



Information Sheet for 2021-22

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Please find below an Information Sheet for curling at the Shamrock during the 2021-22 season. For more detailed information, please visit our [COVID Response Resources page on our website](#). If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to e-mail info@shamrockcurling.ca

1. Stay Home If Unwell: If you are feeling unwell OR are isolating from a COVID positive test OR have been a close contact to someone who has recently tested COVID positive, then do not come to the Shamrock. Consult [AHS Guidelines](#) if you are unsure.

2. Vaccine Mandate: any individual aged 12 and over must provide proof of one of the following 3 conditions to participate in any public Shamrock activities (i.e., curling, Drift, Lounge, spectating, special events, etc.):

(i) Proof of vaccination

- single dose accepted between September 20 and October 25th, if received 2 weeks before time of participation
- double doses / full vaccination required after October 25th, with the final dose received at least 14 days prior

OR

(ii) Proof of original documentation of a medical exemption

OR


(iii) Proof of a privately issued negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of participation

The Shamrock's Vaccine Mandate Policy along with an FAQ can be found by clicking [here](#).

3. Masks:

(a) Off-ice: Masks are **required** throughout the facility with the exception of when you are safely-seated to eat or drink.

(b) On-ice: Masks are **optional*** on the field of play since not everyone can wear a mask safely and reasonably while curling.

- *If unmasked during play, curlers must obey safe on-ice distancing measures (e.g., “not your shot find a dot” , avoid congestion on backboards, avoid shouting near others, etc.)

- 4. Arrive in your “ready-to-curl” wear:** Please come dressed in your “ready-to-curl” wear to avoid congestion in our bathrooms and change rooms.
- 5. Removal of outdoor footwear:** Outdoor footwear should be removed when entering the building. Chairs and benches will be available for changing into your shoes, and cubbies are available for storing your belongings.
- 6. Water:** Touchless water-bottle filling stations have been installed in both the main lobby and ice arena (new). Please bring your own water bottle.
- 7. Staggered start-times and buzzers:** To help minimize congestion, many of our busier leagues will have staggered start times this season. Please consult our [website](#) to confirm your league’s schedule and start times. Staggered start-times also mean staggered buzzers. The long buzzer (6 seconds) is for the earlier start time and the short buzzer (3 secs) is for the later draw time. Buzzers mean: complete the end you are playing plus you can play one more end at an efficient pace.
- 8. Loaner equipment:** Loaner equipment will be available this season. Sanitization and cleaning stations will be available next to the loaner equipment.
- 9. Entering / exiting the ice surface:** When entering / exiting the ice surface, please use the door closest to your assigned sheet of ice. Make space off the back-boards to help avoid unnecessary congestion.
- 10. Sanitizing stone handles:** Sanitizing spray and paper towels will be available on each sheet of ice. Prior to each game, a designated player from each team should be responsible for sanitizing their team’s stone handles. Please do not spray the ice or the granite! Spray the paper, then wipe the handles.
- 11. Avoid handshakes:** Many people are still not comfortable shaking hands. A ‘broom-raise’ or ‘tip-of-the-cap’ works well as a friendly acknowledgement of “game on.”
- 12. Safe On-Ice Distancing:** Red “stand here” dots will be located along the side of each sheet of the ice. The basic idea is “*if its not your shot, find a red dot.*” Safe on-ice distancing means being respectful of one another’s space while curling. Please avoid the congestion of gathering in groups on the backboards.
- 13. Double-sweeper and skip sweeping behind the “t-line”:** Following Curling Alberta guidelines, double-sweeper and skip sweeping behind the “t-line” will be permitted this season (same rules-of-play as pre 2020-21 curling season).
- 14. Stone handle touching:** The only stones that players should touch with their hands are the designated stones that they will be delivering. When moving other player’s stones, curlers should use their foot and/or broom on the sides of the stones. Please avoid touching the handles of stones as much as possible.
- 15. Putting stones away at the conclusion of an end:** At the conclusion of an end the team who will be delivering next is the team who is responsible for putting the stones away. The team with hammer should therefore vacate the space for the delivering team to avoid needless congestion.
- 16. Scorekeeping:** Scoreboard numbers will be back on the scoreboards this season. Sanitizer will be available next to each scoreboard. Only one player on the sheet should be the designated scorekeeper for the game.
- 17. Shamrock Loyalty Pins:** Shamrock Loyalty Pins will be distributed to those curlers who relinquished their refunds last season. Communication of the related details will be sent to those curlers near the start of the season.