

# Williams Lake Curling Club

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## Return to Curling Policy

### On the Ice:

#### Equipment:

- Sanitize sliders and grippers after use.
- Brooms and sticks (for stick curlers) can be rented. These items need to be wiped down, by the user, prior to and after use (wipes will be provided)
- Crutches will be made available and will be marked for the specific sheet of ice they will be associated with (these can be wiped down after use)

#### Rocks:

- Only touch your own rocks – no one else's
- Do not use your hands to put the rocks away (use your broom or foot to position the rocks)
- Do not clean the bottom of your rocks with a gloved hand.
- You can use your bare hand or broom to clean the rock. If you use your hand to clean the rock, sanitize your hand after delivery of the rock.
- At the end of the game each team designates someone to clean all the handles of the rocks their team has used.

#### Playing the Game:

- To determine who has the hammer in the first end the thirds will use the Rock, Paper, Scissors approach.
  - We will not be using the Heads/Tails canisters this season.
- If you are looking to throw practice rocks prior to the game, know what rocks you will be using. This can be decided at the time the thirds do rock, paper, scissors – prior to play.

- Sanitize your hands while on the ice as you see fit.

### **Scoring the Game:**

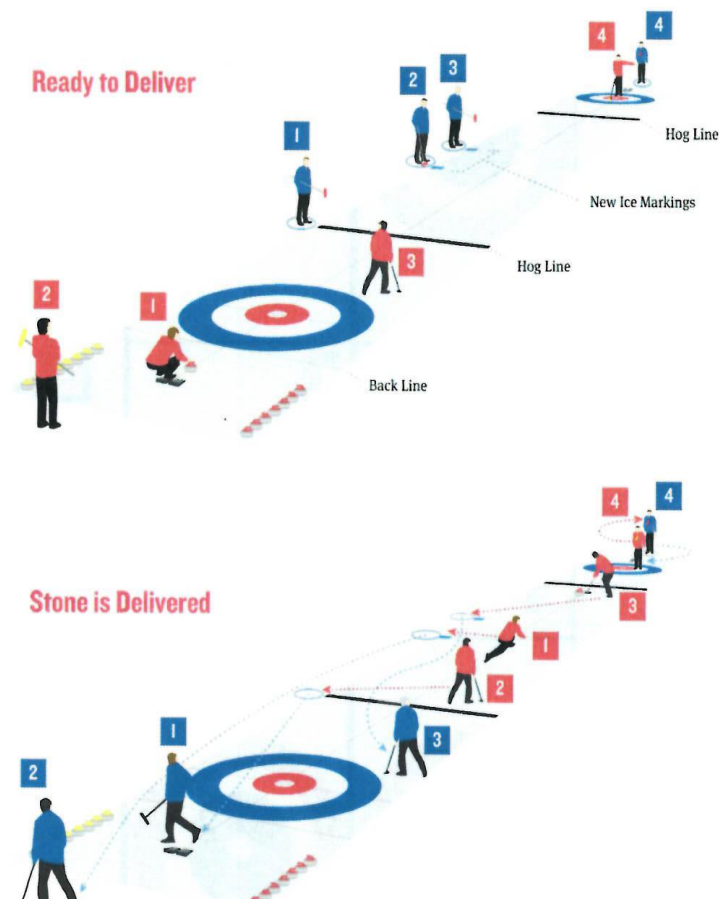
- One skip will be designated at the beginning of play to post the score as the game progresses. They should avoid touching any of the cards with their bare hands and/or gloved hands.
- This skip will use a wipe or Kleenex tissue to pick up the end cards and place them on the scoreboard.
- At the end of the game the same skip will remove and replace the end cards back into the holder, again using a wipe or Kleenex tissue.

### **Cleaning Ice After the Game:**

- There will be no need to clean the ice after the game has ended. For safety reasons only the Ice Crew is to touch cleaning equipment and they will complete all ice-cleaning tasks.

### **What Play Looks Like:** (Image provided by Delta Thistle Club)

APPENDIX D  
4v4 Curling (Phase 3 and 4)



## Description of Play:



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### COVID 19 Return to Curl Safety Plan

(as Required by the City of Delta, BCRPA Recreation and Parks Sector Guideline for Restarting Operations Document p15)  
Adapted from Documents from viaSport Return to Sport Plan, BCRPA, WorkSafeBC, Curling Canada Canada and CurlBC Return to Curling Guidelines

### Playing the Game:

- Wearing a mask or face covering is required inside the facility
- Instead of a hand shake, 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 convenors may assign them every game or use an online tool on your phone: <https://justflipacoin.com/>
- Players stay on the same side of the sheet. For example, if you are playing on sheet 2, always walk or position yourself on the sideline to sheet 1. This will keep players 10 feet apart.
- Insert two small markings, located four feet from each side of centre ice (roughly 69 feet from the end boards).
- Non-Delivering Team: The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on these markings while the other team is throwing. The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver should be positioned at the hogline on the same side as the two sweepers.
- The Skip (or Vice-Skip) will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.
- 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. The sweeping player is at the T-Line. Once the stone has been released, the player who delivered the stone proceeds down the centre line of the ice until the halfway point to the marking or to the hog line if it is his/her turn next.
- After the stone comes to rest, the sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings. The non-sweeper travels to the halfway mark or the hog line depending on their turn to deliver or not.
- As it is a labour-intensive activity to sanitize the scoreboard numbers after each game, consider other methods of keeping score (example: record on one person's phone; paper & pen)
- 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 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. Lessening of physical distancing restrictions would/could allow this guideline to be removed.
- The skip or vice skip (not both) of the non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished playing and has relinquished control of the house.
- Neither skip or vice skip (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.

### Cleaning Protocols:

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