



# **Coyotes Curling Club**

## **Covid-19 Return to Curling**

### **Operational Protocols**

#### **Overview**

These protocols are intended to establish guidelines for the re-opening of curling at the Coyotes Curling Club (CCC). None of these protocols will supersede any guidance provided by the CDC, the State of Arizona, the County of Maricopa or the City of Tempe.

#### **Reopening Phases**

The return to curling at CCC will follow a phased approach based on the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic in the State of Arizona and the nation as a whole.

Passing from one phase to another will be guided by the appropriate governing agencies but will ultimately be controlled by the club's membership i.e. even if an agency declares all restrictions are lifted, the membership may continue to enforce some restrictions. Phases may revert back to previous phases depending on current status of the Covid-19 pandemic in the State of Arizona and the nation as a whole.

The phases and their guiding parameters are as follows:

##### **1. Phase Black**

- a. Controls
  - i. Government agencies forbid activities in numbers greater than 10 and/or
  - ii. Coronavirus Test Positivity rate exceeds 10% in Arizona and/or
  - iii. Rate of Transmission (**Rt**)  $>.99$  in Arizona and more than 1000 cases per day
- b. No curling or social activities will occur at the club.
- c. Maintenance and major facility cleaning may occur using strict Social Distancing and Masking up measures.

## 2. Phase Red

- a. Controls
  - i. Government agencies forbid activities in numbers greater than 50 and/or
  - ii. Coronavirus 2-week rolling Test Positivity rate exceeds 7.5% in Arizona
  - iii. and/or Rate of Transmission (**Rt**)  $>.80$  in Arizona and fewer than 1000 cases per day.
- b. Curling may occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.
- c. No social activities or in person broomstacking may occur.
- d. Maintenance and major facility cleaning may occur using Social Distancing and Masking up measures.
- e. Ice House and Warm Room cleaning between every draw **must** occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.

## 3. Phase Yellow

- a. Controls
  - i. Government agencies forbid activities in numbers greater than 100 and/or
  - ii. Coronavirus 2-week rolling Test Positivity rate exceeds 5% in Arizona and/or
  - iii. Rate of Transmission (**Rt**)  $>.70$  in Arizona and fewer than 500 cases per day.
- b. Curling may occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.
- c. Social activities may occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.
- d. Maintenance and major facility cleaning may occur using Social Distancing and Masking up measures.
- e. Ice House and Warm Room cleaning between every draw **must** occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.

## 4. Phase Green

- a. Controls

- i. Government agencies permits activities in numbers greater than 100 and/or
  - ii. Coronavirus 2-week rolling Test Positivity rate doesn't exceeds 5% in Arizona and/or
  - iii. Rate of Transmission (**Rt**) <.70 in Arizona and fewer than 100 cases per day.
- b. Curling may occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.
- c. Social activities may occur using the guidelines outlined in the protocol section of this document.
- d. Maintenance and major facility cleaning may occur using Social Distancing and Masking up measures.

## **5. Phase Clear**

- a. Controls
  - i. The appropriate government agencies permits activities in unrestricted numbers.
  - ii. The Coronavirus Test positivity rate is less than 1% in Arizona.
  - iii. Rate of Transmission (**Rt**) between is less than .5 in Arizona and fewer than 10 cases per day.
- b. Curling may occur in a pre-Covid fashion. It is not expected that this phase will be reached in the 2020-2021 season.

***NOTE: Control numbers in this document are an estimate and may be adjusted prior to final document approval.***

## **Definitions**

The following definitions are described for use in this document.

- Contact/Exposure – in the context of these protocols, exposed means;
  - Contact at less than 6 ft. with an infected person for any period of time while not wearing a mask.
  - Socially-distanced contact with an infected person for greater than 15 minutes while wearing an effective mask.
  - Contact with an infected person in a medical environment where medically appropriate PPE has become compromised.
- Effective Mask – Medical grade masks (e.g. N95) are considered most effective. Masks that are made from good quality tightly-woven fabric (e.g. high thread count cotton), and using a mask design that provides

a good seal along the edges, are considered effective. Bandanas, neck gaiters and masks with a poor seal on any side are not considered effective.

- Social Activities – refers to any activity where more than 3 people gather for purposes other than curling, maintenance or cleaning. These include broomstacking, meetings, watch parties, etc.
- Bubble – a sequestered group of people limited to the number need to conduct a curling activity. The persons in a bubble may only curl, conduct social activities, clean or associate with those in their Bubble. No person may belong to more than one bubble. One Bubble may be permitted to conduct activities at multiple times.
- Pod – same as a Bubble.
- Ice House – the area of the curling club inside the glass wall where curling occurs. The Ice House includes the mechanical and maintenance are behind the curling area.
- Warm Room – the area of the curling club outside the Ice House including the lounge, lobby, bar, change rooms, meeting rooms, restrooms, storage rooms, locker rooms, pro shop, kitchen and equipment rooms.
- Club Curling Equipment – any equipment the club provides for the use of curlers in lieu of the curlers' own equipment. This includes loaner brooms, common use stabilizers, grippers and sliders.
- Non-Delivery Team Courtesy Markers – Markers placed into the ice where the non-delivery team sweepers will stand while the delivery team is executing their shot. These will be placed near the mid-point between ends and will be at least 2 meters (6 ft.) apart.

# **Coyotes Curling Club Covid-19 Protocols**

These following protocols are intended to establish best practice guidelines for the use of the facilities at the Coyotes Curling Club (CCC). These practices are meant solely for the safety and protection of CCC members, guests, spectators and contractors.

## **General Protocols**

General protocols apply regardless of the current Phase Color and apply for the entire 2020-2021 season.

- 1) If you feel sick do not come to the curling club.
- 2) All participants are encouraged to take their temperature before leaving for the club and staying home if their temperature is above 100.5F
- 3) If you are exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms you are encouraged to isolate for 14 days and get tested at the earliest opportunity.
- 4) Each player will be required to sign a Declaration of Compliance and Assumption of Risk.
- 5) No Club Curling Equipment such as brooms, sliders or grippers will be available for use during the 2020-2021 season. If a member needs such equipment they can 'borrow' such equipment for the entire season and are responsible for the maintenance and sanitization of the equipment.
- 6) The club will provide stabilizers for use during leagues and practices but each stabilizer may only be used by one player during the entire draw and must be sanitized following the draw.
- 7) Common equipment such as measuring devices may be shared but the player using them must remove curling gloves before use, sanitize the equipment after each use and sanitize hands after each use.
- 8) All players are encouraged to clean and sanitize their own equipment after every use and before taking them into your homes.
- 9) Players who don't comply with the general or phased protocols will be asked to leave the facility.

## **Ice House Seasonal Protocols**

These Ice House Protocols are not phase specific and apply to the entire 2020-2021 season.

- 1) The playing surface will be set up for 3 sheets of curling ice.
- 2) There will be at least 1.5 meters (5 ft.) of space between the curling sheets.
- 3) There will be two Non-Delivery Team Courtesy Markers placed near the halfway point between the hog-lines. These markers will be placed just outside the curling sheet sidelines and will be 2 meters (6.5 ft.) apart.
- 4) There will be club approved sanitizing materials and equipment placed at both ends of each sheet. These will include hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes.

## **Cleaning Protocols**

Cleaning protocols are phase based and some protocols are more restrictive in some phases. Some provisions apply to all phases.

- 1) There will be club approved sanitizing and PPE equipment provided for cleaning crew. These will include hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, 'rubber' gloves and masks.
- 2) Social Distancing and Masking-up must be adhered to for all cleaning.
- 3) Only club approved cleaning/sanitizing products may be used for cleaning.

### **Phase Black**

- 1) Only major facility cleaning will occur in Phase Black. This may include maintenance and repair clean up, restroom cleaning and emergency situation clean up.
- 2) Strict Social Distancing and Masking-up must be adhered to for all cleaning activities.
- 3) Only club approved cleaning/sanitizing products may be used for cleaning.
- 4) There will be club approved sanitizing and PPE equipment provided for cleaning crew. These will include hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, 'rubber' gloves and masks.

### **Phase Red**

- 1) The Ice House and Warm Room will be cleaned and sanitized between every draw. The cleaning will occur at the end of each draw to allow all sanitizing solutions to have time to work effectively.
- 2) A check list of all items and equipment to be cleaned will be provided and all items must be cleaned on each occasion.
- 3) The check list must be signed and dated after completion of each cleaning session.
- 4) The post draw cleaning will be done by the members of the Bubble that is leaving the ice, ideally one from each team on each sheet.

### **Phase Yellow**

- 1) The Ice House and Warm Room will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each draw to allow all sanitizing solutions to work effectively.
- 2) A check list of items and equipment to be cleaned will be provided and all items must be cleaned on each occasion. The check list may be revised to include fewer items for Phase Yellow.
- 3) The check list must be initialed and dated after completion of each cleaning session.

- 4) The post draw cleaning will be done by the members of the bubble that are leaving the ice, ideally one from each team on each sheet.

### **Phase Green**

- 1) The Ice House and Warm Room will be cleaned and sanitized, minimally at the end of each day.
- 2) The Ice House and Warm Room will be cleaned and sanitized, after any event that includes the general public or club guests. These may include Learn to Curl events, clinics, private parties or bonspiel draws.
- 3) A check list of items and equipment to be cleaned will be provided and all items must be cleaned on each occasion. The check list may be revised to include fewer items for Phase Green.
- 4) The check list must be initialed and dated after completion of each cleaning session.
- 5) Phase Green cleaning may be performed by those leaving the ice or by a pre-assigned team dedicated to that purpose.

### **Ice Prep Cleaning Protocols**

- 1) Items that will be sanitized after each scrape:
  - a. Corn brooms
  - b. Snow bucket
  - c. Dust pan
  - d. Mops
  - e. Boss ice scraper
  - f. Nipper
  - g. Pebble cans, heads, water tanks, faucets
  - h. Used pens and markers
  - i. Doors (Outside door and back ice house door)



## Game Playing/On Ice Protocols

Some Game Playing protocols will apply across all or multiple phases. They include:

### Player Bubbles/Pods

- 1) For Phase Red and Yellow, all players will be members of a league **Bubble/Pod**. This Pod will stay together for the duration of the league and players will not be allowed to play in other pods. For example if a league is four person teams on Monday the Pod will contain 24 people (3 sheets X 2 teams X 4 players) plus any spares dedicated to that Pod. If the league is a doubles league the Pod will contain 12 people (3 sheets X 2 teams X 2 players) plus any spares dedicated to the Pod.
- 2) If players want to play twice a week they may only do so if their Pod plays twice a week. For example the 24 person Tuesday night Pod may also play as a 24 person Pod on another evening/day or 12 members of the Tuesday night 24 person Pod may also play as 12 members in doubles on another night/day.
- 3) Pods may contain spares but the spares are restricted to the Pod they have joined. I.E. you **cannot** be a full playing member or spare of one pod and also spare in another pod.
- 4) The purpose of the Bubble/Pod structure is to ensure the ability to contact trace and quarantine as necessary. As such:
  - a) If a member of the Pod tests positive for Covid-19 and played within the Pod in the 14 days prior to the positive test, the entire Pod must quarantine for 14 days following that positive test. None of the Pod members are permitted to enter the curling club during that time.
  - b) If a member of the Pod had Contact/Exposure to someone who tested positive for Covid-19 and the member was exposed to them within 14 days before they tested positive, and the member curled within their pod in those 14 days, the entire pod must quarantine for 2 weeks. None of the Pod members are permitted to enter the curling club during that time.
  - c) If a member of the Pod had Contact/Exposure to someone who tested positive, but the member wasn't exposed to them within 14 days before they tested positive, and/or the member didn't curl within the pod in those 14 days, the member must quarantine for 2 weeks, and the member must notify your pod members so they can make whatever decisions they need to make personally.
  - d) Any week of mandated quarantining will get each member a one week credit for subsequent leagues.
- 5) Team construction within the Bubble/Pod will be determined by the league convener in compliance with direction from member surveys and board direction (TBD).

## **Phase Black**

### **1) No curling or social activities will occur during Phase black.**

## **Phase Red**

- 1) Locker rooms will be closed and off-limits.
- 2) Restrooms will be open but limited to one occupant at a time.
- 3) No spectators will be permitted.
- 4) All play will follow Bubble/Pod protocols.
- 2) All teams will be 4 person standard format or 2 person doubles format teams.
- 3) All players should arrive at the club ready to play. I.E. players will be pre-attired in their curling clothing and will change shoes at the club. Designated, socially distanced spaces will be provided for shoe changing.
- 4) All players must wear a mask.
- 5) All players must wear gloves, while delivering the stone one glove may be removed.
- 6) No coin toss procedure will be performed. Choice of hammer and stone color will be determined prior to the game by the league convener, or other pre-determined non-contact method.
- 7) Scoring for both teams will be performed by one person for both teams' scores, ideally on the score boards but alternately on one person's phone.
- 8) Players in games on sheet A & C will enter via the doors nearest those sheets. Players in games on sheet B will enter either door after the other games have advanced to the second end, to ensure minimal contact between those players.
- 9) Each player must choose their two rocks before the game starts and must keep those 2 rocks for the entire game. Rocks cannot be switched during the game.
- 10) At the conclusion of the end, two players from the non-hammer team will return the rocks to the corner using their broom heads. All other players will move to their designated waiting spots immediately.

### **11) Draws**

- a) Monday thru Friday will be one draw only, start time to be determined.
- b) Saturday and Sunday may have 2 or 3 draws as long as each draw has adequate time between each draw for adequate sanitizing. 3 hour cleaning gaps are recommended.

### **12) Sweeping**

- a) Each team may utilize only one sweeper. On 4 person teams the extra person may operate as a split timer as long as he/she remains a safe distance from the sweeper.
- b) Sweepers will stand outside the hog line while waiting for the rock deliverer to release the rock.

- c) Only the designated sweeper can sweep in the house. The person in control of the house (e.g. skip) may not sweep.
- d) There will be no sweeping behind the tee-line by any player on either team.
- e) The non-delivery person at the house (e.g. skip) must stand behind the hack and may not sweep.
- f) The sweepers from the non-delivery team will stand outside the side-line of the sheet on the Non-Delivery Team Courtesy Markers.

**13) Social Activities**

- a) No Social Activities or meetings will be permitted within the club's facilities.

**14) Practicing**

- a) Practicing will be permitted on a Bubble/Pod basis i.e. only members of an established playing Pod are permitted to practice together.
- b) Practice times must be assigned by a club administrator and may be requested by Pod members or League Conveners.
- c) All Bubble/Pod playing and cleaning rules apply to practice sessions.

**15) Extraneous Activities**

- a) No activities outside of Bubble/Pod based curling will occur. I.E. there will be no bonspiels, Learn to Curl, private parties, private lesson or clinic events.

**16) Cleaning**

- a) The playing area and warm room will be cleaned after each draw.
- b) The post draw cleaning will be done by the members of the Bubble/Pod that are leaving the ice, ideally one from each team on each sheet.
- c) The cleaning check list must be signed and dated upon completion of each post draw cleaning.

## **Phase Yellow**

- 1) Locker rooms will be open but limited to two occupants at a time. Players are still encouraged to arrive at the club dressed and ready to play.
- 2) Restrooms will be open but limited to one occupant at a time in closed door restrooms and two occupants at a time in open door restrooms.
- 3) Spectators will be permitted but must follow all player protocols upon entry and while in the facility. This includes signing the waiver.
- 4) All play will follow Bubble/Pod protocols.
- 5) All teams will be 4 person standard format or 2 person doubles format teams.
- 6) All players should arrive at the club ready to play. I.E. players will be pre-attired in their curling clothing and will change shoes at the club. Designated, socially distanced spaces will be provided for shoe changing.
- 7) All players must wear a mask.
- 8) All players must wear gloves, while delivering the stone one glove may be removed.
- 9) No coin toss procedure will be performed. Choice of hammer and stone color will be determined prior to the game by the league convener, or other pre-determined non-contact method.
- 10) Scoring for both teams will be performed by one person for both teams' scores, ideally on the score boards but alternately on one person's phone.
- 11) Players in games on sheet A & C will enter via the doors nearest those sheets. Players in games on sheet B will enter either door after the other games have advanced to the second end, to ensure minimal contact between those players.
- 12) Each player must choose their two rocks before the game starts and must keep those 2 rocks for the entire game. Rocks cannot be switched during the game.
- 13) At the conclusion of the end, two players from the non-hammer team will return the rocks to the corner using their broom heads. All other players will move to their designated waiting spots immediately.

### **14) Draws**

- a) Monday thru Friday will be one draw only, start time to be determined.
- b) Saturday and Sunday may have 2 or 3 draws as long as each draw has adequate time between each draw for adequate sanitizing. 3 hour cleaning gaps are recommended.

## **15) Sweeping**

- a) Each team may utilize only one sweeper. On 4 person teams the extra person may operate as a split timer as long as he/she remains a safe distance from the sweeper.
- b) Sweepers will stand outside the hog line while waiting for the rock deliverer to release the rock.
- c) Only the designated sweeper can sweep in the house. The person in control of the house (e.g. skip) may not sweep.
- d) There will be no sweeping behind the tee-line by any player on either team.
- e) The non-delivery person at the house (e.g. skip) must stand behind the hack and may not sweep.
- f) The sweepers from the non-delivery team will stand outside the side-line of the sheet on the Non-Delivery Team Courtesy Markers.

## **16) Social Activities**

Social Activities will be permitted with restrictions.

- a) Meetings may take place following all social distancing and mask protocols and facilities must be sanitized following the meeting.
- b) Broomstacking may take place with these restrictions:
  - i) Tables must be joined and chairs must be arranged to ensure 6 ft. of separation between participants.
  - ii) Masks must be worn except when eating or drinking.
  - iii) A bar person must be assigned by the league convener and only that bar person may be behind the bar. NOTE: a live-together couple may serve behind the bar together.
  - iv) Each participant must order, pick-up and carry their beverage themselves.
  - v) The club will endeavor to arrange an ADHS and Liquor Board compliant outdoor broomstacking area.
  - vi) Facilities must be cleaned and sanitized following each broomstacking session.

## **17) Practicing**

- a) Practicing will be permitted on a Bubble/Pod basis i.e. only members of an established playing Pod are permitted to practice together.
- b) Practice times must be assigned by a club administrator and may be requested by Pod members or League Conveners.
- c) All Bubble/Pod playing and cleaning rules apply to practice sessions.

## **18) Extraneous Activities**

- a) Limited activities outside of Bubble/Pod based curling may occur. However, there will be no bonspiels or clinic events
- b) Learn to Curl, private lessons and private parties may occur but are limited to 3 to 1 participant-instructor ratios per sheet. All participants

must sign waivers, wear masks, and follow all other protocols. Full facility cleaning must follow each event.

**19) Cleaning**

- a) The playing area and warm room will be cleaned after each draw
- b) The post draw cleaning will be done by the members of the Bubble/Pod that are leaving the ice, ideally one from each team on each sheet.
- c) The cleaning check list must be signed and dated upon completion of each post draw cleaning.

## **Phase Green**

- 1) Locker rooms will be open but limited to four occupants at a time. Players are still encouraged to arrive at the club dressed and ready to play.
- 2) Restrooms will be open but limited to one occupant at a time in closed door restrooms and two occupants at a time in open door restrooms.
- 3) Spectators will be permitted but must follow all player protocols upon entry and while in the facility. This includes signing the waiver.
- 4) A combination of Bubble/Pod and non-Bubble/Pod leagues will be offered. Players that only feel comfortable in Pod environment will be permitted to form Pods with all Pod rules applying.
- 5) All teams will be 4 person standard format or 2 person doubles format teams.
- 6) All players are encourage to arrive at the club ready to play. I.E. pre-attired in their curling clothing and will change shoes at the club. Designated, socially distanced spaces will be provided for shoe changing.
- 7) All players are encourage to wear a mask. Mask required leagues and/or Pods will be offered.
- 8) All players are encouraged to wear gloves, while delivering the stone one glove may be removed.
- 9) Each player must choose their two rocks before the game starts and must keep those 2 rocks for the entire game. Rocks cannot be switched during the game.
- 10) At the conclusion of the end, two players from the non-hammer team will return the rocks to the corner using their broom heads. All other players will move to their designated waiting spots immediately.

### **11) Draws**

- a) Monday thru Friday may consider two draws, however a cleaning and sanitizing between draws will be required so, sufficient time must be arranged between draws.
- b) Saturday and Sunday may have 2 or 3 draws as long as each draw has adequate time between each draw for adequate sanitizing.

### **12) Sweeping**

- a) Each team is encouraged to utilize only one sweeper, if two sweepers are utilized, masks will be required. Sweepers will stand outside the hog line while waiting for the rock deliverer to release the rock.
- b) Only the designated sweeper can sweep in the house. The person in control of the house (e.g. skip) may not sweep.
- c) There will be no sweeping behind the tee-line by any player on either team.
- d) The non-delivery person at the house (e.g. skip) must stand behind the hack and may not sweep.

- e) The sweepers from the non-delivery team will stand outside the side-line of the sheet on the Non-Delivery Team Courtesy Markers.

### **13) Social Activities**

- a) Social Activities will be permitted with restrictions.
- b) Meetings may take place following all social distancing and mask protocols and facilities must be sanitized following the meeting.
- c) Broomstacking may take place with these restrictions:
  - i) Tables must be joined and chairs must be arranged to ensure 6 ft of separation between participants.
  - ii) Masks are encouraged except when eating or drinking.
  - iii) A bar person must be assigned by the league convener and only that bar person may be behind the bar. NOTE: a live-together couple may serve behind the bar together.
  - iv) Each participant must order, pick-up and carry their own beverage themselves.
  - v) The club will endeavor to arrange an ADHS and Liquor Board compliant outdoor broomstacking area.
  - vi) Facilities must be cleaned and sanitized following each broomstacking session.

### **14) Practicing**

- a) Practicing will be permitted on a Bubble/Pod basis or as an open session
- b) Practice times must be assigned by a club administrator and may be requested by Pod members, League Conveners or individuals.
- c) All cleaning rules apply to practice sessions.

### **15) Extraneous Activities**

- a) Limited activities outside of regular curling may occur.
- b) Learn to Curl, private lessons and private parties may occur but are limited to 3 to 1 participant-instructor ratios per sheet. All participants must sign waivers, and follow all other protocols. Full facility cleaning must follow each event.
- c) Bonspiels and clinics may occur. All participants must sign waivers, and follow all other protocols. Ice House and Broomstacking areas must be sanitized after each draw and full facility cleaning must follow each day of the event.

### **16) Cleaning**

- a) The playing area and warm room will be cleaned after each draw
- b) Phase Green cleaning may be performed by those leaving the ice or by a pre-assigned team dedicated to that purpose.
- c) The cleaning check list must be signed and dated upon completion of each post draw cleaning.



- d) The Ice House and Warm Room will be cleaned and sanitized, after any event that includes the general public or club guests. These may include Learn to Curl events, clinics, private parties, bonspiel draws.
- e) A check list of items and equipment to be cleaned will be provided and all items must be cleaned on each occasion. The check list may be revised to include fewer items for Phase Green.
- f) The check list must be initialed and dated after completion of each cleaning session.