

Hello valued club member:

Registration for the 2020/21 curling season is now open to current members! Review the instructions, read the material in this email, then go to our website and click on the **REGISTER** button.

This is a year like no other. Covid-19 has turned our world upside down and the same is true for curling. We previously sent an email listing some of the changes we're putting in place and how curling at our club will be much different this fall. Before registering, carefully review the information provided in this email and in the links in this email, to ensure you're making a **fully informed decision**. Read everything twice!

Registration is open for **members only** until the morning of **Friday, August 28** at which time we will start to allow new members to sign up. Since Highland Country Club has announced they won't be curling until Jan. 1, 2021, and perhaps not at all, we already know some Highland curlers will want to register at London Curling Club. We'll try to accommodate current London Curling Club members first. **Register early!** Fees for all memberships have increased by 2% this year.

Almost all companies and organizations are saying that health and safety comes first. I can assure you everything we're planning for the upcoming curling season has been done through that lens.

Curling isn't an essential activity – it's optional. London Curling Club **cannot guarantee**, despite all of our efforts and desire to keep everyone safe, that Covid won't somehow enter the club and be transmitted there. You need to know and accept this up front. Review the following documents. We'll ask you to accept the terms of these agreements when you begin the registration process. You are not required to print and sign these forms, but may do so if you like.

- Our standard waiver releasing the London Curling Club from liability
- A promise to abide by the Covid-19 rules we are putting in place, especially around masking, sanitation, physical distancing, and not attending if you're unwell or have traveled. Repeat offenders may have their membership revoked without refund.

If you cannot comply with the required waiver and promise, **DO NOT REGISTER**.

If you are under 26 years of age, or one of our coaches, you are also required to print and sign the appropriate Rowan's Law waiver and bring it to the club in October.

Even if you do register, there is **no guarantee the season will go ahead**. We may cancel it entirely, start late, stop early, or have a break in the middle. It all depends on the state of world, advice/directions from health authorities, and any pre-emptive action taken by the London Curling Club board of directors – none of which can be predicted in advance. If too few people register, we may cancel the season for financial reasons.

That's why we're asking you to **register early!** We need to know if we have enough members wanting to curl to make opening viable. We also have a refund policy in place for you to review.

Something else to consider this year. To limit your Covid risk, and to create capacity for other members, if you usually sign up for three or more leagues, consider registering in fewer leagues this year.

Key changes:

- **Masks are MANDATORY, including on the ice.** Previously we stated that masks would be optional on the ice. City of London by-laws now require that masks be worn at all times within a public space. Although the wearing of masks is mandatory, and we strongly encourage you to do so at all times, the by-law allows masks to be temporarily removed for the following exceptions within our facilities.
  - While seated at a table upstairs
  - While engaging in a physical activity (sweeping or delivering a rock)
  - For emergency or medical reasons
- Clean your hands. Clean your hands. Clean your hands.
- **Physically distance** as best you can at all times. Our club is old and small with poor air circulation, which will make this a challenge. Another reason why masks are mandatory.
- **5 sheets of ice; 1 hour between draws;** Fewer draws; Changed leagues and start times plus **new leagues** for you to consider.
- **No lockers.** Come dressed and ready to play (except for your curling shoes).
- You can hang your coat and leave your street shoes/boots in the **now co-ed** locker rooms. Use the upstairs change room if you're playing on sheet #1; use the downstairs change room if you're playing on sheets #2-5.
- Bar service is going ahead but may be cancelled if health and safety warrants it.
- **No food** is permitted other than snacks sold at the bar. No catering. No home baking etc.
- Limited time for socializing.
- **PLEASE REVIEW our safety protocols.**

We're being very blunt so you're fully aware of the changes, many of which will be very unpopular, to make you think twice about engaging in an activity that **WILL** increase your risk of encountering the SARS-CoV-2 virus and contracting the Covid-19 disease, which can be fatal or lead to life-long negative health effects.

The club has done a lot to mitigate the risks, but the final choice to play is yours.

Yours in curling,

Michael Leisinger

Club President 2020/21