

Message to Our Members

This Returning to Play Operational Plan 2021-22 was developed in accordance with the Revised Mandatory Order COVID-19 issued September 25, 2021, NB Regulations 2021-67, 2021-68, 2021-69 and 2021-70, and guidance documents issued by the Department of Tourism, Heritage & Culture - Sport & Recreation Branch and the New Brunswick Curling Association. The Mandatory Order may be found at <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Corporate/pdf/EmergencyUrgence19.pdf>.

To All Fellow TSA Members,

The COVID-19 Committee has revised the Returning to Play Operational Plan as of **October 30, 2021** to include staggered starts to the games. The change is highlighted in yellow below.

Please rest assured that the COVID Committee has been working diligently to provide a safe **and fun** environment each and every time we meet at TSA.

Charlie Gray,
Chair of the TSA COVID-19 Committee

Return to Play Guidelines and Procedures

- **When you register through Curling I/O please review the waiver.**
- Members are required to provide **government-approved proof of full vaccination or of medical exemption to the Club Manager prior to the start of league play.**
- If you feel unwell, please stay home. **You are encouraged to [request a COVID test](#) if you have any symptoms.**
- Upon arrival at the club, review the pre-screening poster and sanitize your hands.
- Every person working inside TSA, whether for pay or as a volunteer, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, failing which they must be tested regularly for COVID-19 in compliance with Public Health guidelines and directives and demonstrate their negative test results to the Manager of TSA or, as applicable, to a designated TSA Board member.
- Everyone must wear a mask when in the house and in locker rooms. You may remove your mask when you are **sitting and eating/drinking.**
- It is strongly recommended that players who are 12 and over wear masks while curling, but it is not mandatory. Under-12 players and their coaches must wear masks while in the Ice Shed.
- Physical distancing is no longer mandatory in venues such as TSA that require entrants to provide proof of vaccination or medical exemption. **However, you are encouraged to continue this practice** whenever possible.
- Locker rooms will only be open to those who have rented a locker (bonspiels excepted). **Everyone MUST wear masks while in the locker rooms** as social distancing is a challenge and ventilation is poor.
- The coat room is open.
- If you have rented a locker, then enter the lounge and use the far staircase.
- If you are on the first shift, proceed to the main floor lounge and your designated tables to wait for your games.
- If you are on the second shift, and do not have a locker, then use the staircase by the front door to go to the 2nd floor to get ready. Use your designated table.

- If you are on the second shift, **and do have a locker**, then go through the main floor lounge to access the locker room. Use that staircase to go to the 2nd floor to your designated table.
- Exit the second floor using both staircases – sheets 4 and 5 will use the staircase nearest the front door, sheets 6, 7 and 8 will use the far staircase.
- Sheets 4 and 5 will enter the Ice Shed using the door closest to the Pro Shop.
- Sheets 6, 7 and 8 will enter the Ice Shed using the far door.
- Coin toss to determine last rock advantage will only be executed if curler has OWN COIN. Otherwise, use a non-contact method such as “ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS” or even/odds with a stopwatch (you get the idea).
- There were very few colds last year – let’s keep that trend going by continuing to tap brooms or bumping fists with gloved hands, rather than shaking bare hands.
- Two tables will be pushed together for each sheet. This will provide some spacing while still enabling socializing.
- All 5 sheets will be used. **We will start games at opposite ends to reduce congestion and to facilitate physical distancing. If your match does not go all 8 ends, please ensure that your rocks are left at the appropriate end for the start of the next match. The graphics below show how to enter the ice shed, where to start and where to stand.**
- All regular curling rules apply including two sweepers are allowed and the Skip can sweep!
- Visitors, who are non-members, are not allowed into the building during Adult League play due to logistics of managing proof of vaccination. One parent can accompany a junior curler during adult league play. Parents must show **government-approved proof of full vaccination or of medical exemption**. Chairs by the big windows will be spaced 3 feet apart. Please respect social distancing.
- Spectators for Little Rocks & Juniors are welcome with **government-approved proof of full vaccination or of medical exemption**.
- Plexiglass will remain in front of the bar.
- The popcorn machine will be unplugged for another season.
- Please continue to book practice time at tsaplays.ca
- If there is a known case of COVID at the club, we will follow Public Health’s recommendations fully.

Return to Play Guidelines and Procedures for Learn to Curl, Special Events, Tournaments & Bonspiels

1. TSA follows Curling Canada’s guidelines for special events, tournaments, and bonspiels. These guidelines require **government-approved proof of full vaccination or of medical exemption for all players 12 and up, volunteers and spectators**.
2. As above, **all players must sign the waiver** (or informed consent if player is under 18). TSA will keep the signed waivers on file.
3. Everyone must wear a mask when in the house and in locker rooms. You may remove your mask when you are sitting and eating/drinking.
4. It is strongly recommended that players who are 12 and over wear masks while curling, but it is not mandatory. Under-12 players and their coaches must wear masks while in the Ice Shed.
5. Organizers should consider staggered starts for games if possible.
6. Organizers should encourage participants and spectators to distance as much as possible.
7. Organizers should ensure that registrants understand that the event may not go ahead if changes are made to provincial COVID-19 regulations.
8. Organizers are welcome to implement further restrictions as you see fit.

Ice Shed Diagram Showing Sheets 4-8 In Play

