



**TSA Curling Club**  
**COVID-19 Return to Play Plan**

**Version 3 – Sep. 22, 2020**

***Welcome Back Curlers!***

## Summary of Changes

Version	Changes
Version 2 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add Appendix B outlining plan for Junior Curling, Little Rocks Curling, Wheelchair Curling and Learn-to-curl lessons</li> <li>- Added the following to Appendix A – Playing The Game: Only one sweeper on the delivering team can sweep on a given shot. There will be no relaying of sweepers including with the skip/vice-skip. The designated sweeper is the only player that can sweep on a given play. This includes behind the t-line and “raised” or “tapped” rocks. The skip/vice-skip in the house must move to accommodate the incoming sweeper.</li> <li>- Modified coat area to allow no more than two people to enter at a time, and masks must be worn</li> <li>- Added requirement that hand sanitizer be provided at the bar, and must be used prior to taking drinks back to table</li> <li>- Added ice sheet layout to accommodate sheets 4-8 available for use.</li> </ul>
Version 3 September 22 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ice shed images modified to reflect the Board Decision to use sheets 4 through 8 and to not open sheets 1 through 3 at this time.</li> <li>- Add CCA Distancing Illustration</li> </ul>

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## Message to Our Members

This Return to Play Plan was developed in accordance with guidelines issued by the Government of New Brunswick, WorkSafeNB and Curling Canada. It was developed by TSA's COVID-19 committee, in consultation with various stakeholders, and approved by the TSA Board. Its focus is on ensuring the safety of our members as fully as possible, while allowing us to return to the game we love and enjoy so much.

## Staff and General Operations

All staff and volunteers are required to read the Return to Play Plan prior to initially commencing duties at the Club.

Staff and volunteers must not enter the Club if they feel ill or do not satisfy any of the COVID-19 screening requirements.

When bartenders arrive in the building, they must immediately sanitize their hands. They are required to wear a protective mask when serving customers. They must wash their hands prior to serving customers and after coming into contact with cash or other unsanitized items.

## Cleaning & Disinfection Procedures

All common areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily. We will rely on our members and guests to help with the tables and common surfaces.

## COVID-19 Signage

Recommended signage will be posted throughout the facility on screening, proper hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, and physical distancing.

## Pre-Screening

A pre-screening notice will be posted on the TSA entry doors. Please pre-screen! People must not enter the Club if they feel ill or do not satisfy any of the COVID-19 screening requirements.

## Entry

All members must enter the building through the front door. We encourage members to take off their gloves, open the door, and sanitize their hands upon entry into the club.

Access to the coat room will be limited to a maximum of two people at a time. A mask must be worn when inside the coat room.

All individuals entering the facility and/or participating in activities must sign a “Assumption of Risk Agreement”, a “Declaration of Compliance” and an “Indemnity Agreement”.

## Physical Distancing

Our TSA guidelines are based on the current [Government of New Brunswick order](#) that requires people to maintain a 2 metre or “**half a house**” distance from each other with the exception of friends or family. Details for the lounge and ice shed are below. Please obey any recommended standing or directional flow signage.

**Masks:** Mask wearing is optional in most areas of the lounge and ice shed, but members are encouraged to wear them whenever physical distancing measures may be difficult to adhere to. Mask wearing is required on entering communal bathrooms (as detailed further, below).

## Contact Tracing

At the beginning of the season, league coordinators must email the team rosters to the General Manager at [tsa@nb.aibn.com](mailto:tsa@nb.aibn.com). If a team member misses a draw, it is incumbent on the member to email [tsa@nb.aibn.com](mailto:tsa@nb.aibn.com) of their absence.

Spares and spectators must provide their names and contact information to the bartender upon arrival.

Bonspiels and funspiels: Coordinators must submit a full roster of all participants and their contact information to the General Manager at [tsa@nb.aibn.com](mailto:tsa@nb.aibn.com), together with the draw schedule.

## Bathrooms

People must wear masks when entering, occupying and exiting communal bathrooms (i.e. bathrooms with more than one stall). We will make use of the upstairs bathrooms as well as the family bathroom on the main floor. **Do not use the bathrooms as change rooms!** If sanitizing or cleaning supplies are low in the bathroom please let the bartender know. Garbage cans will have lids removed to minimize touch points.

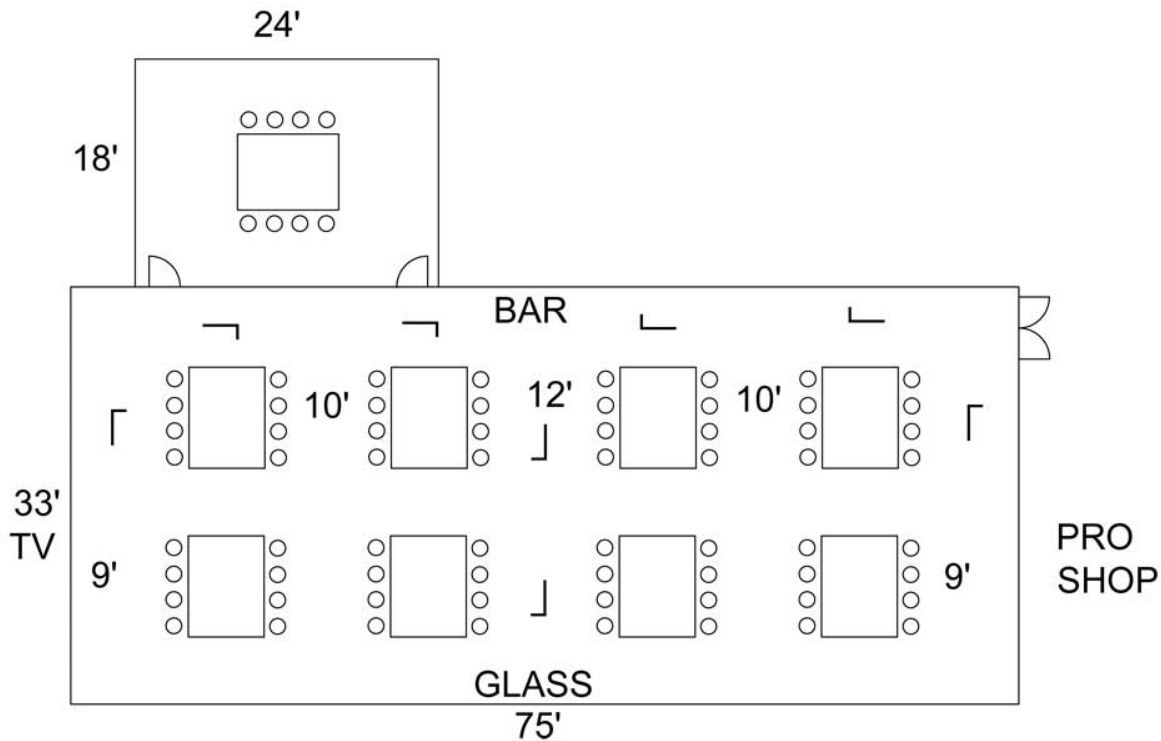
A paper towel should be used to turn taps off after use.

Markings have been placed on the floor to indicate where people should stand while waiting to enter a bathroom.

## Lounge

We have put two tables together to form a single table to allow 2 metre distancing. Each team will sit beside each other on opposite sides of the double-table. The tables are designated by sheet. Please do not wander or visit other tables.

We also have some overflow tables, including one in the former pool room.



Hand sanitizer bottles will be placed at each table. Please either wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after every match. When you leave the table, please spray and wipe the tables and chairs.

Hand sanitizer will be provided at the bar. When taking drinks back to your table, especially if delivering a drink to an opposing player, hand sanitizer must be used.

Markings have been placed on the floor to indicate where you should stand while waiting to order from the bar.

We ask that all members try to use electronic methods of payment. When not possible and cash payments are made, bartenders will be required to wash their hands after each such transaction. If tap is not used then the bartender will sanitize the debit machine after each use.

Only one bartender will be working behind the bar at any given time. They will also need to continually clean the serving surface so we ask all members to exhibit patience.

**Water:** the self-serve water jugs have been removed. You may order a glass of water from the bartender. **Better yet!** Bring your own water bottle!

**Popcorn:** the popcorn machine has been removed to discourage sharing of food.

**TV remotes:** these have been removed. If you would like a monitor turned on, please speak to the bartender.

**Viewing matches:** please stand on the marked spots. Please maintain physical distancing and do not congregate too closely by the windows, unless you are with friends or family.

## Locker Rooms

Since it will be difficult to accommodate physical distancing in the locker rooms, we have made the decision to keep them closed at this time. This decision may be revisited as the season progresses, once we have a better sense of total numbers. **For the time being, however, members should come dressed to play. In order to reduce tripping hazards and clutter in the lounge, members are discouraged from bringing equipment bags and multiple brooms.**

## Ice Shed

### **First Draw Flow:**

The first draw will proceed into the lounge. Go to your designated table (tables will be marked Sheet 1, Sheet 3 etc). Leave your coats and outdoor shoes at the table. Each team will choose one side of the table. Please keep your bags to a minimum! You may store extra gear by the tv wall or by the windows if you maintain distancing. Enter and exit the ice shed through your designated door. If you are still socializing when the second draw is done, please use the sanitizer to wipe down the table and chairs, and then move to one of the overflow tables.

**Second Draw Flow:** The second shift should proceed directly upstairs and not enter the lounge. Go to your designated table. Leave your coats and outdoor shoes at the table. At draw time, use one set of stairs to come downstairs and enter the ice shed.

Leagues will be required to match the number of games per draw as closely as possible, to help reduce congestion in the club as much as possible.

### **Sheets in Play**

The season will start with sheets 4-8 flooded and available for curling. Sheets 1-3 may be flooded at a later time if there is enough demand.

If a league requires 4 sheets then sheet 6 will not 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.

**Shoe cleaner:** Did you know you don't have to touch the handle? Just step lightly and it will start to clean!

**Doors to ice shed:** Use the designated door as shown in the diagrams. We recommend that you use your sanitized bare hands or a clean barrier (e.g. clean kleenex) to open the door, and not your gloves.

**Sweeping:** In accordance with safety recommendations, each team may only use one sweeper. Detailed playing rules can be found in the Appendix.

**Last rock in first end:** The league coordinator will designate who has last rock on the schedule. No coin flips! If playing an unscheduled game, please use a timer to determine last rock (odds or evens).

**Handshakes:** Do not shake hands, bump fists etc. before or after any match, even with gloves on. A broom tap or a tip of the hat will be the new norm this season.

**Rocks:** Each member must clean their rock handles before the start of every game. Do not touch other players' stones. If you switch rocks during the game, clean them again.

**Scoring:** The mate should use a paper towel or kleenex to handle the score tiles when hanging scores on the scoreboards. At the end of the game, please wipe the score tiles and put them away.

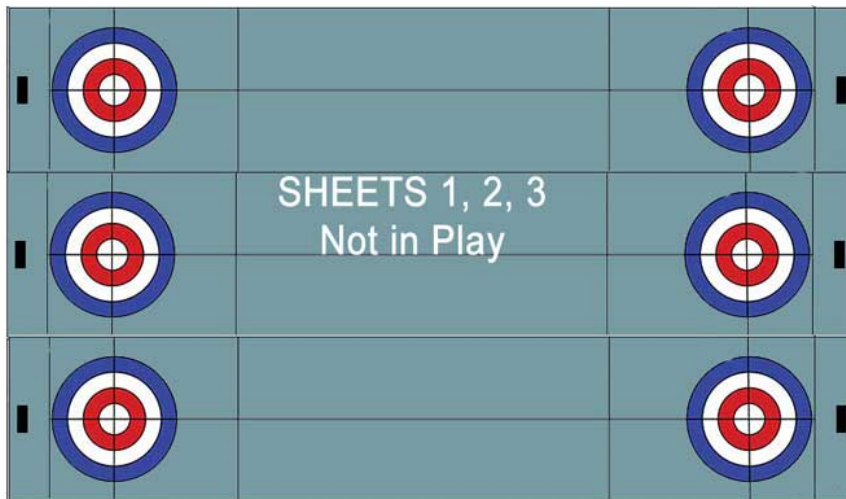
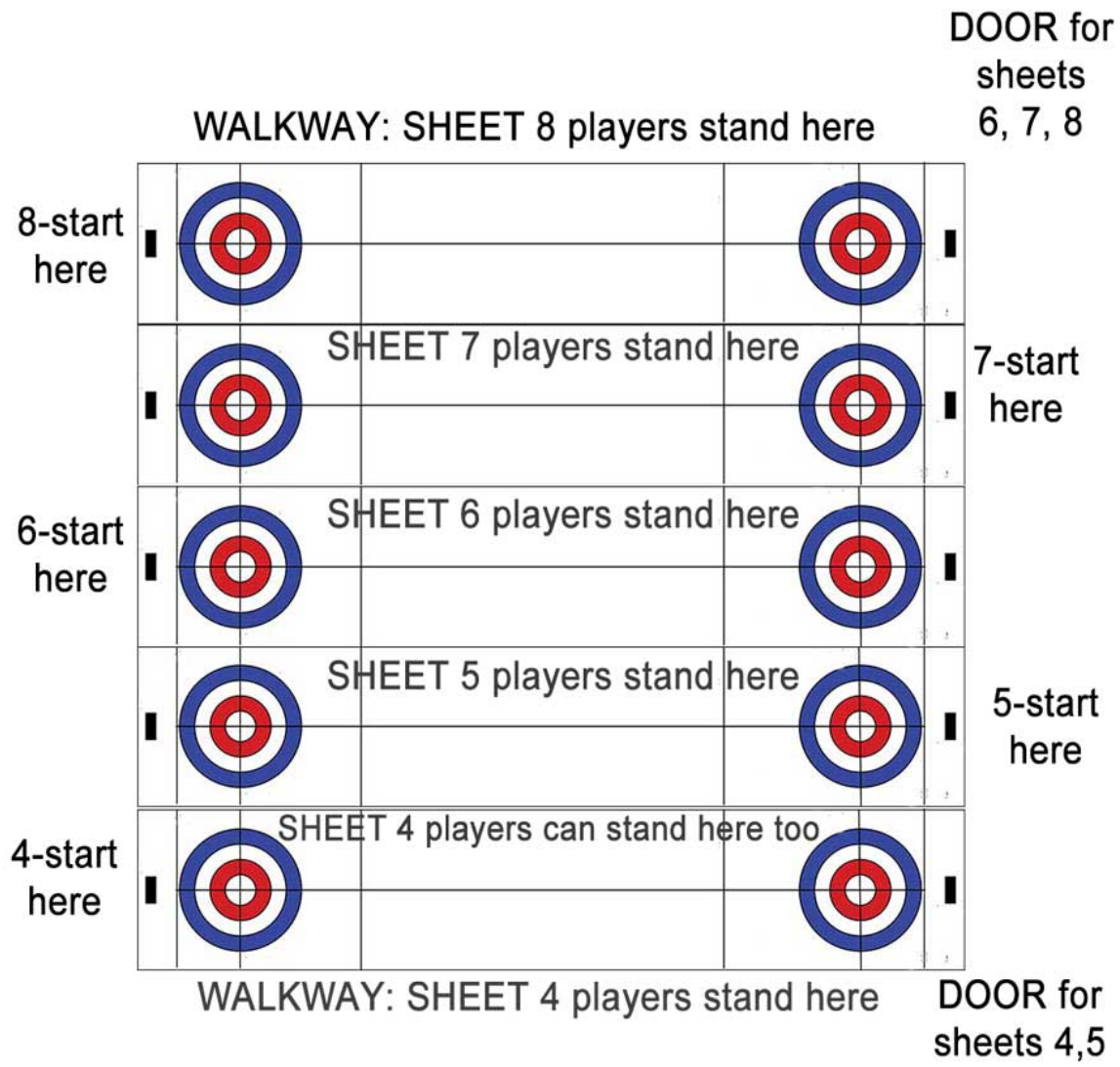
**Measuring:** Remove gloves, sanitize your hands, conduct measure, return measure device to its normal location, sanitize your hands.

**Club sliders, stabilizers, club brooms:** If you use the club equipment, use the provided sanitizer to clean the shared equipment before and after use.

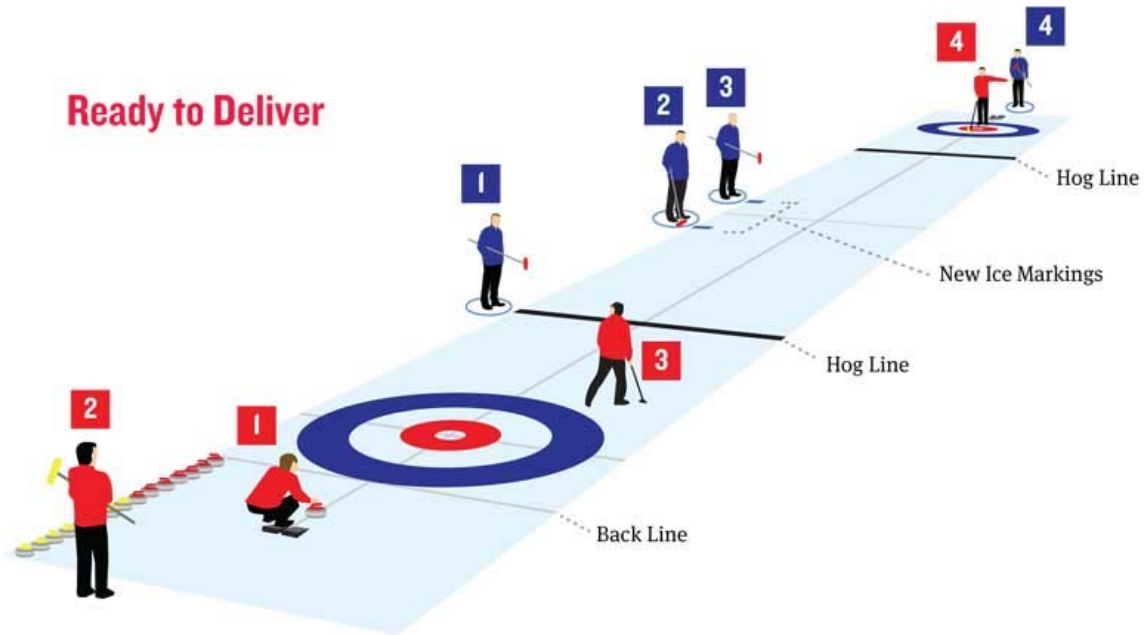
**Reporting scores:** Mates should email game results to the league's coordinator. If filling out results on a draw schedule, please wash or sanitize your hands after using a pen that is not your own.



Ice Shed Diagram Showing Sheets 4-8 In Play



# Appendix 5: Distancing Illustrations



## APPENDIX A – PLAYING THE GAME

- Instead of a handshake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.
- Do not use coins to decide the last stone advantage in the first end. The league coordinators may assign them every game. If not, use a timer or an online tool on your phone: <https://justflipacoin.com/>
- Non-delivering team: players should stay in the designated areas when the opposite team is shooting. See the diagrams above.
- Delivering Team: The skip has control of the house. The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player is on the backboards.
- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. No relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet). The person in charge of the house is not allowed to sweep under any circumstance. The skip of the non-delivering team must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition stone behind the tee line.
- Only one sweeper on the delivering team can sweep on a given shot. There will be no relaying of sweepers including with the skip/vice-skip. The designated sweeper is the only player that can sweep on a given play. This includes behind the t-line and “raised” or “tapped” rocks. The skip/vice-skip in the house must move to accommodate the incoming sweeper.
- The skip or mate (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.

## APPENDIX B – Little Rocks, Juniors, Learn-to-curl and Wheelchair Curling

- All coaches/instructors are required to wear masks if within two metres. Individuals who may have difficulties maintaining physical distance of two metres at all times, such as youth, should be encouraged to wear a mask. To be clear, wearing a mask still means that distance should be maintained when possible.
- Wheelchair curlers are required to wear masks when delivering stones, as 2 meter distancing cannot be maintained between the two wheelchairs, provided no physical limitations to doing so.
- A maximum of four students/players per sheet plus one coach.
- One parent per child may be permitted on the ice if physical distancing can be maintained and the number of people per sheet is not exceeded.
- Only one parent per child should be allowed to spectate. Consider putting siblings on the same sheet.
- Arrange for all equipment borrowed by participants to be sanitized after each use. Users should also be encouraged to clean the equipment again themselves before use.
- Mark the rocks with stickers, tape, or labels to indicate which rocks “belong” to each participant. As an idea, stickers may match on kids’ brooms and rocks. Coaches will instruct students to use only the rocks they have been assigned. Players within the same household or family cohort will be able to share their equipment.
- After a lesson, it is recommended for adults who are picking up their children to remain in the parking lot until the child leaves the facility. All youth under twelve should be guided by a coach to ensure they find their parents.
- All players will be required to sanitize/wash their hands and ensure physical distancing of at least two meters is maintained with others when leaving the facility to ensure a buffer time with the next set of players entering.