

2021/2022 BLCC Covid-19 Safety Plan Updated Player Rules

General Requirements for All Who Agree to Curl:

- All players agree to abide by all rules or requirements put in place by the BLCC or Lakeside, as set forth in this document. These rules may be modified at discretion of the BLCC Board as required by changes in the Covid safety requirements of Lakeside, the City of New York, or any other rules or guidance impacting our ability to curl. Any new rules will be presented to each player participating in the league.
- **Only fully vaccinated individuals may curl with BLCC.**
- Each player must fill out a Declaration of Compliance for BLCC before starting the league **affirming that they are fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination at the time the Declaration of Compliance is executed.**
- A Covid/Liability waiver for both Lakeside and BLCC (in addition to the standard curling waiver) will need to be signed by all members.
- Masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times on and off the ice (BLCC will maintain a supply of disposable masks for those who forget).
- Social distancing of six feet is recommended at all times, on and off the ice.
- Members must stay home if feeling at all unwell.
- A member who tests positive must immediately inform the league if they have attended a league night within the past two weeks. All contact tracing requests should go through hammer@brooklyncurling.org.
- A member who tests positive is required to stay away from the venue and club activities for at least two weeks and will not be able to return until a negative test can be furnished. There will be no refunds for events not attended due to a positive test.
- League nights will be limited to 5 sheets, 4-person teams, 40 persons total per league session but attendance may be reduced to 3 sheets, 4-person teams, 24 persons total per league. If BLCC is required by Lakeside or any other governmental requirements to do anything fewer than 3 sheets, the Board will meet to discuss the economic feasibility.
- BLCC, at the board's discretion, may stop the season at any time: due to outbreak (in-club, in-Lakeside, local or state); if new guidelines from the venue or any level of government:
 - prevent us from curling; or if
 - Such new rules require us to curl with fewer than 24 persons per session.
 - Eliminate or significantly reduce the required additional time needed for setup as needed to observe the safe practices and procedures outlined in this document.
- BLCC League Coordinators (Wednesday Coordinator and Sunday Coordinators and any other nights' coordinators) will be responsible for compliance, but members are encouraged to self-govern in person and report concerns to club officials.

Setup/Cleanup Guidelines (we are asking for an additional 15 minutes for setup)

- Before each league session, BLCC League Coordinators will take the lead on ensuring the following tasks are completed:
 - stone cleaning & setup
 - hack cleaning & setup
 - scoreboard cleaning & setup
 - pebbling
- Be cognizant of everyone's personal space while on the ice, in the storeroom, & in the hallway at all times.
- Cleaning of all equipment (pebble cans, brooms, hacks, scoreboards, stones) will be as needed/requested before & after every use (paper towels, wipes and alcohol spray will be provided by BLCC).
- Setup for play will be on all 5 sheets with game play starting on alternating sheets - 1, 3 & 5 start going toward far end and with 2 & 4 starting at the far end.
- BLCC League Coordinators will ensure the teardown of equipment in a safe manner.

Arrival Guidelines

- All shall arrive dressed for game play but for shoes.
- Persons shall time their arrival for no more than 20 minutes before the scheduled start time, unless requested to come early for setup.
- Use of the warm room shall be limited to 12 people at a time to change shoes and store personal items while being observant of social distancing, as requested by those around you.
- All players must initial the sign-in sheet before playing each night so we can use this information for contact trace purposes, if needed
- BLCC will continue to provide hand sanitizer and it is recommended that hands should be sanitized before going on the ice for league play.

Game Play Guidelines

- By using alternating the starting position, we will be able to maintain sufficient social distancing.
- Masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times.
- All persons are strongly encouraged to bring their own equipment: Brooms, stabilizers, shoes and grippers. That said, BLCC will continue to maintain the Club's equipment for use by all with sanitizing of the brooms, scoreboards, grippers, & sliders, as needed, as part of the setup at the start of and cleanup after each session.
- Persons not actively engaging in assigned setup tasks will stay clear of the ice until ready for gameplay.
- Persons not actively engaging in assigned takedown tasks will leave the ice once game play is over, after having moved their sheets' stones to a common area by the Zamboni entrance.
- Fist bumps, elbow taps, or other physical contact should be limited (and do say "Good Curling!").
- Stones are clearly numbered 1-8 and marked with sheet number. Each curler will use & handle only their designated stones based on throwing order (*i.e.* - lead throws 1 and 2, etc.).
- Social distancing of six feet is recommended at all times while on the ice.
- **NEW RULES:**
 - We will continue with only one player sweeping each stone. Sweepers may sweep alternate shots but may not join or take over during each shot.
 - The player not sweeping, throwing or skipping must stay behind the throwing house.
 - Skips will respect each other's personal space in the house but both will be allowed in the house during the shots.
 - A modified sweeping rule applies in the house with only the opposing skip and throwing team's sweeper allowed to sweep beyond the T-line.

Postgame Guidelines

- Postgame socializing (aka broomstacking) to take place outdoors wearing masks (except to take a drink) and social distancing is recommended.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use before broomstacking
- Again, only 12 persons allowed in warm room to change shoes & retrieve personal items
- If drinking, social distancing & mask wearing is recommended when not drinking.