

Membership Survey Results

We would like to thank everyone for their time in responding to our survey. We received many responses and comments from our membership. There was a consensus that before many of us are willing to commit to playing this year, there was a need for a clearer picture of what the curling season and the social aspect of the club would look like.

We sent out a request to participate in our survey to 180 members from our last year's membership roster. Our members responded at an exceptional rate of 81%. Each of our regular leagues was fairly represented.

In our key question; who was planning on returning for the 2020 / 2021 season the responses were as follows:

Definitely Yes	34.9%
Undecided, Likely Yes	28.1%
Undecided, likely No	19.2%
Definitely No	17.8%

With regards to our collective willingness to volunteer this season;

Not willing to volunteer	45%
Evening Club Attendant	21.5%
Daytime Club Attendant	21.5%
Either Daytime or Evening	12.1%

We asked if the membership would be willing to pay an additional **One Time Only** special assessment fee of \$50 to help off-set some of the additional expenses and uncertainties we will be facing this year.

73.8% said they would be willing to pay the additional fee
26.2% said they were not willing to pay the additional fee

If the club were to remain closed this season, how many members would return for our 2021 / 2022 season?

80.5% said they would return
18.8% said they were unsure
0.7% said they would not return

The Board of Directors has reviewed these responses and has updated our financial projections for different operational scenarios. The scenarios indicate that we may be better off financially to remain closed (and incur reduced operating expenses) then to open with reduced membership. The Board is also looking at other options to make changes that may open up new opportunities, particularly to make use of ice during the day if traditional rentals, such as school groups, are not able to play.

We received many comments with regards to our member's concerns and perspectives. Many are concerned about the possibility of a surge in COVID cases and the health implications of participating in curling. Several members indicated that due to their personal health concerns, looking after at risk family members or their job position, they were not comfortable committing to playing.

There were a few comments from members expressing their concern for the financial viability of running the club this season with so many uncertainties.

The largest group of comments centered on the general uncertainty of what curling will look like this season and the potential of a reduced social aspect to the game. In response to these questions, we have put together our Return to Play Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan). This Strategic Plan is based on consultation with various levels of advisory organizations, review of examples from other clubs, as well as listening to the comments from our membership. While the situation with COVID within our society continues to change, our Strategic Plan is meant to be a living document. We are poised to alter the plan to accommodate changes as required – with the focus to remain on ensuring the safety of our membership.

Please take a few minutes to read the Strategic Plan. In a few days' time, we will be sending out information regarding our registration process for this season. If you have decided to return to play for the season, we ask that you send in your registration and payment via e-transfer no later than September 20th. If we have enough of our membership signed up for next season to be able to operate in a financially viable manner, we will open the club. If we don't have enough members to make the season financially viable, we will elect to remain closed. We will be making this decision at our next Board of Directors meeting on September 22nd and in advance of committing to install our ice surface. If the Board decides not to open, all membership monies collected between the date the registration package is sent out and our date of decision will be fully refunded. All registration information will be included in our registration package.

Return to Play Blue Water Curling Club

The BWCC Board of Directors has developed this Strategic Plan for Return to Play for the Blue Water Curling Club (Strategic Plan). This Strategic Plan has been developed based on guidance from local health authorities, the Canadian Curling Association's Return-to-Play guidelines that outline the protocols for a safe return-to-play and examples prepared by other curling clubs. Although we all want to return to play with as minimal impact to our game as possible, our primary objective is to ensure the well-being of all participants and staff.

We understand that it will take a little time and patience to implement the new routines. This is a necessary step to create as safe an environment as possible at our club. We thank everyone for their co-operation and patience.

KEY ELEMENTS

Cleaning/Sanitization/PPE

- The club will be thoroughly cleaned each morning prior to any leagues starting
- high touch surfaces will be sanitized between draw times
- Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple areas throughout the club
- Sanitizing wipes will be available in areas that require regular attention (rocks)
- A Plexiglas barrier will be installed at service area(s) as required (Bar)
- Staff and attendants will wear appropriate PPE as required

Masks/Face Coverings

- All members of the Blue Water Curling Club are to abide by the order put in place by Grey Bruce Public Health with respect to the mandatory wearing of face masks/coverings
- We will ask that all members/participants entering the club adhere to the guidelines with respect to face masks/coverings as follows
 - Mask are to be worn upon arrival at the club and until you are situated on the ice surface at your designated curling sheet ready to curl
 - You may continue to wear your mask during play, however because curling is a sport that involves physical exertion, they are not required
 - Prior to returning to the clubhouse/hall you **must** put your mask on and leave it on until you have situated yourself at your designated table or exited the facility
 - Mask can be removed once you are seated at your table to have a beverage and socialize. If your get up from your table for any reason, we ask that you put your mask back on until you either return to your seat, or leave the facility

Physical Distancing Guidelines

- We must maintain 6 feet of physical distance at all time...both on and off the ice
- Table & chairs have been set up to accommodate the required spacing
- There will be markings indicating direction of travel to help avoid bottlenecks

- There will be markings encouraging distancing when waiting at the bar
- Change Rooms will not be available...curlers must arrive at the club in curling attire and change their footwear in the designated area(s)

Capacity & Turnover/Transition

- Doors will open no earlier than 20 mins prior to scheduled start time for each draw and be locked 5 mins after start time
- Health unit guidelines now allowing for up to fifty (50) people in a facility at a time as long as physical distancing can be maintained – we have been able to achieve a plan for physical distancing in the club and on the ice surface that will allow us to operate a draw of 32 persons.
- As such, we cannot have overlap of groups at the club...meaning we cannot have one group on the ice while another is in the hall. Prior to a possible second draw showing up, all players from the previous draw must leave the building and allow time for cleaning/sanitization prior to the next group arriving
- There are to be no spectators at the club other than required staff/attendants to ensure compliance with capacity guidelines

Membership's Responsibility

- Before the commencement of league play, all members over the age of 18 must sign and submit a Waiver of Liability as well as a Declaration of Compliance. All members under the age of 18 will have to have a completed Release and Waiver of Liability for Minors signed by a parent or guardian
- If a member is feeling unwell for any reason, they are required to **Stay at Home**.

HOW THINGS WILL GO...

UPON ARRIVING AT THE CLUB

- Masks will be worn when you enter the club and remain on until you begin your game
- Hands are to be sanitized using the pump dispenser in the Vestibule
- Remove outdoor shoes in Vestibule as done previously and proceed to your designated table
- Tables will be assigned by sheet number for that draw
- Schedules will be sent out via email by conveners prior to the season. Team Tables will be labeled Sheet 1 Red, Sheet 1 Blue, Sheet 2 Red, Sheet 2 Blue, etc.
- Change rooms **will not** be made available so curlers must show up in curling attire
- Curlers will put their curling shoes on at their designated table
- Overcoats, bags, etc. can be left on your chair at your assigned table
- Curlers are to remain at their table until it is their turn to enter the playing area

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance must be taken at the tables by the convener each night. Attendance records are mandatory for contact tracing protocols as outlined by Grey-Bruce Public Health
- Spares – Member spares must have their names added to the attendance; in the event of a non-member spare, they must prepare and submit applicable waivers prior to playing and add their information on to the attendance sheet

ENTERING THE ICE FACILITY FOR PLAY

- The door to the Ice Shed will be propped open for entering to limit multiple contacts on the door handle. The Ice Technician will advise when the ice is ready...do not enter the area until advised
- To avoid bottlenecks at the ice entrance, teams will enter the Ice Shed starting with Sheet 1, then 2, then 3, & 4 as necessary. Sheet two will wait until sheet one is situated at their sheet prior to entering themselves...and so on
- The water cooler will not be available. Members are to bring their own water bottle for personal use.

EXITING ICE TO THE LOUNGE

- When the social distancing required by game play is over, all members must put their masks back on prior to returning to the lounge
- Teams will exit as they are ready and will Physical Distance themselves appropriately...respecting the other games that are going on around you
- Teams will make their way directly back to their tables using directional arrows on the floor
- All members must keep their masks on unless they are seated at their own table
- If a member gets up to go anywhere a mask must be worn

USING THE BAR/SERVING DETAILS

- We will be employing paid bartenders this year as we cannot have multiple people serving
- Only the bartender, is allowed in the bar service area
- Bar will be open for league nights from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM
- Debit or Credit card purchases are preferred.
- The bar will NOT be open prior to curling on any night
- Chips will be available for sale at the bar in individual size packages during scheduled bar operating hours. No shared food or outside food will be allowed in the club (shared snacks, pot lucks, buffets etc.)
- The bar may be opened for other daytime leagues as required if guidelines can be followed
- Each participant must get their own drink...you will not be allowed to carry multiple drinks back to your table
- Masks must be worn when going up to the bar
- A maximum of 4 members can be in line at a time, while still maintaining physical distancing with only one (1) allowed at the counter at a time

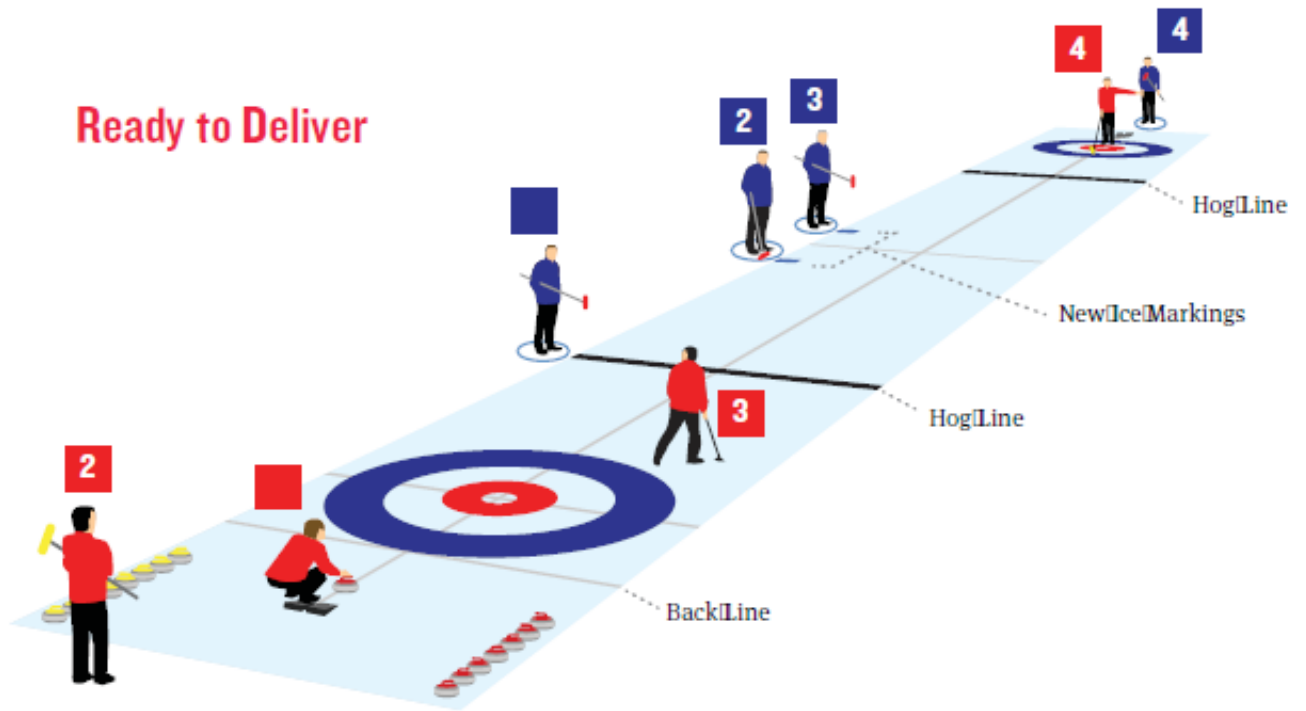
EXITING THE CLUB

- Prior to exiting the club, each participant will dispose of their OWN garbage and return their glasses/bottles to the designated areas
- Depending on whether there is another draw coming afterwards, the tables and chairs may need to be sanitized using the available wipes/disinfectants
- After gathering all belonging, members will follow the designated route(s) out of the club while maintaining physical distancing protocols

GAME FORMAT

- Games will continue to be 8 ends in length unless otherwise decided upon by each league
- There will be no flipping of coins or shaking of hands...may we suggest a Sky Five
- Last rock and color will be predetermined on the schedule
- Throwing team will have control while the non-throwing team will stand in designated and marked areas...see attached diagram for positions and traffic flow suggestions
- Regardless of team size, only ONE (1) Sweeper is allowed per throw
- Only one (1) skip is allowed in the house at a time...the other standing behind the house either on the boards in the home end or by the hack in the far end
- There will be no sweeping of opponent's rocks behind the tee line as access to the house is prohibited when your team is not in control
- There will be no switching of rocks...each player must throw the same rocks for the duration of the game. You may touch other players rocks with your feet so as to clean up at the end of an end or remove rocks from play as necessary
- Only one (1) person can put the scores up on the board per game. That person will also sanitize and return the score tags to the bin immediately after play
- In the case of a measure, remove gloves and sanitize hands. Conduct the measure then return the device to its location. Sanitize your hands again.
- There will be no shared equipment; club brooms, throwing devices, curling stabilizers, sliders, etc. Each curler must have their own equipment
- At the start of the game, each curler is to wipe down the handles of their own rocks with the supplied disinfectant wipes
- Cleaning products will be made available at the end of each sheet

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