

ALBERNI VALLEY CURLING CLUB

Operating Guidelines Fall 2021

Overview

Due to the ongoing pandemic and current public health orders, club operations this season will be subject to the guidelines outlined in this document. League play for the 2021 – 2022 season will start October 13th.

The club will be open to vaccinated members and guests as outlined in the Public Health order currently in place. The facility is subject to the current maximum of half capacity, which would be 84 people in the upper lounge. Viewing areas will be capped at 50 people. Participants will be considered capped at a full draw of 48 players.

Masks must be worn in all common areas of the facility and when entering the ice surface. During game play masks do not need to be worn but some may choose to continue to wear masks and we ask that we continue to be respectful of personal choices.

The facility will open for 30 minutes prior to each scheduled game time and doors will remain open for 45 minutes. A doorbell is in place for late arriving members. Guests must arrive within the opening hours as passports must be checked prior to entry. Sign in continues to be required for anyone entering the building.

Monday Daytime League	930am – 1015am
Monday Mixed League	630pm – 715pm
Wednesday Daytime League	930am – 1015am
Wednesday Men's League	630pm – 715pm
Thursday Ladies League	630pm – 715pm

Vaccination confirmation will be completed only once for each member, if fully vaccinated, a note to that effect will be added to the individual's registration sheet with permission to do so. Anyone who is partially vaccinated (one dose) will be checked again as of October 24th and must be fully vaccinated at that time.

Guests will be required to present vaccination passports each time they visit the club.

Anyone feeling sick should not attend.

Registration

Registration should now be completed and with the same fee structure as last season.

- \$400 Full Member (unlimited curling)
- \$300 Single League/Once a week Member (single league or once per week play)
- \$135 Junior Member (unlimited curling within leagues)
- \$50 Spare Member (may participate from time to time at \$15 per play)

All member fees include curling dues, club improvement assessment, Curl BC membership and applicable taxes.

Members that have a credit from last season will be notified as to that amount.

Electronic payment options will available and each participant will be required to agree to the following guidelines. A signed waiver must also be completed as required for all CURL BC members.

- I agree to say home if feeling sick, and remain away from the club
- Should a positive COVID 19 test result be received by any member they must declare that status to the club. Public Health guidelines will be followed as dictated at that time.
- I agree to sanitize my hands upon entering the facility using sanitizer stations provided.
- I agree to wear a mask in the common areas of the rink outside of the playing surface or unless seated in lounge and/or are consuming food or drink.
- I agree to sanitize the equipment (rocks) as needed with the approved cleaning products provided by the club
- I agree to not share equipment during play.
- I agree to abide by all of my Clubs COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines and understand that, that I may be asked to leave the club to help protect myself and others around me if I do not abide by the aforementioned policies/guidelines.
- I acknowledge that continued abuse of the policies and/or guidelines may result in suspension of my club membership.
- I acknowledge that there are risks associated with entering club facilities and/or participating in club activities, and that the measures taken by the club and participants, including those set out above and COVID-19 Protocols, may not entirely eliminate risk.

Building layout and operating regulations

While many aspects of our operations have returned to more 'normal' circumstances, we will continue to offer sanitizing stations when entering the building, on the ice surface and in washroom facilities.

Members and Guests will be required to wear masks in all common areas.

The lower locker rooms will be available for members this season.

We also ask that members apply physical distancing protocols whenever possible to avoid crowding in smaller spaces throughout the building.

When moving through the lounge area, masks will also continue to be required. Visiting between tables is still not permitted, however restrictions on group sizes at tables have been lifted.

The designated smoking area is assigned as before near the front entrance. As a reminder, the fire escape route at the north end of the upper lounge is not a designated smoking area.

On ice protocol and rules

Given the ever-changing health environment, the rules of play presented are currently reflective of Curl BC/ViaSport approved protocol. Should this designation be changed over the course of the season, or updated information becomes available, playing rules may be adjusted.

Schedules will be provided to all skips. Sheets of play, and rock color will be pre-assigned. Please ensure you are aware of your assignment Hammer will continue to be determined by coin toss (or other agreed upon method of decision) and should take place PRIOR to going on the ice.

When the buzzer sounds to start play – teams on sheets 4,5 and 6 will enter the playing area from the north entrance in assigned order to avoid congestion in stairways and at the home end before a game gets underway. Teams on sheets 3, 2 and 1 will enter through the south stairway.

Each team can utilize sanitizing materials provided to clean rock handles prior to game play. Recommended best practice is that one member per team sanitize all rocks of that colour to ensure the process can be completed quickly.

Handshakes are not required, a verbal 'good game' will be sufficient and appropriate.

All other rules of play will return to standard guidelines and games will be 8 ends unless otherwise determined by the two opponents.

Wall scoreboards will be in use.

When cleaning the bottom of your rock before delivery, use your broom not gloved or bare hands. At the completion of each end, rocks should be removed from the house using brooms and/or feet, not hands. Avoid contact with handles of rocks other than your own.

The water fountain is closed – please bring bottled water.

All participants should use their own brooms and throwing assist device and any other related items such as grippers and sliders must be for personal use only. The club will again make current equipment inventory available for use this season with a damage deposit and offer opportunities to join in equipment orders for anyone who wishes to purchase new items. Individuals can order online at anytime on their own however the club may be able to offer preferred pricing through group purchasing.

Lounge operating guidelines

The Lounge will be open to all vaccinated members and guests from 8pm until 11pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

In order to ensure all current BC Liquor regulations are met and patrons served in a safe manner the club is required to offer table service, the walk- up bar will be closed.

Masks must be worn entering and exiting the area or when using the washroom but are not required while at your table.

The concession and kitchen facilities will remain temporarily closed. Use of these facilities will require an operating outline specific to each function and must meet Provincial Health Office standards and expectations.

Volunteers

The club is intending to operate with reduced expenses again this season so as not to incur losses.

We will continue to pay for an ice technician as well as Janitorial and Lounge services. Many other positions will require volunteer support including ongoing ice/building maintenance, office coverage, administrative duties and game night coordinators.

We fully appreciate that some members will be able to provide more time than others to the club but we expect that everyone will offer support in some capacity in order to keep our club vibrant for many years to come.