

# Beausejour Curling Club

## Sept 2020 Newsletter

The 2020/2021 curling season will be starting soon but will look a little different this year due to Covid precautions. The current planned start date for curling is the week of October 19. This is a week later than normal to be sure everything is ready for us to return to play.

### General Precautions:

We want to reassure you that SunGro Centre staff has been and will continue to do deep cleaning of the entire facility including entrances, washrooms, the lounge and the ice shed. Frequent cleaning of all high touch surfaces will be done daily. We are putting together our Return to Play plan based on information from Curl Canada, Curl Manitoba and Manitoba Public Health. A working group from the board has now been formed to adapt the various guidelines to our specific facility and situation. A one-page summary of our protocols and guidelines to date is included with this newsletter.

### Key points include:

- Entry to the curling club will be through the SunGro lobby, exit will be through the side entrance. There will be a station for hand sanitizing and signing in at the entrance.
- No lockers will be available this season, please come dressed ready to curl and just change your footwear.
- Wipes will be provided for sanitizing rock handles before each game.
- Training will be provided on the new sweeping rules and player positions.
- League start times will be staggered to reduce congestion in the lower level prior to games.

More information will be posted on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

In the meantime, the following link will give you more information on Curl Manitoba's guidelines including the temporary changes to the sweeping rules and player positions to increase physical distancing.

<https://curlmanitoba.org/contact/covid-19-information/>

In addition, here are two videos that demonstrate how the new sweeping and player movement rules will look:

- [Curling Through COVID - Traffic Flow Illustration 1](#)
- [Curling Through COVID - Traffic Flow Illustration 2](#)

### Annual General Meeting:

The AGM will be held on Monday, September 21 at 7 pm. Tentative location is the Icebreaker Lounge but it may be moved to the curling club ice shed if needed to allow for physical distancing. This is a **meeting only**, there is no meal or windup party and the bar will not be open. The September Board of Directors meeting will follow the AGM. Annual reports will be distributed via email prior to the meeting. Printed copies will not be available that day so please print and bring yours with you if you want a hardcopy to look at (or view your email on your phone).

### Fall Registration:

Registration is going to be done via email to all the team skips to reduce both contact and paper. Each skip will get a list of their team members and contact information from last season. The skips should then confirm this information is correct and confirm which nights they are planning to attend and return the email to Jody Cummer, our registration coordinator (along with any updates).

Any new players and/or teams should email Jody directly at [jodynicole13@gmail.com](mailto:jodynicole13@gmail.com) to find out what information is required and she will get you registered.

Tuesday morning AM curlers should contact George Kowalchuk ([gjbk@mymts.net](mailto:gjbk@mymts.net)) directly to register for that league.

Payment should be made on the first night of curling (one envelope per team though you can have multiple cheques in it). Payment can also be made by eTransfer to [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com). The security answer should be "curling" (doesn't matter what your question is).

Volunteer bonds should be paid by cheque if possible and dated April 1, 2021. Fundraising raffle tickets will be provided to each team when payment has been received.

New this year are two waiver and declaration forms that **must be completed and signed by each member**. There is a Waiver form for all members aged 18 and over. Members under age 18 must have a parent complete and sign an Assumption of Risk form. In addition, all members no matter their age, must complete a COVID-19 Declaration form. Copies of both forms will be sent to all skips who should then forward them to their team members. Completed forms can either be scanned and emailed to [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com) or printed off and returned on the first night of curling (in the team envelope along with registration money and bond cheques). **Forms must be signed before you can go on the ice for your first game (no exceptions)**. Extra forms will be available at the club if you forget yours.

### Registration Fees:

There is no increase in registration or membership fees this year. A complete list of fees for all leagues is available on our website.

### Friday Mixed Fun League:

The Friday Mixed Fun league will again curl every other Friday for the full year. A schedule of the weeks we will curl will be posted on the website when available.

The Friday Mixed league **needs a league coordinator** to organize draws, plan events, etc. Please contact the club at [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com) if you are interested in this job.

### Website and Facebook Page:

Our website can be found at [www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca](http://www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca) and our Facebook page can be found by searching Beausejour Curling Club. We will endeavour to keep both updated throughout the season as a way of communicating with our members. Should you encounter any problems or broken links on either, please email [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com) so we can correct them.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

There are still volunteer opportunities available throughout the season to fulfil your bond requirements. Some jobs available right away include:

- Friday Mixed League coordinator
- We need a few volunteers for the first two weeks of curling to stand at the entrance and make sure everyone signs in and sanitizes their hands. It's a new routine and it takes time for us to adjust. Volunteer for a night you don't curl so you can stay at the entrance until all players are there.
- Rock Sharpening (before start of season, date TBA)
- Ice Preparation (before start of season, date TBA)
- Website maintenance
- Facebook page maintenance
- Newsletter

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Other volunteer jobs coming up include:

- Berth bonspiel (bartenders, ice helpers and event coordinators) at the end of November
- Most leagues are looking for help organizing Christmas parties, year-end windups, 50/50 draws, etc. Contact your league coordinator if you are willing to help.

Note that all bartenders must have their Serving It Safe certificate to be behind the bar. Helpers without a certificate can clear glasses but must not be behind the bar at any time. You must have your certificate on you during your shift. Volunteers doing bar shifts should bring their certificates to Lucy (our bar manager) who will take a photo of it and keep it in a binder at the bar. Serving It Safe certificates now expire after 5 years so make sure yours is current. Any bar questions should be directed to the bar manager.

### Senior Mens/U18 Mens/U18 Womens Berth Bonspiel:

This event is planned for Nov 26-29, 2020 (final dates will depend on the number of teams entered).

We need volunteers to help with this event. In addition to the regular need for bartenders and ice cleaning help, we will also need some help with the organizing of the event. We need people who can ring the bells for practice time and start/end of games, keep track of score cards and update the scores online. No refereeing or umpiring is required. If you are interested in helping with this event (even for one or two draws), please contact [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com).

### League Coordinators:

Tuesday AM Rec League	George Kowalchuk ( <a href="mailto:gjbk@mymts.net">gjbk@mymts.net</a> )
Tuesday Mens League	Trevor Szajewski ( <a href="mailto:szajewski66@gmail.com">szajewski66@gmail.com</a> )
Wednesday Ladies League	Wanda Kruschel ( <a href="mailto:wrkruschel@gmail.com">wrkruschel@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday Mens League	Stuart Parrott ( <a href="mailto:stuart.parrott@cni.ca">stuart.parrott@cni.ca</a> )
Friday Mixed Fun League	TBA ( <a href="mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com">beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com</a> )

Please contact these people for any questions about the leagues. If you are interested in joining a particular league but do not have a team, let them know as they may have teams looking for new players. If you wish to spare for a particular league, please let the coordinator know.

Email Distribution List:

You are receiving this email because you were on our membership list for 2019/2020. If you are not returning this season, you may receive a couple more emails before we switch to the 2020/2021 list in November. If you wish to be removed sooner, please email [beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com) and let us know. Also, feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you know who may be interested in joining this year. Please make sure you print your email address legibly on your registration form to be included in the 2020/2021 distribution list.

Lockers:

To reduce congestion in the change rooms, lockers will not be available for the 2020/2021 season. Please come dressed ready to curl (just change your footwear). If you still have items in your locker from last season, please remove them and remove the lock on the first night of curling this year.