



Carleton Heights Curling Club

Return To Play Guidelines

2021-22 SEASON

Objectives

- ▶ Maximize health and safety of everyone in the facility
- ▶ Provide an on-ice experience that is as close to normal as possible
- ▶ Maximize opportunities for socialization
- ▶ Maintain historical schedules

Context

- ▶ The health and safety of our curlers, staff and contractors is the club's top priority.
- ▶ CHCC must follow all local and provincial regulations
- ▶ Ontario is currently in Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen:
 - ▶ Masks required except when engaging in physical activity and eating/drinking
 - ▶ Physical distancing (2 m) must be maintained
 - ▶ Contact tracing information must be collected and maintained by the club for everyone who enters the facility

Highlights

- ▶ The vaccination policy is still under consideration.
- ▶ Due to club space and layout limitations, and current health regulations, we must limit the number of people in the club. A maximum of 3 games will be scheduled per draw using a rotation of sheets 1-2-3 and sheets 2-3-4. Games will be limited to 90 minutes unless no games are scheduled to follow.
- ▶ A maximum of 20 players (two designated teams for a given game plus 4 additional first come / first served players) may use the Socializing area. Socializing will be limited to 60 minutes unless no games are scheduled to follow.

Highlights (continued)

- ▶ The lounge will be divided into two areas: (1) Staging and (2) Socializing.
- ▶ All efforts will be made to schedule games at time slots consistent with past seasons.
- ▶ League coordinators will pre-determine (1) draw schedules, (2) sheet assignments, (3) rock colours, (4) hammer assignments and (5) post-game team socializing privileges.
- ▶ Players must sign-in upon arrival at the club using the provided tablet and app.

Season Calendar

Registration	August 23, 2021 – September 7, 2021
Start of league play	October 12, 2021
Holiday closure	December 19, 2021 – January 3, 2022
End of league play	April 1, 2022
Club championship	April 4-13, 2022
Closure	April 15, 2022

Note: All dates are subject to change.

General Rules

- ▶ Only players and staff will be allowed in the club. No other people will be allowed in the club during games (i.e., no gallery).
- ▶ Physical distancing (2 m) must be maintained at all times.
- ▶ Masks must be worn at all times in the facility except when engaging in physical activity or actively eating or drinking.
- ▶ Spares must be sourced from club or rental league members.
- ▶ Curlers will be required to follow the club schedule for each draw without exception, including arrival, socializing and departure times.

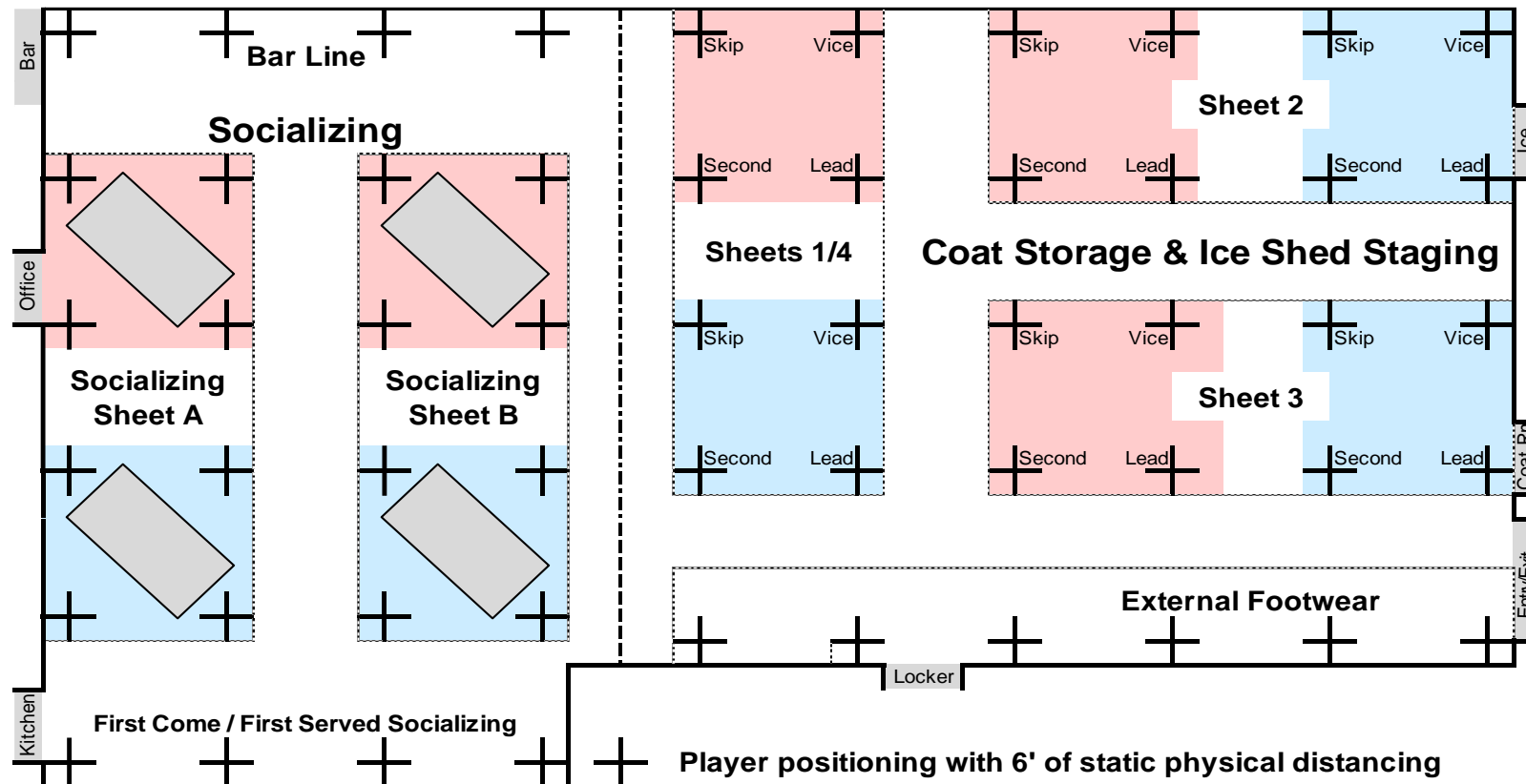
League and Draw Coordinators

- ▶ League Coordinators will designate a Draw Coordinator for every draw conducted by the league. Different Draw Coordinators may be specified for each draw.
- ▶ Draw Coordinators will be responsible for coordinating curlers' entry to, and exit from the Ice Shed according to club procedures, as well as generally ensuring that all club protocols are followed.

Arrival and Entering the club

- ▶ Players should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their games.
- ▶ Players must sanitize their hands with the sanitizer provided at the door.
- ▶ Upon entry, all curlers must sign-in using the provided contact tracing tablet and application, or by other means specified by the club.
- ▶ Outdoor footwear must be removed and placed on racks at the door.
- ▶ Locker rooms and washrooms will be open but physical distancing (2 m) must be maintained at all times.

Staging and Socializing areas



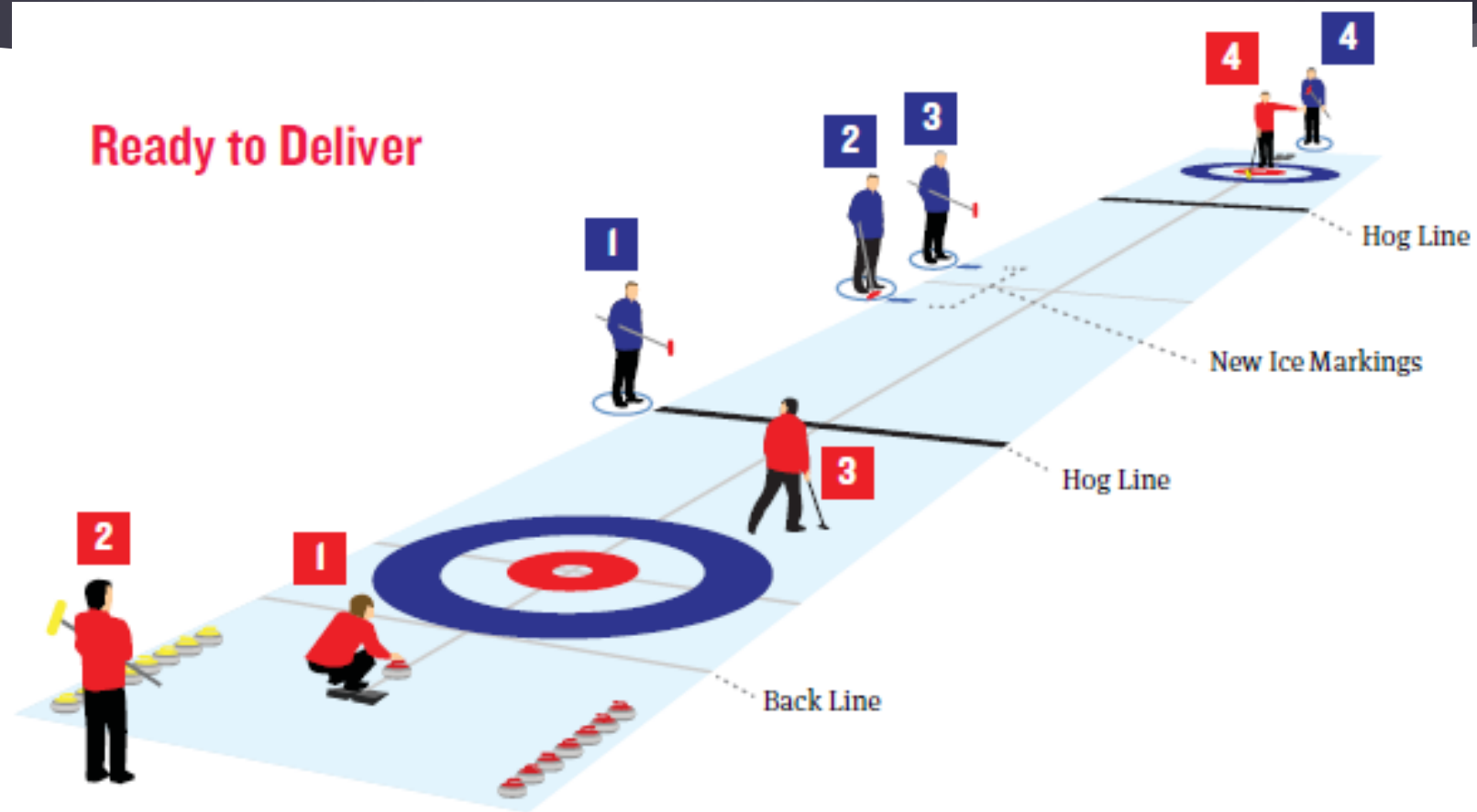
On-Ice Protocols

- ▶ Players must bring their own brooms, sliders, stabilizers and water bottles. No club equipment or water dispensers will be available.
- ▶ No handshakes before or after the game – tap brooms or exchange friendly waves instead.
- ▶ A white board will be provided for scoring. The vice on the team with opening hammer will be responsible for all scoring updates. This person will sanitize the board, pen and eraser before play begins.
- ▶ Rock colour and first-end hammer will be assigned in advance by league coordinators.
- ▶ Only one designated player from each team may move rocks from the house to their staging positions. Rock movement must be accomplished without touching any rocks with one's hands. Rocks should be staged in a single line for ease of player access.

On-Ice Protocols (continued)

- ▶ Players select their stones at the beginning of the game. Once selected, a player must use the same stones for the entire game. Swapping of stones is not allowed once the game has started.
- ▶ Players may handle their designated stones only. Handling of any other stones is not allowed.
- ▶ Special markings will be inserted in the ice to designate where players should stand when the opposing team is delivering a stone.

On-Ice: Ready-to-Deliver positions



On-Ice: Delivered stone positions



Rules of Play

- ▶ Players must adhere to designated positioning and always maintain physical distancing (2 m) in the ice shed.
- ▶ Only one delivery team sweeper may sweep during a given stone. No one else, on either team, may sweep the delivered rock or any rock set in motion by the delivered rock. “Relay-sweeping” is not allowed.
- ▶ No sweeping is allowed by either team behind the tee-line.
- ▶ The buzzer will sound at 80 minutes of play and teams must **quickly** finish their end and leave the ice by 90 minutes, unless there are no games following. This will allow players to exit the Staging area and the ice technician to prepare the ice for the next draw.

Post-game socializing

- ▶ In accordance with physical distancing requirement and the layout of the club lounge, there will only be socializing space for 20 players at a time.
- ▶ Players must maintain physical distancing (2 m) at all times in the Socializing area.
- ▶ Masks must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking.
- ▶ Players must limit their post-game socializing to the time designated by the club for the draw. This will be roughly 60 minutes unless no games are scheduled to follow. This will allow time for the staff to clean the area for the next draw.

Post-game socializing (continued)

- ▶ Hand sanitizer will be provided at each Socializing table.
- ▶ Players in the Staging and Socializing areas cannot co-mingle.
- ▶ Paper towels will be provided to carry drinks and individually packaged snacks from the bar to tables. No snacks may be shared.

Refund Policy 2021-22

- ▶ CHCC Executive will decide if and when the club will open for the season on Tuesday, September 7.
- ▶ Up to and including September 7, a 100% refund is available.
- ▶ From September 8 onward, if the club decides to open but subsequently decides to close **for any reason**, the club will use 2021-22 registration fees to cover all costs incurred to open, operate and close the club, as well as the annual contribution to the Capital Fund. Remaining fees will be refunded proportionally according to the fees paid by each curler.
- ▶ If the club opens but a specific league does not run, registration fees for that league are 100% refundable.

Questions?

Email the club at carletonheightscc@gmail.com with any questions.