



BCC RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

The 2020/2021 Season faces unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19. After reviewing NYS Mandates and Erie County Dept. of Health guidelines, USA Curling recommendations and consulting with medical professionals familiar with the sport of curling, the BCC Board of Directors has adopted the following policies and procedures for the 2020/21 season. These policies and procedures may change as the situation unfolds and as guidance is updated from USA Curling, regional Departments of Health and the medical community. Your health and safety are our primary concern and the Board will alter these policies and procedures as necessary to minimize the risk to its members, our guests, and the club.

The BCC has accordingly issued the following policies and procedures consistent with NY Forward Reopening Guidelines, and the Return to Curling guidelines published by USA Curling and Canada Curling. We ask that everyone follow the letter and spirit of these rules.

I. RESOURCES

[NY Forward - Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Sports and Recreation](#)

[Canada Curling – Return To Play Guidelines](#)

[USA Curling – COVID-19 Updated and Resources](#)



II. POLICIES

1. Masks Are Required At All Times

On and off the ice. If you are not feeling well, have traveled to a hotspot, or believe you may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, please do not jeopardize others or the success of the club by entering.

2. Completed Liability And COVID Waivers

Waivers are required before your initial Event.

3. Practice Social Distancing

Please stay at least a “Broom Length” (6ft) from each other on and off the ice.

4. Sign-In Is Required At Entrance

Contact information and team name are required for potential contact tracing purposes. We will also ask you to confirm that you are still in compliance with your signed COVID form.

5. Maintain One-Way Traffic Flow

6pm league will arrive at 5:45pm, prep and use the tables closest to the ice. The 2nd league start time has changed to 8:15pm to allow for earlier players to exit. 8:15pm players should arrive no sooner than 8:00pm and use the tables near the lockers.

6. Only League Curlers, Parents/Guardians Of Youth Curlers, And Substitutes Are Allowed In The Club.

7. Hand Sanitizer And Antibacterial Hand Wipes

These will be available for use. Everything will be sanitized prior to league play. Teams will be responsible to continue this process by wiping broom, rock and stabilizer handles before and after league play. Tables should be wiped off after use as well.



8. **Only Resealable Containers Will Be Allowed In The Club (e.g., water/pop bottles).**
9. **Kitchen Facilities Are Not Available**
10. **All Teams Are Responsible For Removing Their Garbage And Containers**
If you bring something in, you must take it out -- including garbage. There will be repositories for dirty sanitation wipes.
11. **If you Travel To A Hotspot, Or Come In Contact With Someone Who Tested Positive, Please Quarantine Or Provide a Negative Test Result Before Returning.**

III. MODIFIED CURLING RULES

1. **Rock Color And Hammer Will Be Predetermined Before Entering Ice**
2. **No Handshakes Or Any Physical Contact**
3. **Only One Sweeper Allowed During Throws.**
Additionally, the Skip controlling the house will be the only Skip allowed to sweep (both their own and opponents rocks)
4. **Practice Social Distancing Even On The Ice.**
Stay to the sides and the team not throwing should remain further off the ice.
5. **Wipe Rock Handles, Club Brooms and Stabilizer Handles With Antibacterial Wipes prior to Curling.**
Handles should be wiped again after league play.
6. **All Beverage Containers Brought In Must Be Taken Out By The Member.**
Only resealable containers can be used within the club. Recycling containers will not be available at this point.



7. **Be Sure That Each Curler Is Using The Same Two Numbered Rocks During Play.**

8. **Teams Will Start At Alternating Ends**
Sheets A & C will start near the scoreboard end.
Sheets B & D will start near the warmroom end.

9. **Broomstacking/Socialization is prohibited at this time.**
After completion of your league play, please exit the club as soon as possible.

DISCLAIMER:

The Board will continually monitor and evaluate safety practices and procedures and will alter based on current health and safety measures. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email the Board at bccboard@buffalocurlingclub.org