



## **Return to Curling Guidelines – Howe Sound Curling Club 2021/2022 Season**

**\*Current health guidelines are a living document and likely to change. They will continue to be modified based on updated guidance from the Provincial Health Officer and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.\***

### **GUIDELINE OVERVIEW**

1. The safety & of our curler's is our top priority.
2. The Howe Sound Curling Club (HSCC) is committed to following the guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Officer and the Vancouver Coastal Health.

### **VACCINE IMMUNIZATION**

1. Subsequent to the BC Government and the Provincial Health Officer's announcement on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, all curlers and visitors born in 2009 or earlier (12+) will need to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination (both shots) to participate in the 2021/22 curling season at the HSCC (this includes spectators to Bonspiels and any other visitors to our curling facility). In accordance with direction by the Provincial Health Officer, proof of vaccination will be demonstrated using the BC vaccine card and valid photo identification.
2. As per updated guidance from the PHO, curlers and visitors who are unable to be vaccinated against COVID-19 *will not* be exempt from the above.
3. Spares will need to register with the HSCC. It will be the League Representative's and the Skip's responsibility to ensure that any person presenting as a Spare can demonstrate full COVID-19 vaccination(2 doses) .

### **MASK MANDATE**

1. HSCC and SVGC require all curlers, visitors, and staff to wear masks in all common areas including the lobby, washrooms, leading to your sheet of ice, and leading to your seat in the Restaurant. Masks are required throughout the premises unless seated at a table in the Restaurant.
2. Children under the age of 12 must wear masks when inside SVGC/HSCC Building, including when on the ice. Their instructors will also be required to wear masks

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

1. HSCC strongly recommends curlers physically distance on the ice, and in common areas outside of your regular team

## **WAIVERS, LIABILITY, And INSURANCE**

1. Before the start of the season all curlers, private rentals, and other guests will be required to sign a:
  - a. Declaration of Compliance for COVID-19 including vaccination declaration
  - b. Waiver / Assumption of Risk form

If you do not sign these forms, you will be unable to curl at HSCC this year.

## **CLEANING PROTOCOLS**

1. HSCC will maintain regular cleaning protocols, including extra attention to disinfecting high-touch surfaces (curling rocks excluded)
2. HSCC will provide hand sanitizer, wipes, and access to soap and paper towels in the washrooms.

## **CHANGE ROOMS / WASHROOMS**

1. Men's and Ladies washrooms will be open as normal. Masks, as in all common areas, are mandatory in washrooms.

## **PLAYING THE GAME / ARENA GUIDELINES**

It is suggested that players refrain from handshakes, instead give a friendly wave or broom tap.

**\*Current health guidelines allow for "normal" curling. Based on evolving health guidelines, modified rules could be implemented such as a mask mandate on the ice, 1 sweeper, etc. There will be no fee reimbursements for curlers who cannot adapt to updated modifications. \***