tech and assistant(s) only are allowed in the Ice Tech room.

ARE SPECTATORS ALLOWED?

- It will be encouraged to limit the number of spectators in the building at this time. Exceptions will be made for one guardian to accompany youth curlers or any curler requiring assistance from a support companion.
 - The permitting of spectators will be determined by the venue and capacities as dictated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. The spectator or spectators will be asked to remain in their labelled section and only travel through the venue for Food or Beverage and restroom access.
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WILL THE CLUB HOST BONSPIELS IN THE 20-21 SEASON?

Yes, we are excited to host bonspiels and will be following all recommendations by CURLSASK and the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

ARE WE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING OUR CURLERS RETURN?

Absolutely!

Do you have a question that was not addressed? Email Rhonda at rwenarchuk@mosaicplace.ca As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, all teams and conditions are subject to change; pending any revised health and safety guidelines via Saskatchewan Health Authority.

