



OCC Return to Play Protocols

The Olds Curling Club Board has reviewed the directives from Alberta Government and Curling Canada. We received advice from Alberta Health Services, Curling Alberta and worked with the Town of Olds so we can safely resume activities. **We sincerely hope to see you this season.** We are confident with the new protocols everyone will be safe and will enjoy curling this year!

PRIOR TO PLAY:

- Curlers must read and [complete waivers](#) and submit forms to the club to oldscurlingclub.com, by mail or in person before curling at OCC. These forms are part of the online registration process.
- Names and phone numbers are necessary for contact tracing. Anyone entering the club must sign in declaring they can meet the following criteria:

I have been in Canada for at least 14 days after return from out of country.

I have not been identified or believe that I have been exposed to COVID-19.

I do not have any COVID-19 symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose, cough, and I am feeling well.

✓ Please use the single use pencils and place in recycle box or your own pen.

- Curlers are encouraged to bring their own equipment. For this season, equipment normally on loan can be signed out for a season or you are interested in purchasing any of the on-loan equipment for a reduced fee, please contact your league rep.
- The OCC will be deep cleaned prior to the start of each day and will have all surfaces and equipment with approved disinfectants and sanitizers after the completion of each league or every 2 hours.

BEFORE YOUR GAME:

- When entering the building please hand sanitize.
- Games will be started with alternating home and away ends to help with social distancing.
- Please read all signage regarding foot traffic to ensure social distancing. Due to potential space limitations in the front entry and downstairs warm-up area, masks are highly recommended.
- If social distancing can not be met in the downstairs warm-up area, or any area of the facility, masks will be required. As per Alberta Guidance for Sport and Recreation, masks are not required during play.

- Until further notice, changing rooms will be closed. Please arrive dressed for curling. We will provide chairs to change/store shoes.
- When your team has arrived, please proceed immediately out to the ice surface to help with social distancing in the downstairs area.
- Sheets one and two will enter and exit using door 1, Sheets three and four will enter and exit using door 2, sheets five and six will enter using door 3
- **Everyone is welcome to patronize the kitchen and lounge before and after games.**
- Spectator seating will be closed in the downstairs viewing area but limited spectator seating is available upstairs

ON ICE

- As per Curling Canada guidelines, only 1 sweeper per rock at all times, including in the house.
- Players on both teams will have designated spots to stand & wait which will be indicated on the ice surface. The goal is to have all players on the sheet stand on the left side of the ice, except on sheet one where players can use the walkway to ensure social distancing.
- 2 metres between players are necessary so please introduce your teams and verbally state “good game” without physical contact. **No handshakes, fist bumps, and elbow touches.**
- To minimize cleaning, scoreboard numbers will be temporarily removed. The scoreboards have been modified so scores can be written with a dry eraser marker. Please designate one third to keep score and the other third will handle the equipment to measure rocks, if needed. Please clean equipment after each use.
- Please bring your own water bottles as water dispensers will be temporarily removed.

AFTER YOUR GAME

- Please assign one team member to clean all of your team's rock handles after each game. This will save costs if players manage this task.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn after your game in the down stairs area; they may be removed if you're seated to consume food/beverage.
- Please store your gear in your vehicle after games, as storage space upstairs is very limited.
- Signage will direct traffic for drink service in the lounge.
- Table seating will follow Alberta Food/Beverage restrictions (Separation of tables, chair limits per table, etc.)
- Spectator seating area will be limited to ensure social distancing.

BONSPIELS and EVENTS

Olds Curling Club is open for business and we hope to host our bonspiel events with proper protocols in place. Outside curlers from our traditional curling base are welcome with priority going to curlers within our municipal boundary of Mountain View County.

ABUSE POLICY

Let's enjoy ourselves! The protocols may sound onerous at first glance, but we are asking for your patience and support. Respect each other and respect our team. Any **abuse** or harassment towards our hardworking staff, fellow curlers, volunteer coaches and board members will **not be tolerated**. Complaints should not be directed at staff and should be lodged with your league rep or OCC Club President.

WAIVERS AND FORMS

We have two (2) forms that must be completed by every curler during registration. There are no exceptions to this. Curlers will not be allowed on the ice without these forms completed:

[Covid Compliance Waiver 2020](#)

[Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk - Adult](#)

[Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk - Youth](#)

ONGOING ASSESSMENT

Conditions change and regulations and expert advice are updated often. Our approach is fluid and we plan to reassess often. We are guided by the Alberta Guidance for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation: (<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>), Alberta Guidance for Restaurants and Hospitality: (<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/covid-19-information-guidance-for-restaurants-cafes-pubs-and-bars>), and Return to Play Guidelines (<https://www.curling.ca/blog/2020/07/06/return-to-play-guidelines/>).

Please pay attention to our website, emails, and physical signs for updates.