

# Chatham Granite Club Covid Protocols for Bonspiels

## Declarations, Waivers and Contact Information

Every person 12 years and older entering the Chatham Granite Club will be requested to sign a Declaration of Compliance document and a Waiver document. These documents have been provided by CurlOn. The bonspiel Convenor may choose to provide copies of these documents to bonspiel attendees in advance. The bonspiel Convenor should request attendees to arrive early to allow time to complete the necessary paperwork.

- If using the CurlOn app, scan the QR code using the tablet at the entrance to the Chatham Granite Club. The app provides proof of vaccination, contact information and a declaration of health. The Waiver can be signed either electronically on the Club tablet, or on paper copies available at the Club.
- If not using the CurlOn app, provide proof of vaccination, contact information and signed declaration and waiver either electronically on the Club tablet, or on paper copies available at the Club.

## Capacity Limits

The bonspiel Convenor shall limit the number of curlers and spectators to ensure that maximum occupancy limits established and posted by the Club are not exceeded.

The following capacity limits shall apply and be strictly followed, with social distancing:

Upstairs Lounge: 110 people including Kitchen (10), Bar (2) and Washrooms (3 each)

Downstairs Warmup Area: 50 people

Men's Locker Room: 20 people

Ladies' Locker Room: 20 people

Ice Surface: 42 people (8 players per sheet plus staff or photographer)

## Masking

Masks shall be worn at all times in all locations within the Club except when on the ice surface or seated at a table or spectating in the upstairs lounge. Masks shall entirely cover the nose and mouth at all times. Any players who having a documented medical condition exemption for the COVID-19 vaccine must wear a mask at all times while on the ice surface.

## Spectators

Once checked in to the building, Spectators shall proceed to the upstairs Lounge and remain there for the duration of their stay. Seating along the window over the ice shall be socially distanced. Masks are not required when seated. Spectators are not allowed in the downstairs warm up area.

## Access to Locker Rooms

Bonspiel Convenors are encouraged to request curlers to arrive as fully dressed and ready to play as possible. Locker rooms can be used by all bonspiel participants, as long as the maximum

occupancy limits established and posted by the Club are not exceeded and personal distance protocol is maintained. Only Chatham Granite Club members may use their assigned lockers. Vacant lockers are not to be used by non-Club curlers. Non-Club curlers may leave their belongings in a zippered bag beneath the locker room benches or out of the way on the floor. All curlers shall be encouraged to not linger in the locker room due to the occupancy limit.

### **Club Equipment**

All curlers are encouraged to bring their own equipment. However, Club-owned equipment (brooms, sliders, stabilizers/crutches, grippers and throwing sticks) is available for use, as long as it is sterilized before and after use by the player using the equipment. If a piece of equipment is shared during play, such as a slider, each person using the shared piece of equipment should sanitize their hands after each use. The Club provides sterilizing wipes and liquids.

### **Spacing of Draws and Movement of People**

The bonspiel Convenor shall schedule draws to have a minimum of 20 minutes between the completion of one draw and the start of the next. The warm up area is only to be used when entering and exiting the ice. There will be no gathering before play. Players shall use the front stairs to access the upstairs Lounge and wait there until it is time to go onto the ice. When it is time to start a game, players shall exit the Lounge by the back stairs only. It is recommended that the teams for Sheet 1 go first, then Sheet 2, proceeding through to Sheet 5. Teams 1 and 2 will enter and exit the ice surface through the left door in the warm up area and Teams 3, 4 and 5 will enter and exit the ice surface using the door on the right. All persons entering the upstairs Lounge shall use the front stairs and all exits shall be through the back stairs.

### **Meals**

Only those who are essential for cooking and serving may be in the kitchen and shall be socially distanced to the extent possible. Meals can be a supervised buffet style and where possible served by attendants. Attendants shall wear both a mask and face shield or enclosed glasses such as safety glasses. Teams shall be called up so that there is adequate time and space to maintain social distancing. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at the beginning of the buffet.

### **Prizes and Presentations**

Prizes may be displayed and picked by curlers. Curlers shall not be allowed to handle any prizes other than the ones they pick. Teams shall be called up so that there is adequate time and space to maintain social distancing. 50/50 tickets shall be sold by persons with masks, face shield or enclosed glasses such as safety glasses and clean sterilized hands. Speeches shall be limited to the Master of Ceremonies and one person per team, all wearing masks. The microphone shall be disinfected between speakers.

### **Bar**

A self-service bar will be open in the lounge during and after games for use by spectators and curlers. Masks shall be worn at all times when not seated at a table. Persons in the bar queue shall stand in the designated locations marked on the floor to maintain social distancing. The

number of people in the queue shall not exceed the number of spots marked on the floor. Customers are encouraged to pay for bar beverages and snacks by credit card, to minimize the handling of physical currency.

### Playing the Game

- No warmup or practice rocks shall be thrown before games.
- Begin the game with a wave, nod or broom tap, then immediately proceed to your position (Skips at far end, Vices and Seconds mid ice along one sideline to maintain distance from players on adjacent sheet, Leads at the near end). **This positioning of two people socially distanced at each end and four people socially distanced at mid ice shall be maintained throughout the game.**
- Vices at mid ice use Rock/Scissors/Paper to determine last rock.
- Players shall play the same rocks every end and not touch other players' rocks with their hands.
- Only one sweeper is allowed to sweep the delivered stone. For safety, there shall be no relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet). Sweeping is not allowed in the house past the tee line.
- The Skip or Vice of the DELIVERING TEAM is in the house. The player set to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player remains at mid ice. The sweeping player remains outside the tee line ready to sweep.
- The Skip and Vice cannot be in the house at the same time. Neither skip or vice (both teams) may sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.
- Once a player delivers both of their rocks, they move to mid ice.
- Sweepers from the NON-DELIVERING TEAM shall be positioned at mid ice while the other team is throwing. The player on the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver shall be positioned on the backboards behind the person delivering the rock. The Skip or Vice of the non-delivering team is positioned on the backboards behind the hack at the end to which the rocks are being delivered and shall remain there until the house is relinquished by the opposing Skip or Vice.
- One Vice is responsible for scoring of points for both teams and sterilizing all used number cards at the end of the game using Club-provided wipes.
- After each end, the Leads from each team reset the rocks using feet and brooms.
- If the use of a measuring device is required, the device should be sanitized before and after use by the player using the device.
- At the end of the game, all rock handles are to be sanitized by the Seconds using Club-provided wipes.