



Sackville Curling Club

COVID 19 – Game Play Protocol – ORANGE Level

MESSAGE FOR OUR MEMBERS

The Sackville Curling Club (SCC) recognizes the importance of member, guest and visitor safety as the Club looks to continue operations following COVID-19 related interruptions.

This COVID19 Game Play Protocol – ORANGE Level has been developed to ensure members can access the Club ice facilities should they elect to do so.

The success and enjoyment of curling relies the cooperation and active participation of all members, guest and visitors in reducing the opportunities for transmission through appropriate physical distancing, wearing masks, personal hand hygiene and cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces.

A copy of this Game Play Protocol – ORANGE Level has been sent to all members, is available on the Club [website](#) and in the Club Lounge for review.

DISCLAIMER

The information in this document is current to the time of publishing and is aligned with the Government of New Brunswick's Public Health Guidelines as well as WorkSafe NB guidelines. However, recommendations may change depending on local, provincial and national COVID-19 reports. Where anything within this document conflicts with NB Public Health guidelines, members must comply with those guidelines and adapt as required

GETTING READY

1. Under ORANGE Level restrictions issued by the NB Department of Health, curling clubs are not permitted to engage in regular league play.
2. Curling clubs are permitted to engage in practice and skills development.
3. Teams of four (or less) can be created but may only engage in practice drills or training games with another team of four. These teams may compete weekly (or more frequently as determined by the Department of Health). In essence, these two teams create their own “bubble” for practice games and skills development.
4. Teams (and individual members of those teams) are not permitted to engage with other teams or other participants outside of their “bubble”. In other words, a member may not participate on multiple teams.
5. Spares will not be permitted to participate.
6. Members who choose to participate during an ORANGE Level restriction are asked to advise the SCC Secretary so teams can be created.
7. Teams will be created with participants and assigned a time slot and ice surface for their practice games.
8. Only two of the three ice surfaces will be in use during the ORANGE Level restriction period.
9. Draws will have 15 minutes upon conclusion to ensure the members can leave the club prior to another draw participating.
10. Non-participating members are not permitted to enter the club during the ORANGE Level restriction period.
11. Participating members should arrive no earlier than fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled practice time and be ready to curl except for the donning of shoes.
12. Locker rooms and the bar are closed during the ORANGE Level period.
13. All participants must wear a mask when inside the club including the ice surface and their assigned sheet.
14. Teams on sheet 1 will enter the ice shed first followed by teams on sheet 3.
15. Verbal greetings or a broom tap only will take place before and after the game; no handshakes or fist bumps or other physical contact.
16. Note your player position and identify your rocks. Players may only touch their designated rocks for cleaning and delivery. All other contact with rocks must be with a foot or broom.
17. In all cases, the players should remove their gloves and only touch the rock handles with properly sanitized hands.

PLAYER POSITIONING FOR FOUR PERSON TEAM

1. Skip/vice skip of the non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished and relinquishes control of the house.
2. Only one sweeper will be permitted on all delivered stones. No relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down) will be permitted.
3. ***The person in charge of the house is not permitted to sweep under any circumstances.***
The skip of the non-delivering team must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition's stone behind the T-line.
4. Players stay on the same side of the sheet. Example: Players on sheet 3 always walk and position themselves on the dividing line to sheet 2, which will maintain a physical distance of 10-12 feet (3-4 metres).
5. Two small markings will be located along the dividing line, four feet from each side of the centre line.

Non-delivering Team: The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is to deliver next will be positioned at the hog line on the dividing line as indicated above. The other two players will be positioned on the two markings. The skip or vice-skip will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.

Delivering Team: The skip has control of the house. The player who is delivering is in the hack. The non-sweeping player is on the backboards. The sweeping player is at the T-line.

Once the stone has been delivered, the player who threw will proceed down the centre line of the ice until the halfway point to the markings OR to the hog line if it is their turn next.

Once the stone comes to rest, the sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings, and the non-sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings OR the hog line, depending on their turn to deliver.

See diagrams at the end of this document (Figure 1).

PLAYER POSTIONING – STICK CURLING

Delivering Team: After the delivery person has reached the top of the house for the delivery, the next player to throw will select the rock and move towards the hack.

The skip in charge of the house is responsible to retrieve any hogged stones or stones that go through the house and move it to its designated placement.

Non-delivering Team: The delivery person will move to the left of the sheet on odd ends and right on even ends after the delivery and then move along the boards or dividing line until reaching the back boards.

Please do not deliver the next stone until the previous thrower has reached the back boards.

The skip of the non-delivering team must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition's stone behind the T-line.

See diagram at the end of document (Figure 2).

MEASURING

Measuring will be carried out by the vice-skip only, one retrieving the measuring stick and putting it in place with the other vice-skip observing. Once the first vice-skip has checked the measurement, they will move back so the second vice-skip can also read the measurement. The first vice-skip will return to the measuring stick to its place and use a disinfecting wipe to clean the touched surface. All other players will maintain physical distancing.

CLUB BROOM, SLIDERS and STABILIZERS

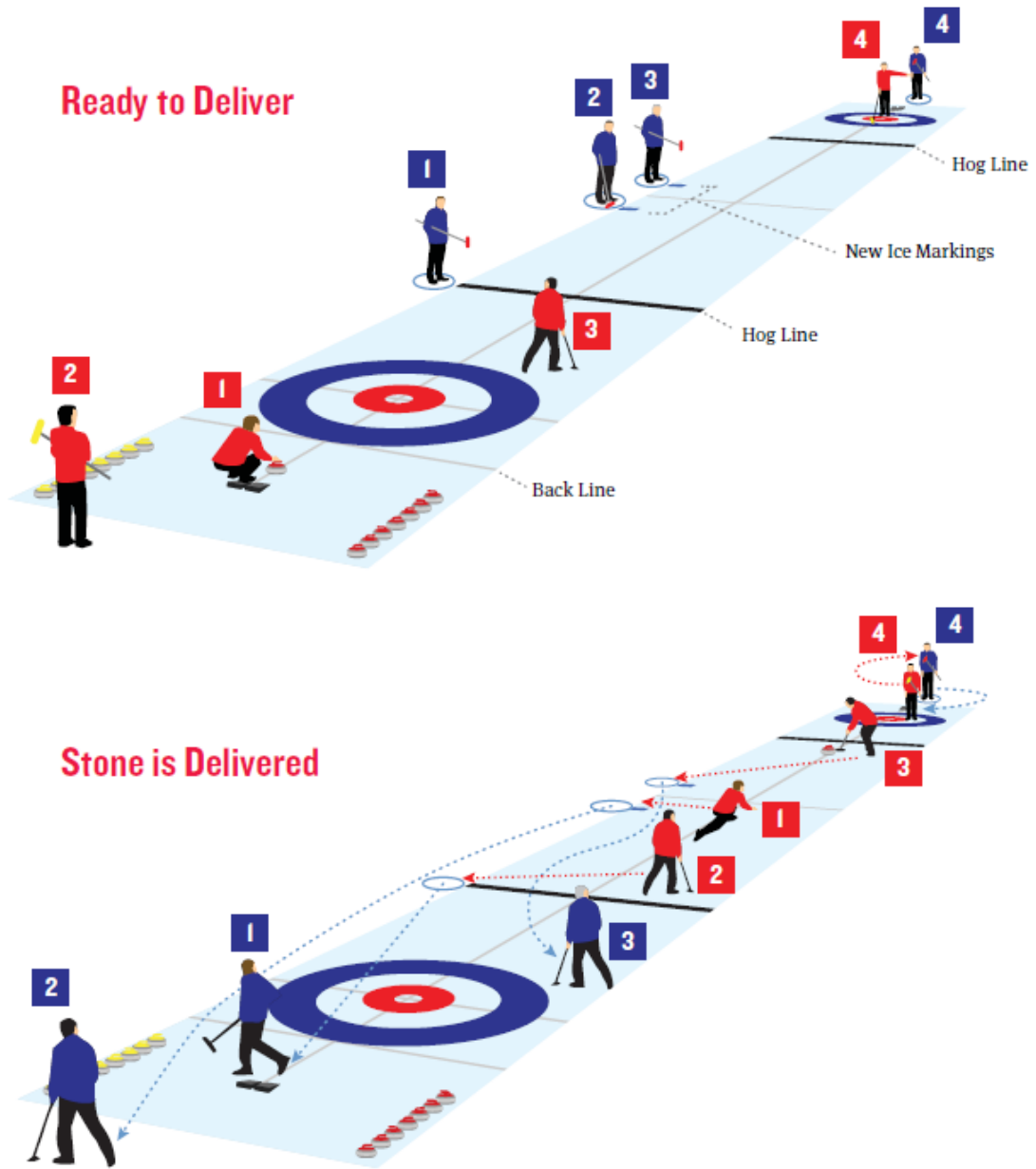
The Club will continue to provide various pieces of equipment and a member may select and use for the entire match. No sharing of equipment during a match is permitted. Members must sanitize borrowed equipment before and after their use.

SCORING

Manual scoring on the wall display sheet by one designated team member only. Sanitizer will be available.

DISTANCING ILLUSTRATIONS

Figure 1



DISTANCING ILLUSTRATIONS – STICK CURLING

Figure 2

