

Lakes Curling Club COVID-19 Return to Curling Policy (Final: 11/4/2020)

This document represents the intended policies for Lakes Curling Club (LCC) upon resuming curling operations. This policy is meant to apply active laws and executive orders related to COVID-19. Specific situations will be interpreted using applicable active laws and executive orders which may change over time. [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#) is the document from which this policy was derived and will be implemented. This policy may be updated on an ongoing basis to best support the health of the club and our members. The updated policy will be posted to the club website and at the club.

GENERAL

1. Persons in the facility shall maintain six foot spacing (social distancing) to the extent possible.
2. Persons inside LCC facilities are required to wear masks and may remove masks only when allowed per Executive Order 20-81.
3. All entrants must self-screen for COVID symptoms using the sign posted at the entrance. Those with symptoms should not enter the building. LCC will not be providing a temperature scan.
4. All visitors must sign in and out.
5. All common high touch areas should be disinfected after use by the individual who used the item. Sanitizing wipes and/or hand sanitizer will be provided by the club.
6. League Scheduling
 - Draw times will be posted by league schedulers. For leagues with two draw times, these must be followed to manage group size requirements in the lounge area between draws.
 - Players should not enter the building more than 15 minutes before their draw time and must vacate the building no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled end of their draw time.
 - For leagues with two draw times, the end time for the first draw will be strictly enforced. Two hours is allowed for the first draw of a league with two draw times. Skips can agree to adjust game play if needed in order to fairly end their game by the posted end time.
 - If the skips agree, teams may choose to play their game on non-league nights. The ice crew must be consulted first to prevent maintenance conflicts, and if the game will be played outside the posted schedule the skips should inform the league captain.
7. Broom storage lockers are open, but social distancing needs to be maintained when accessing the locker area. LCC encourages members to come ready to play rather than using the locker area.
8. Any club or private events held at LCC will comply with the updated Return to Curling policy. Events may be held if they are in compliance with this policy.
9. Beverages and Food
 - Members and guests must remove and discard their own beverage and food items before leaving an area.
 - Community food is not allowed at the club.
10. Questions or interpretations of LCC policy should be directed to LCC board members. Questions regarding ice maintenance scheduling should be directed to The Iceman.
 - LCC President: Gene Benson 320-760-2191
 - The Iceman: Bruce Bryngalson 701-412-7375

GAME PLAY & EQUIPMENT

1. Schedule & Pregame

- Hammer, sheet, draw time, and pebbler will be posted on the league schedule.
- Handshakes and physical contact are discouraged. A simple “Good curling” will suffice.
- The team without the hammer chooses rock color prior to entering the playing area.

2. Masks & Social Distancing

- Masks will be worn by each player in accordance with Executive Order 20-81.
- A mask may be temporarily removed while sweeping provided social distancing is maintained.
- Social distance should be maintained between all players on the ice (see image for possible locations).



3. Sweeping

- Only one sweeper per throw by the delivering team is allowed.
- The sweeper cannot switch with another teammate while rocks are in motion.
- The delivering team may switch sweepers for the next rock if desired.
- Sweeping of opponent stones behind the tee line is not allowed for either team.
- No sweeping of any rock is allowed by the non-throwing team.

4. Club Equipment

- Common use items (sliders, stabilizers, etc.) must be sanitized after use by the user.
- To the maximum extent possible, do not share equipment between players.
- The vice-skip of the team assigned the hammer on the schedule will run the scoreboard.
- The pebbler will only be used by the ice crew or its designees and will be disinfected after use.

5. Rocks

- Players should only touch the rocks they will throw during the game unless using feet or broom.
- At the completion of an end, players should use feet or brooms to clear stones from play.
- Cleaning the bottom of a stone should be done with a broom when necessary.
- Each team must disinfect the handles of their rocks before leaving the ice after the game.

6. Measuring Rocks

- Vice-skips are responsible for measuring rocks clockwise from the back of the house. Social distance should be maintained during the measuring process. All other players must leave the house.
- The vice-skip of the team with the hammer in that end will measure the rocks in question.
- If confirmation is needed, the other vice-skip is allowed to measure, but the measuring device should be disinfected by the previous user first.
- Immediately following measurement, the measuring device should be disinfected by its last user.

7. Postgame Cleanup

- The winning team mops the ice. Brooms should be sanitized after use by the user.
- The vice-skip of the team assigned the hammer on the schedule will sanitize scoreboard numbers.
- The lead from each team will disinfect all rock handles and equipment used by the team.
- Pebbling for leagues with a second draw will be assigned and posted on the schedule.