



## SPCC COVID-19 Protocols Summary for 2021-22 Season

### General

- **Masks covering nose and mouth are strongly recommended** for players and staff **on and off the ice** regardless of vaccination status per CDC and MDH guidelines, which may be reviewed at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/facecover.html>
  - ✓ Fully vaccinated people may choose to wear a mask in any situation where it feels needed, regardless of whether others around them are masked.
  - ✓ **Anyone who is not fully vaccinated, including children ages 2 and older, should continue to wear well-fitted facemasks** regardless of COVID-19 transmission levels including all junior curlers.
- When wearing a mask is impractical or impossible (for example, when eating or drinking), **maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from others at all times as much as possible.**
- Do not come into the building if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms that may include but are not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or headache. MDH guidelines for quarantining after a possible or known exposure may be reviewed at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html>
- A club member or employee who tests positive for COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to report the result as soon as possible to a manager or board member for the well-being of fellow club members. The identity of the affected member will be kept confidential. The club will need to know which league(s) the affected member plays in so that league players can be notified that they have had a possible COVID-19 exposure and may opt to be tested.
- A club member or employee who tests positive should follow current CDC guidelines found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/basics.html> to determine when it is safe to return to the club. As of this writing, current CDC guidelines require:
  - ✓ 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
  - ✓ 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
  - ✓ Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation).

- Non-curling visitors and spectators are permitted in the club and are strongly encouraged to follow masking guidelines as outlined above. Chairs are set up for viewing games in the upstairs area. **Please remain socially distanced as much as possible.**
- Curlers in leagues other than the one currently being played should not linger in the club except to socialize in the club room upstairs after their game. Plan on arriving no more than 20 minutes before your scheduled game.
- Locker rooms are fully open for storing and retrieving gear. Locker rooms may also be used for changing clothes, however, **use common sense to socially distance as necessary.** HEPA ventilators will continue to be used throughout the SPCC including the locker rooms.
- Anyone who uses club-owned equipment (brooms, stabilizers, etc.) must sanitize items with the provided sanitizer before returning them.
- Traffic flow is controlled for entering and leaving the ice arena and for accessing the upstairs club room. Follow posted signage.
- Practice is allowed on the open sheets between league games. Call the club for practice ice availability during designated practice times.

### Game Play

- Eight sheets of ice will be scheduled to play each draw. All games will begin at the north end of the arena (closest to arena entrance). Maintain social distancing as much as possible during games.
- Games will be 8 ends with buzzer timing returning to its normal procedure for both day and evening leagues. When buzzed, please finish the end you are in plus one (1) more end. Normal tiebreaker rules apply (one draw to the button per team).
- Use elbow bump, fist bump, or wave to your opponents for the traditional handshake before and after the games.
- Hammer and stone color will be determined by the Thirds through a normal coin flip.

- Two sweepers are allowed per stone thrown.
- Handle only your two designated stones as much as possible. After an end, all should use their feet or brooms to push their team's stones into place for the next end.
- Any person may handle the scoreboard duties. The Third of the team receiving handicap points or the Third of the first team to score is the likely candidate. The measuring stick should be handled by one of the Thirds as normal.
- Curlers may handle the nipper equipment before games.

### Post-Game

- Winning team will mop and sweep the ice as usual. Use of sanitizing wipes to clean the rock handles, score placards, mop handle, broom handle, and dustpan handle is available but is optional.
- Refer to current state guidelines at <https://staysafe.mn.gov> for the maximum number of patrons who may sit at a table (currently 10 people/table, but please keep to 8 or less people as much as possible). The clubroom will resume normal business hours with all curlers welcome upstairs after each draw.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet while queueing for the bar or food service.
- The bar will be open and food service will be provided as available.
- Clubroom patrons should sanitize their table and chairs between seatings. Clear used items from your table as usual.