



TRCC Covid-19 guidelines

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Health professionals globally have learned more about Covid-19 over the past 12 months. We'll continue to follow guidance of health professionals at the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

It seems that the virus is spread more by aerial droplets than by surface contact. As such we'll be modifying our Covid-19 protocols in order to (1) do the most to keep people who enter our building safe and (2) return curling to as normal as possible.

Please keep in mind that while over 70% of Saskatchewanians are double vaccinated (at the time of writing) the vaccine does not confer 100% protection against Covid-19. Also recognize that currently the predominant strain is the Delta variant, which health experts state is more transmissible.

Our protocols employ a mix of measures including vaccination status, distancing, masking and cleaning.

Remember that these guidelines are as much about protecting your fellow curler as they are yourself. Each curler is in a different level of tolerance to diseases such as Covid-19, please respect their need for consideration.

Vaccination requirement

The Board of Directors passed a motion regarding Covid-19 proof of vaccination. This policy is in effect until further notice and applies to ALL regular league curlers, including substitutes and bonspiel participants. ALL curlers aged 12 and up must provide acceptable* proof of having received 2 doses of the Health Canada approved vaccines prior to beginning curling. If your 2nd vaccination will not occur until after curling begins, please speak with us about discounting your fees based on the number of games missed. Appropriate measures will be in place to protect the privacy of your vaccination status.

Masking

In accordance with the Provincial Health Order dated September 30, 2021 , EVERYONE entering the Northland Power Curling Centre must wear a mask at all times. The ONLY exception to this rule is curlers in the arena area who have provided acceptable* proof of vaccination.

Beaver Grill

In accordance with the Provincial Health Order dated September 30, ONLY individuals showing acceptable* proof of vaccination may sit down at the Beaver Grill for eating or drinking. Those in the Beaver Grill for food pick-up must mask.

Cleaning

Frequently touched surfaces such as door handles and the office counter will receive sanitization prior to each draw. The washrooms will be cleaned daily.

Changerooms

We will re-open our changerooms. However, we ask you to minimize the amount of time you spend in them. Consider changing into your shoes, jackets, etc. in the lobby area, which better enables distancing. Chairs will be available. The carpets will have been cleaned Thanksgiving weekend.

Distancing

Please consider employing distancing where possible. This includes the lobby and ice area. This season we have not placed dots indicating where to stand on the ice but you may choose to spread out while on the ice. Keeping to one side of the sheet helps with distancing.

Ice entry

Please use the South ice entrance doors to go to sheets 1-3 and the North entrance doors for sheets 4-6. This helps in distancing.

Rules of play

Rules of play will be as per normal curling. Again, please consider distancing when possible.

Curling rock handles

Containers with hand sanitizer wipes will be available at the home end for you to sanitize your own rock handles. Please use one wipe per set of two rocks.

Handshakes

Handshakes are one of the great traditions of curling. We don't want to discourage them and suggest in their place you do a broom tap, elbow bump, or fist bump to lessen contact and transfer of the virus.

CurlSask sanctioned events

As per CurlSask communication earlier in the fall EVERYONE who enters Northland Power Curling Centre for any CurlSask sanctioned events must show acceptable* proof of vaccination. This applies to curlers, coaches, volunteers, media, etc. This will be in effect for the following events

2021 Provincial Club Championship (replay)	October 29 - November 1
U15 / U18 bonspiel	November 12-14
Prairieland Junior Regional Camp	December 4

***Proof of vaccination examples**

QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate uploaded to SK Vax Wallet or other wallet app;
MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate with QR code;
a screenshot of the MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate/QR code saved to a device;
the wallet card received at the time of vaccination or an earlier version of the MySaskHealthRecord COVID-19 vaccine certificate;
a vaccine printout from Public Health.