

# Golden Ears Winter Club

*Return to Curling Guidelines 2021/22 Season*



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## A. Overview

The GEWC Board of Directors and Management are committed to protecting the health and safety of our staff and curlers and this has been our number one focus as we look to re-open our doors this 2021/2022 Curling Season.

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## B. Illness Policy

PRIORITY #1 STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL

If you are not feeling well in any way, STAY HOME. This is not a request; it is a requirement.

Do not risk other members of GEWC getting sick because you wanted to curl or didn't want to let your team down

If someone on the ice is not feeling well, we request that members of that person's team ensure he/she goes home. Skips – please take your leadership role seriously in this regard.

If you feel sick or have symptoms pertaining to COVID-19 please stay home.

GEWC Illness Policy: *Appendix 1*

### In Summary:

- Stay home if you are feeling sick or have contracted any suspected case of COVID-19.
- Comply with self-isolation or quarantine Provincial Health Officer Orders.
- Practice good hand hygiene.
- Read and follow all signs and floor markings.
- Read and understand all facility guidelines and policies (this Handbook).
- Adhere to game start times and schedules.

## C. Vaccine Immunization

Following the Provincial Health Officers (PHO) announcement on August 24th, all curlers, visitors, and staff born in 2009 or earlier (12+ years of age) will need to show proof of at least one Covid-19 vaccination by Sept 13, 2021, and full immunization by October 24, 2021. Proof of vaccination will be demonstrated using the BC vaccine card website in accordance with the direction by the PHO.

## **D. Mask Mandate**

GEWC will require all curlers, visitors, and staff to wear masks in all common areas, including lobby, pro-shop, change rooms, washrooms, leading to your sheet of ice and leading to your seat in the upper lounge. When leaving your seat to the bar line up or concession it is required you wear your mask.

**Curlers are permitted to remove their masks during on ice play or practice.**

## **E. Registration**

Registration is to be completed online by September 8, 2021.

For those that require additional help with registration or need to pay in person, please email [manager@gewclub.ca](mailto:manager@gewclub.ca) to set up an appointment.

## **F. Cleaning Protocols**

GEWC will maintain regular cleaning protocols, including extra attention to disinfecting high touch areas. There will be hand sanitizer and wipes throughout the entire facility.

Many of the interior doors will be propped open to allow for touchless entry wherever possible.

## **G. Physical Distancing**

GEWC strongly recommends curlers physically distance throughout the entire facility and on the curling ice.

Curlers are encouraged to follow all decals to assist with this.

## **H. Lower Lobby Protocols**

Tables and chairs have been strategically placed in the lower lobby; **do not move the tables and chairs.**

We will still provide hand sanitizer at each table and wipes; we ask you sanitize your chair and table. Please fold your chair upon departure so the next person knows that chair has been sanitized.

## **I. Upper Lounge Protocols**

**Self-service** bar will be up and running this season; please follow the on-floor markings accordingly.

The tables will be configured in the lounge with 6 chairs.

GEWC bartenders will sanitize tables and chairs on patron turnaround. Please use the sanitized/un-sanitized signage on the tables. Once you sit down at your table, flip the sign to un-sanitized.

There will be wipes if you would like to wipe your own table and chair.

## **J. On Ice Protocols**

Curlers are permitted to remove their masks during on ice play or practice.

Curling will be played by the regular rules/format. Two sweepers may sweep a stone and can once again sweep their opponents' rock behind the tee line.

We strongly recommend each player chooses his/her two rocks at the beginning of the game, the same rocks to be used by that player for the duration of the game.

A best practice is to clean the running surface of the stones with your broom head.

A best practice is to allocate one person to keep score for the entire game for both teams.

A best practice is to give a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.

The physical distancing decals are in the ice; a best practice would be to utilize these decals to maintain physical distancing for the comfort of both teams

There will be wipes out on the sheets of ice if you wish to sanitize your rocks prior to curling.

There will be shelves at the home end of each sheet to allow for teams to place their personal items on. All belongings must be placed on or under the shelving to keep the walkway clear.

Shelves will be clearly marked **Red** or **Blue**: use the shelf based on what color your team is throwing for that game.

Measuring – remove your gloves and sanitize your hands prior to touching the measuring device. After the measurement is complete, return the device to its resting place, sanitize your hands and put your gloves back on.

We have a touchless water fountain; please bring your own water bottle to fill, and do not drink out of the spout of the water fountain.

Upon the completion of your game, please designate two people to sweep up the ice.

You are welcome to go back to your table to change your shoes. Please remember to sanitize your chair and table once you are done for the next group coming in behind you.

## **K. Locker Rooms/Washrooms**

Locker rooms and all washrooms will be fully operational this season. We have spacious locker rooms, but please be respectful of others' space: retrieve your belongings and leave the locker room to put your gear on at your table.

## **L. Waivers, Liability, and Insurance**

Before the start of the season all curlers, private rentals and other guests will be required to sign a:

- Declaration of Compliance for Covid-19
- Waiver/Assumption of Risk

Note - these forms are included in your online registration.

## **M. Spares**

All spares must complete the health declaration/contact tracing form prior to stepping on the ice.

## **N. Bonspiels**

Bonspiels are scheduled to be up and running again this season with the applicable protocols in place specific to what the guidelines are at that time.

## **O. Capacity**

Indoor capacity is 50 people or **50% of the capacity**, whichever is greater.

## **P. Practice Ice/Open Ice**

The club will identify on the website opportunities for practice/open ice.

## **Q. Equipment**

There will be “Club Equipment” (grippers, brooms, step-on sliders, sliding aides) available for rent.

Please sanitize your equipment after use and place back in the applicable bins.

Curlers are encouraged to bring in or purchase their own equipment; our pro-shop is supplied with grippers, brooms, gloves etc.

## **R. Refunds**

In the event that curling must cease, fees will be pro-rated based on number of games played and refunds will be issued.

The Curling Canada/Curl BC/Facility Fee will not be refunded.

## Appendix 1

# **GOLDEN EARS WINTER CLUB**

## **Illness Policy**

In this policy, “Team member” includes an employee, volunteer, participant, or parent/spectator.

**1. Inform an individual in a position of authority** (coach, manager, program/league coordinator) immediately if you feel any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.

### **2. Assessment**

a. Team members must review the self-assessment signage located throughout the facility each morning before their shift/practice/activity to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID 19 symptoms.

b. Managers/coaches will visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.

c. If Team Members are unsure please have them use the self-assessment tool <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> or through the COVID-19 BC Support App self-assessment tool.

### **3. If a Team Member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms**

a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1.

b. If they feel sick and /or are showing symptoms while at work, they should be sent home immediately and have them contact 8-1-1 or a doctor for further guidance.

c. No Team Member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic.

### **4. If a Team Member tests positive for COVID-19**

a. The Team Member will not be permitted to return to the workplace/practice/facility until they are free of the COVID-19 virus.

b. Any Team Members who work/play closely with the infected Team Member will also be removed from the workplace/practice/facility for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.

c. Close off, clean and disinfect their work/practice/facility area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially be infected/touched.

**5. If a Team Member has been tested and is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test.**

a. As with the confirmed case, the Team Member must be removed from the workplace/practice/facility.

b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms to stay home and call the public health authority of B.C.

c. Other Team Members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities.

d. The workspace/practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.

**6. If a Team Member has come in to contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19**

a. Team Members must advise their employer/coach if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.

b. Once the contact is confirmed, the Team Member will be removed from the workplace/practice/activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Team Members who may have come into close contact with the Team Member will also be removed from the workplace for at least 14 days.

c. The workspace/activity area will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.

**7. Quarantining and Isolation:**

a. Any Team Member who has travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.

b. Any Team Member with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.

c. Any Team Member from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.

d. Any Team Member who is in quarantine or self-isolating as a result of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating, is not permitted to enter any part of the facility.