

# Heather Curling Club

## Mapleton, Minnesota

### Covid-19 Preparedness Plan Summary

Adopted January 1, 2021

As of July 25, 2020, people in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all public indoor spaces and businesses, per Executive Order 20-81. The Executive Order includes exemptions for people who are unable to wear or tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health conditions or other reasons. There are also situations in which a face covering may be temporarily removed, such as when eating or drinking, provided that social distancing is maintained between members of different parties.

The Heather Curling Club is committed to providing a safe and healthy club for all of our members and guests. To ensure that, we have developed the following Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Heather Curling Club Board Members are responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our club, and that requires full cooperation among everyone. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our members and guests. This document will discuss:

- The facility in general
- Curling
- Broomstacking (socializing after the match)
- Response plan

**The Facility** - Indoor and outdoor occupant capacity is limited to no more than 25% up to 250 persons.

#### Locker Room / Changing

To maintain maximum social distancing, all benches will be removed from the locker room. Separate chairs will be placed 6 feet apart in the basement area to change shoes. Please avoid going into the locker room if at all possible. If you need to use the locker room to store your gear, please enter, store your gear, and leave. The changing area will be available, but it is highly encouraged for all members to come dressed and ready to curl, except for a change of shoes.

#### Bathrooms

Bathrooms will be limited to 2 people at a time.

#### Kitchen

The kitchen will be closed. All tables need to be sanitized after they are used.

#### Masks

Face coverings must be worn at all times while inside the facility, unless seated at a table.

#### Sanitizing & Social Distancing

Sanitation stations are located throughout the club. Please feel free to utilize these stations. Keep a safe distance of at least 6-feet away from others while in the curling club.

# Curling

## Entrance & Exit Plan

Curlers will enter and exit the curling arena using the middle door. Players should enter by sheets. This will reduce the number of people walking by each other on the runway prior to each game.

Sheets 1 and 3 will start at 6pm and sheets 2 & 4 at 6:15. This will help with traffic flow entering and existing the arena.

## “Good Curling”

No hand-shaking, fist-pumping, or shoulder-tapping prior to the game. A simple introduction and “good curling” will suffice. Broom bump and Elbow bump are allowed.

## Masks

In accordance with CDC guidelines and USCA recommendations, face coverings will be required while curling. Face coverings may be removed to drink.

## Coin Toss

The hammer and rock color will be determined according to the draw.

## Rocks

Every person is designated rocks that correspond to their position:

Lead	-	Rocks 1 and 2
Second	-	Rocks 3 and 4
Third	-	Rocks 5 and 6
Fourth	-	Rocks 7 and 8

Do not touch any rock (with your hands) unless it is your designated rock.

## Sliders and Stabilizers

Sanitized stabilizers and sliders are located at a designated table. You are welcome to borrow one for your match but do not share. After your game, return your borrowed equipment to the designated “used equipment” table so it can be sanitized and ready for the next game. If you are uncomfortable using club equipment, we do have some supplies for sale.

## Brooms

Similar to sliders and stabilizers, brooms are available from the rack. These have been sanitized and are ready for use. After your game, put your used broom in the “Used Brooms” bucket.

## Sweeping

Only one person may sweep at a time. Teams may alternate sweepers or even choose to use the second sweeper as a designated timer. Do not swap in another sweeper partway down the ice.

## Skip Sweeping

Skips are not allowed to sweep. This is a necessary rule to avoid congestion in the house. Skips should not enter the house until it is their turn.

## Playing Positions on the Ice

When it is the opponent's turn:

- o Skip should be behind the back line
- o Sweepers should take a position between the hoglines. Once an opponent's rock is released, proceed to the delivery end and prepare for your shot. This avoids congestion and keeps a good flow for the game.
- o If waiting to deliver the next shot, stand near the hogline or behind the sheet of ice.

**The Safe Way to Play!**

**Non-Delivering Team**

1. Next to Shoot at Hog
2. Sweeper at Center Ice
3. Sweeper at Center Ice
4. Skip in the Hack

**Mask up, Minnesota!**

**Delivering Team**

1. Shooter in Hack
2. Timer at Hog
3. Sweeper at Tee
4. Skip in House

**Scooch over, Minnesota!**

6 feet

**#PlaySafeStaySafe**

## Beverages

Beverages must be kept in their designated spots in accordance with each person's rock color and position.

## Conclusion of the End

Avoid congestion after each end as much as possible. If you are clearing a rock that is not your designated rock, use only your foot or broom to move the rock.

## Scoring

Designate **one** person in charge of hanging points. Likely person will be the Third of the team that scores first

## Tie Games

Tie games will be determined by a skip's draw. Each skip throws one rock, one sweeper allowed. Closest to the button wins. If neither skip gets into the house, the game ends in a tie.

## Measurements

The measuring stick should be handled only by one of the Thirds using the following method:

- o Sanitize hands
- o Measure
- o Sanitize hands again

## End of Game

In addition to cleaning the ice (two people), winners (one person) will sanitize the rock handles, (one person) scoreboards, and other surfaces.

## **Post-Game Socialization**

Socializing after a game is an important aspect of curling. Many clubs are choosing to prohibit any form of socialization. We are going to implement the following measures to keep this tradition alive in a limited fashion:

- Limit 8 people per table (do not rearrange tables)
- Masks can be removed at your table
- No sharing food
- Sanitize table when done

## Response Plan

- Do not come to the curling club if you are sick, have COVID symptoms, or believe you have been exposed to or contracted COVID.
- If you travel to a high-COVID area, or have been told to quarantine by a medical professional, do not come to the curling club until your quarantine term expires.
- If you test positive for COVID, please notify a **board member**. We need to know when you were at the curling club, when you first experienced symptoms, and when you tested positive. If necessary, the **board** will contact those persons on your team and your opponents and anyone else who may have had direct contact with you in a confidential manner to notify all affected persons of a possible exposure.
  - Follow all national, state, and local guidelines following a positive test, including self isolation. You may return to the curling club after 14 days of the first onset of symptoms.
- If a family member tests positive for COVID, please follow all national, state, and local guidelines. You should not come to the curling club until any quarantine or self-quarantine term expires.
- In the event of a positive case, we will close the club for a period of time as determined by the board to conduct a thorough cleaning prior to reopening.

## Scope and Term

These policies are effective on the date of adoption by the Board and will continue until further notice. These policies are subject to change or modification at any time at the sole discretion of and upon the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

## Feedback

If you have feedback on these policies, we are here to listen. Contact a board member!