



Powell River Curling Club - CoVid Update

August 15, 2020

Okay - no pictures here - just some reading for you.

We hope this Q and A session helps you to see where we stand and where we hope to go and what it's going to look like.

Here it goes....

Q. Is the Club going to open?

Yes – or, at least ... probably.

We're following the advice of provincial health authorities, WorkSafe BC, and Curl BC on how to safely prepare the facility and curlers, and we're on schedule to begin play in mid September on a trial basis so curlers can look at our safety measures and see what it's going to take to continue.

We're proceeding cautiously with the best information available to us. If the situation changes, we'll revisit whatever needs revisiting.

So, we're going to open registration and look at the numbers. We're thinking that if we get numbers close to last year, with most of evening "rink-of-choice" leagues signing up with 3 or 4 per team we can make this work. We also have Wednesdays and the additional daytime leagues on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays that we hope to fill with as many curlers as we can.

Q. What's it going to cost the Curling Club?

For the Club, we're going to see a decrease in revenue and increase in expenses. That's just a fact. We do have the Canada Emergency Business Assistance loan that will contribute an estimated \$8000 to our

shortfall, so we're optimistic.

It really depends on how many curlers want to return with the new rules.

Q. What's it going to look like?

Taking into account our membership survey, the financial forecast for the club, CurlBC Guidelines, BC Health and WorkSafe BC requirements - there's many changes designed to make the game safe and close to what we want in healthier times. Here's what the major changes mean to you:

- No locker room access
- No bonspiels planned
- We must start with maximum of 3 per team on the ice at one time. So, if you sign up with 4, it means one curler will alternate every week for the first transition period of 3-4 weeks, until we see if Curling Phase 3 comes in.
- We're going to add extra games at the start to try and make up for this
- Distanced tables of 4 in the lounge, with a limit of 4 standing at the bar (on the "wait here" dots)
- A one-way flow of traffic - Always - in side door, up to lounge, around to back stairs and to lobby for changing into shoes (one draw at a time)
- Staggered draw times (10 minutes between game start times) _ Sheet 1 first, Sheet 2 second, Sheet 3 third
- 3 sheets of ice centered with space between each sheet and on edges
- On-ice "wait here" dots for team waiting for opposing team to deliver
- One sweeper from hog line to hog line only. Possibly moved to hog line to top-of-house.
- **WASHROOM STRATEGY (OUCH - Don't wait too long!)** - we must follow health and WorkSafe BC guidelines with our narrow hallway; if you're going to use the washroom during the game, it means going back upstairs beside the side door, thru the lounge, down past the kitchen and then using one of the 4 washrooms available to you along the way back to the lobby, before cleaning your shoes and returning to the ice.

The good news is that when you finally get there you'll notice they're like brand new.

- No-touch automatic water bottle refilling station accessible in lobby
- Earliest time to arrive will be 30 minutes before first draw time. Lounge will be open.
- Entrance door will be locked 10 minutes after last draw time
- No visitors or guests - only registered members playing on a draw night
- Tuesday Evening - will be a mixed open league (third and skip of alternating gender) and Junior team(s)
- No drop-ins or unregistered spares. Only registered members who have paid the full capital assessment fee will be eligible to spare.
- Tuesday daytime league allows for registration for a "daily" curler at rate of \$20 + \$5 assessment per game

Q. What's it going to cost us?

We've managed to keep most rates the same – and even have the early registration discount again – you'll save and it'll help us to plan the leagues.

Registering early is a win-win scenario.

With only 3 sheets it means a maximum of 24 curlers per draw. So we're going to try and fit everyone in that we can – based on the order of preferences that curlers select.

Q. What's the refund policy going to be?

CoVid may be an issue we can't control.

If the club decides to shutdown or is closed because of health restrictions, we'll provide a pro-rated refund for remaining games minus a \$25 administration fee to help cover the credit card fees and administrative labor.

If a curler chooses to withdraw during the season, refunds will be offered with a \$25 admin fees applied as follows:

- On or before October 31, 2020, a 50% refund for both full and half year registrations
- On or before December 31st, 2020, a 25% refund for full year registrations
- After December 31st, 2020, there will be no refunds for full time league registrations.

If a curler is suspended for repeatedly not following the participation agreement, refunds will be provided as above, minus a \$100 administration fee.

Q. When can I register?

Online registration starts next week (August 17th) and early registration discount ends August 31st.

Links will be posted on the website and Facebook pages, along with our rate sheet, policies and detailed safety plan.

Q. When will it start?

We're going to try and start in mid- September to give people a chance to try out the new Phase 2 format for a few weeks. It'll also four player teams to alternate players for the first few weeks without losing many games.

Q. How can I help?

You already have. By reading this far, we know you're interested in keeping curling alive and well in Powell River.

Register early.

Save some money.

Let's stay safe and get back on the ice to curl!

Another email will be out early this week with the registration form link.

And a Coupon Code for early registration savings

If you're still reading and excited about the year ahead - [here's some more information](#)

- 2020 Rate Schedule
- 2020 PRCC Co-Vid Safety Plan
- Participant Agreement
- DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE