

# Carleton Heights Curling Club Return to Play Guidelines



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# Opening statement

- ▶ With the current Covid-19 pandemic, CHCC must follow (1) Canadian Public Health Agency recommendations and (2) City of Ottawa bylaws.
- ▶ “CHCC Return to Play Guidelines” objectives: (1) maximize player safety on and off the ice, (2) maintain historical game times and (3) accommodate opportunities for socialization.
- ▶ To balance these objectives, guidelines include necessary compromises to the frequency and duration of (1) games and (2) post-game socialization.
- ▶ Players must adhere to “CHCC Return to Play Guidelines” when returning to CHCC for the 2020-21 season.
- ▶ These guidelines will be subject to ongoing review and update based on changing public health conditions, changing bylaws and CHCC return to play experience.



# Highlights

- ▶ The lounge will be divided into two areas: (1) Coat storage and ice shed staging and (2) Socializing.
- ▶ Games will be scheduled at time slots consistent with past seasons.
- ▶ A maximum of 3 games will be scheduled per draw time 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.
- ▶ League coordinators will pre-determine (1) draw schedules, (2) sheet assignments, (3) team colours, (4) hammer assignments and (5) post-game team socializing privileges.
- ▶ Players must sign CHCC Waivers and Declarations of Compliance before they arrive at the club.

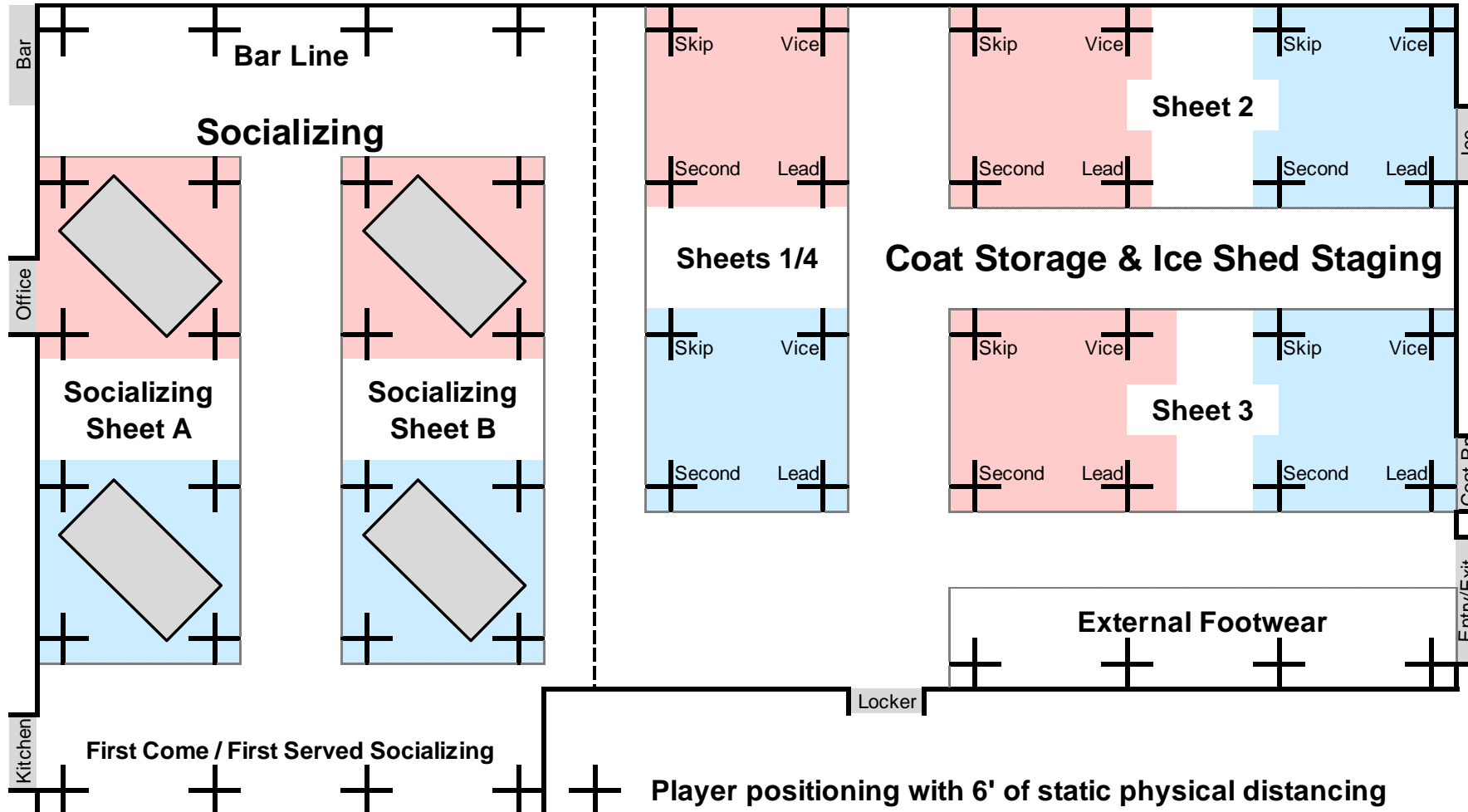


# Entering and using the club lounge

- ▶ Only players and staff will be allowed in the club. No other people will be allowed in the club during games (ie. no gallery).
- ▶ Spares must be club or rental sheet members that have signed the Waiver and Declaration of Compliance.
- ▶ Players should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their games.
- ▶ Players must sanitize their hands with the sanitizer provided at the door.
- ▶ Outdoor footwear must be removed and placed on racks at the door. No outdoor footwear is permitted elsewhere within the club.
- ▶ Players should come ready to play. Locker rooms and lockers will be closed for changing and score sheets. The lower level will only be available for washroom use.
- ▶ The lounge will be divided into two areas: Staging and Socializing. Seating in these areas will meet the legally required 6 feet of physical distancing.
- ▶ Masks **must be worn** at all times with two exceptions (where they are still recommended but are optional): (1) Ice shed and (2) Socializing area.



# Entering and using the club lounge: Staging and Socializing areas



# Entering and using the club lounge: Staging area

- ▶ Players must bring their own brooms, sliders, stabilizers and water bottles. No club equipment or water dispensers will be available.
- ▶ Players entering the club will proceed to their chair, designated by sheet, colour (ie. Red/Blue) and position (ie. Lead, Second, Vice, Skip), to remove their coat and put on their curling shoes.
- ▶ The coat room will be closed. Coats and bags will be left at player designated chairs. Only valuables and water bottles should be taken into the ice shed.
- ▶ Players should stretch at home, but can use the area around their chair to stretch before entering the ice shed.
- ▶ Players may enter the ice shed, with safe physical distancing, when the ice technician has finished preparing the ice. Ice shed entry will be in the following sheet order: 2-1-3 or 2-3-4.



# Post game: Bar and socializing

- ▶ There will only be Socializing space for 20 players at a time.
- ▶ When the game is finished, players will pickup their coats and bags and immediately move to the Socializing area or exit the club. Players cannot delay in the Staging area as this space will be needed for the next draw.
- ▶ Hand sanitizer will be provided at each Socializing table.
- ▶ Players must maintain safe physical distancing while in line for the bar.
- ▶ Paper towels will be provided to carry drinks and individually packaged snacks from the bar to tables. No snacks may be shared.
- ▶ Players should limit their post-game Socializing time to 60 minutes unless no games are scheduled to follow. This will allow time for the staff to clean the area for the next draw.





# Curling: Rules of play

- ▶ Rocks will be initially staged in single lines, by sheet, at alternating ends of the ice.
- ▶ Sanitizer dispensers and wipes will be provided at both ends of each sheet.
- ▶ A designated player, from each team, must sanitize the team's rock handles before play begins.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Players must adhere to designated positioning and maintain safe physical distancing throughout entry to, play within and exit from the ice shed. Pre-game greetings and post-game congratulations must be fulfilled without physical contact.
- ▶ Only one delivery team sweeper may sweep during a given play. No one else, on either team, may sweep the delivered rock or any rock set in motion by the delivered rock.

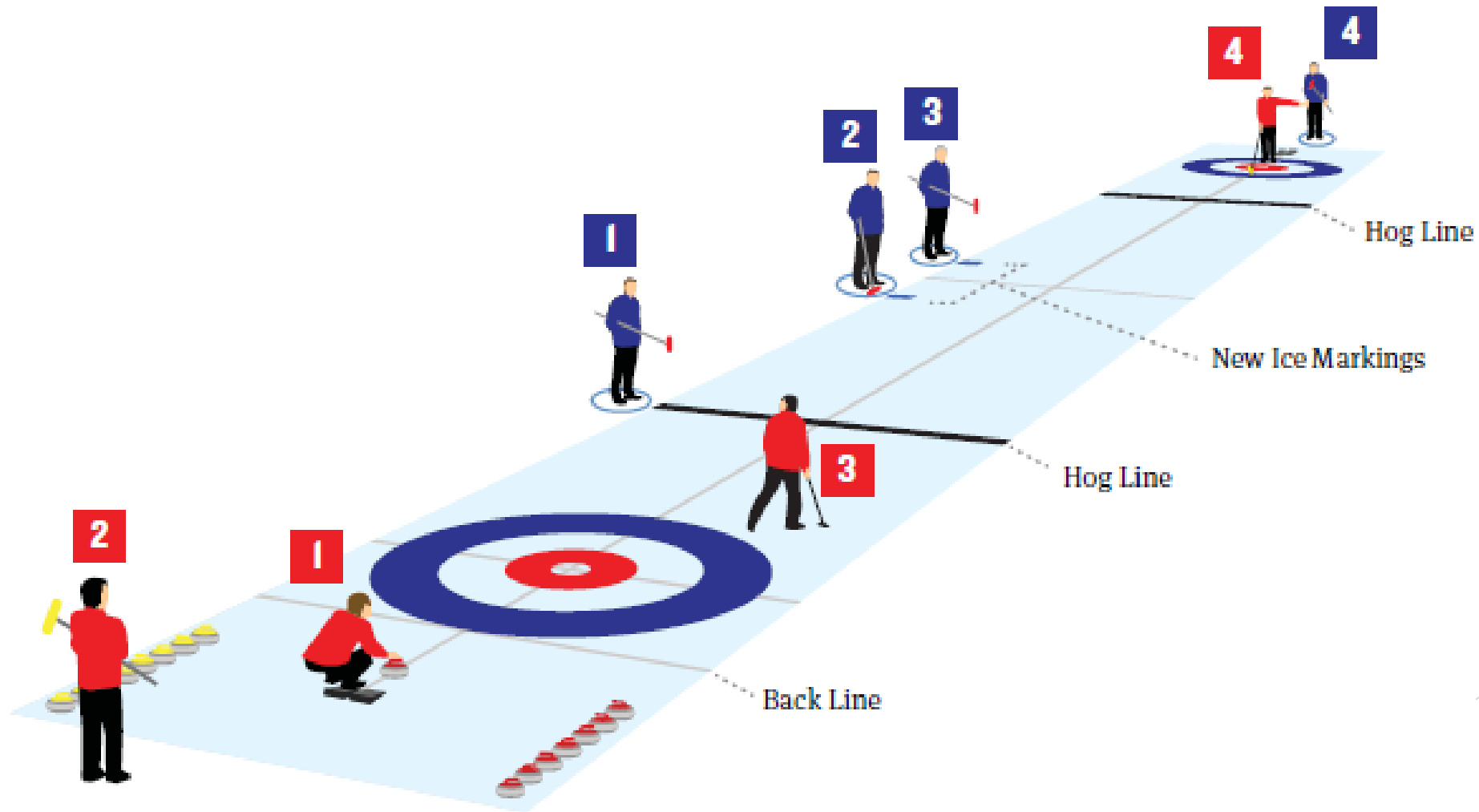


# Curling: Rules of play continued

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ The buzzer will sound at 80 minutes of play and teams must **quickly** finish their end and leave the ice by 90 minutes. This will allow players to exit the Staging area and the ice technician to prepare the ice for the next draw.
- ▶ Players must exit the ice shed with safe physical distancing and in reverse sheet order: 3-1-2 or 4-3-2.
- ▶ A designated player, from the winning team, must email the league coordinator, within 24 hours, with the game's score (e.g. win/loss, rocks, ends).
- ▶ For contact tracking records, skips must confirm with the league coordinator, within 24 hours, players that were in attendance (e.g. regular team, absences, spares).
- ▶ Refer to the attached Curl Ontario guidelines for additional detail.



# Curling: Ready to deliver positions



# Curling: Stone is delivered positions

