



**COVID 19 RETURN TO COMPETITION  
2020-21 Provincial Championships/Events  
Host Club, Teams & Spectator Directives  
*Revised December 9, 2020***

*Curling NB is committed to the safety and well being of all involved with Curling NB events. Failure to have adequate measures in place, and to strictly adhere to them, could be devastating to the safety of our athletes, volunteers and community as well as to the reputation of Host Clubs, Curling NB and our sport in general. We must ensure that both Host Clubs and Curling NB have guidelines in place that meet or exceed those set out by Curling Canada and the Province of NB. The contents of this document are, at minimum, in keeping with the Province of NB requirements/restrictions as at the date of issue. **Due to the fluidity of all things "COVID" related, the contents of this document are subject to change.***

*In these unprecedented times, Curling NB appreciates your full cooperation as we strive to act in the best interest of our athletes, volunteers and the communities in which we play our sport.*

**Curling NB Host Club Requirements/Directives**

Host Club Presidents will be required to forward written confirmation that the club they represent has in place a COVID 19 Operational Plan that is in compliance, at minimum, with Province of NB requirements/restrictions. Curling NB, however, reserves the right to request and review a Host Club plan at any time before, during or following a Curling NB event. If necessary, a site visit may also be required in order to ensure the club can physically accommodate the requirements outlined in this document. If it is deemed that a club is unable to meet requirements, alternate event host club(s) will be sought. Should any items in a Club Operational Plan be in conflict with any of the items listed below, the more restrictive of the two shall prevail.

**NOTE:** Curling Canada/Curling NB Return-to-Play Guidelines, Curling NB Hosting Directives, Curling NB Rules for Provincial Play and all Curling NB Policies remain in effect. Should any item within the aforementioned documents conflict with the contents below, this document shall prevail.

1. Non-Medical Masks and two metre physical distancing will be required by everyone entering and remaining in the venue. **Note: Athletes will be permitted to remove masks ONLY while sweeping.**

2. Host Committee assumes the responsibility to ensure adherence to Club Operational Plan, Event Flow Chart, Off-Ice Mandatory Non-Medical Mask requirement and any additional directives set forth by Curling NB. Host Committee will assume the responsibility to remove noncompliant individuals from the venue.
3. Locker rooms will be closed. Teams will arrive at venues dressed to play. Shoes will be changed in a designated area large enough to accommodate 2 metre physical distancing.
4. Upon receipt of the team list from the Curling NB Executive Director and the draw schedule from the Draw Master, Host Club is to prepare & forward the following package to the Curling NB Executive Director, Curling NB Junior Development Director (if applicable), Curling NB Competitions Director, event Umpire (if applicable) and all team Contacts/Coaches:
  - Club Operational Plan
  - [Event Flow Chart \(see attached example and note below\)](#)
  - On-Ice Distancing Illustration (see attached)
  - Declaration of Compliance –COVID 19 (see attached and insert Club Name)
  - Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement (19+--see attached and insert Club Name)
  - Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement (U19—see attached and insert Club Name)
  - Event Draw Schedule
  - Copy of this document.
  - **Note re Event Flow Chart:** As per the attached example, this document is to outline movement on entering, exiting and within the club. (this would be a schedule showing who arrives and at what time, what door to enter, where to go when they enter, time and by what route to enter and exit the ice shed, at what time and by what route to exit the venue based on the scheduled end of each draw, etc.)
5. Collect and maintain copies of signed “Declaration”, “Release of Liability/Informed Consent” forms mentioned in number 4 above. Host Club MUST be in possession of these documents at the time teams enter your club.
6. Ensure adequate reserved seating, with required social distancing, is available for team coaches and, if applicable, second team adult. Both will be required to wear non-medical masks while in attendance.
7. NO spectators will be permitted during Curling NB events unless the team consists of one or more player under the age of majority (minor). (see below)
  - All players under the legal age of majority must be accompanied by a “chaperone” of legal age. This individual can be a team mate, certified coach, or a parent/legal guardian. NOTE: One parent/legal guardian can accompany the minor player regardless of team mates ages or the fact that the team has a certified coach **if** the host club allows. (ie: if the host club does not allow for

event spectators AND the team consists of at least one adult player or certified coach, one of the aforementioned must assume the role of minor player(s) “chaperone”.

- Junior Events: In an effort to ensure maximum safety of teams and volunteers while considering the best interests of our Junior Events athletes, a maximum of one parent/legal guardian spectator per Junior Events athlete will be permitted **IF** the venue can accommodate this while maintaining the required (2 meter) physical distancing requirement. Non medical masks must be worn by all spectators.
  - Note: This does not include the required team coach and second team adult.
  - Note: There will be no parent/legal guardian substitution. (if a parent/legal guardian for one team member is unable to attend, this does not mean another team member can bring a second parent/legal guardian)
  - Note: Spectators must remain in seating area. (unless going to the washroom)
  - Note: Spectators will not be permitted entry to the venue earlier than 15 minutes prior to draw start time.
  - Note: If venue cannot accommodate the above, (one parent/guardian per Junior Event athlete) NO spectators will be permitted and team coach and/or second team adult must assume the role of minor player(s) “chaperone”.
  - Note: The Host Club has the option to completely reject the allowance of spectators.
- 8. Host Club must ensure that physical distancing requirements allow a representative of Curling NB access to the club at anytime throughout the event.
- 9. Ensure Contact Tracking Registry is maintained throughout the event and kept on file based on the information and time lines required by the Province of NB.
- 10. Maintain a cleaning/sanitizing log throughout the event. Cleaning/sanitizing practices are to meet or exceed the requirements set out by the Province of NB.
- 11. Alternating first end (ie: even numbered sheets begin at home end while odd numbered sheets begin at away end) is strongly recommended in an effort to reduce contact/maintain physical distancing between athletes.
- 12. Ensure adequate internet access is available to team observers (coach/second adult) in order for them to “live stream” on-ice action for team supporters unable to attend.
- 13. Draws are to be scheduled in a manner that ensures adequate time for each draw to be completed, for club to be emptied of participants and for necessary sanitization and preparation to take place and be completed between draws. Early communication with the event draw master will be required to accomplish a timely release of the draw schedule.

14. Host Committee will determine the most effective & sanitary option for recording end-to-end game scores. (ie: “yellow stone” Mate to put up score, for both teams, after each end. At game end, club delegate will be responsible for removal and sanitization of numbers) Regardless of how the Host Committee chooses to have end-to-end scoring recorded/posted, it is imperative that the Live Score Operator has the required information directly following every end of every game in play.
15. Mid Game Break: Teams will gather at opposite ends of the ice. (ie: “yellow rocks” at home end and “red rocks” at away end.)
16. Time clocks will be suspended for this season. (Exception: events that will lead to a 2021 National Championship.)
17. Umpires will be suspended for this season. (Exceptions: events that will lead to a 2021 National Championship and, if available, the U18 & U20 Championships)
18. Pre-event practices will be suspended for this season. (Exception: Consideration will be made for events leading to a 2021 National Championship.)
19. Pre-game practices and LSD for last rock advantage will be suspended for the season. A coin toss will replace this practice. (Exception: Consideration will be made for events leading to a 2021 National Championship.)
20. Opening Ceremonies will be suspended this season.
21. U20 Championship Banquet will be suspended this season.
22. As teams will be required to exit the venue directly following each draw, table favours will not be required.
23. Awards Ceremonies will be restricted with “live streaming” by Junior teams second adult recommended.

### **Requirements of Participating Teams**

1. Definition of “team” for the purpose of this document is: athletes, coach and second adult (Jr. teams) required to meet the Responsible Coaches Movement “Rule of Two”. Please note that at least one of the two Jr. team adults must be of the same gender as the team athletes. **In the event of a mixed team, there is to be an adult of each gender.** Both the team coach and second adult should be the same throughout the event.
2. All team members will be required to adhere to the Host Club Operational Plan, [Event Flow Chart](#), On Ice Distancing Requirements and all additional items outlined in this document. Failure to comply will result in removal from the event and the club.
3. It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure all junior athletes are fully educated in the Club Operational Plan, Event Flow Chart, On-Ice Distancing requirements and any additional requirements outlined in this document.
4. **“Travel Risk” is a serious concern of the Province of NB. It is the responsibility of all team members and, in the case of Junior athletes, accompanying parent/legal guardian/adult supervisor, to ensure travel associated risks are mitigated as follows:**

- No carpooling to, from or during event. (Example: do not car pool with individuals not included in your established “family & friends bubble”, as per Province of NB “Yellow Alert Level” directives.)
  - If travel lodging is necessary, do so in a hotel/motel. All should be following proper Covid-19 protocols but, if in doubt, investigate. (Example: do not stay in a private dwelling unless with individuals included in your established “family & friends bubble”.)
  - Do not congregate in hotel corridors, hotel rooms or public areas.
  - When dining, take out is the preferred option. If dining at a restaurant, do not do so with other teams.
5. Upon entering the club, all team members will be required to sanitize their hands and wear non-medical masks, without exception, and keep them in place while in attendance. **Note:** Athletes will be permitted to remove masks **ONLY** while sweeping.
  6. Prior to or at the time of entering the Host Club, athletes, coach & (Jr’s) second team adult must present signed Declaration of Compliance-COVID-19 AND Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement OR Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement to the host club. **NOTE:** No team will be permitted to participate until ALL team documents are presented to the host club.
  7. Second team adult (Jr’s) is encouraged to provide a “live stream” of the on-ice action for team supporters unable to attend.
  8. As time clocks will be suspended for this season, (exceptions noted above) adhering to the event schedule will be more important than ever before, slow play WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
  9. The Curling Canada Return-to-Play Guidelines as they pertain to positioning of players, number of permitted sweepers, control of the house and sweeping within the house, consistent use of the same rocks by a single player, equipment and other such matters, will be in effect.
  10. Due to required physical distancing, hand shaking is prohibited. A smile and “good game” or “good curling” is suggested.

### **Requirements of Spectators-if Applicable**

1. NO spectators will be permitted during Curling NB events unless the team consists of one or more player under the age of majority (minor). (see below)
  - All players under the legal age of majority must be accompanied by a “chaperone” of legal age. This individual can be a team mate, certified coach, or a parent/legal guardian. **NOTE:** One parent/legal guardian can accompany the minor player regardless of team mates ages or the fact that the team has a certified coach **if** the host club allows. (ie: if the host club does not allow for event spectators **AND** the team consists of at least one adult player or certified

coach, one of the aforementioned must assume the role of minor player(s) “chaperone”.

- Junior Events: In an effort to ensure maximum safety of teams and volunteers while considering the best interests of our Junior Events athletes, a maximum of one parent/legal guardian spectator per Junior Events athlete will be permitted **IF** the venue can accommodate this while maintaining the required (2 meter) physical distancing requirement. Non medical masks must be worn by all spectators.
  - Note: This does not include the required team coach and second team adult.
  - Note: There will be no parent/legal guardian substitution. (if a parent/legal guardian for one team member is unable to attend, this does not mean another team member can bring a second parent/legal guardian)
  - Note: Spectators must remain in seating area. (unless going to the washroom)
  - Note: Spectators will not be permitted entry to the venue earlier than 15 minutes prior to draw start time.
  - Note: If venue cannot accommodate the above, (one parent/guardian per Junior Event athlete) NO spectators will be permitted and team coach and/or second team adult must assume the role of minor player(s) “chaperone”.
  - Note: The Host Club has the option to completely reject the allowance of spectators.
- 2. All spectators must pass the COVID 19 screening questions
- 3. All spectators must provide the required “contract tracking’ information to the host club each time they enter the venue

Questions regarding Junior Events can be forwarded to Jonathan Goodine ([nbcajuniors@gmail.com](mailto:nbcajuniors@gmail.com)) with a copy to the NBCA Executive Director ([nbca@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:nbca@nb.sympatico.ca)) and Competitions Director ([cmaclean1@gmail.com](mailto:cmaclean1@gmail.com)). For all other events, questions can be forwarded to the Curling NB Event Liaison with a copy to the Competitions Director and Executive Director.