



Message to our Members

We hope this message finds everyone safe and in good health during these uncertain times. The Board of the Lancaster District Curling Club has decided on a path forward for this season; our decision was made after reviewing the survey results, the recommendations of the COVID committee, recommendations from the various curling associations at the federal and provincial level, and, finally, the Eastern Ontario Health unit.

For the club to cover the costs of ice installation and startup we will require to have at a minimum 80 full time memberships committed and paid by October 16, 2020. We understand that this is a personal decision that will be affected by how the club is operated. To this point there are several changes to how we will play in the fall. There will be more as we go through the process, but we have hopefully addressed the main concerns that were expressed in the survey process.

1. Masks will be required in all common areas such as the bar, washrooms, entry. Masks will not be mandatory on the ice once play has started but are encouraged throughout.
2. The bar will be limited to 1 or 2 post game drinks. Players must leave before the following game finishes as only two teams will be allowed upstairs at any one time. Masks are not required while drinking/eating.
3. All equipment must be sanitized when you arrive at the club.
4. Only players scheduled for a game on any given evening will be allowed in the club and only during the time approximately 15 minutes before the game.
5. Every player will be required to sign in when they play and be subject to this information being shared with government authorities should they have to perform a contact trace exercise.
6. We will no longer store equipment at the club. Brooms, shoes, slider/grippers, stabilizers, sticks will need to be taken home. The club is working on a plan to have low cost purchase or rental units available for sticks and stabilizers.
7. The Timbits and Junior programs run on the weekends will be suspended until further notice.

These rules and the others that are being developed for safe play will be mandatory and players choosing to willfully break them could have their memberships revoked. We understand this may be seen as harsh or overbearing, but the club has a duty to maintain the safety of all players and the rules are in line with actions taken by other clubs and guidelines.

Some members in the survey process let us know that they wanted to support the club but not play or delay play until later in the season. For those wishing to follow this path please let us know on our registration. We appreciate all those who chose to play with us and the quicker the responses to the registration the faster we can begin planning the season. As well if you chose to not play letting us know would be helpful as well by giving us a greater view of the membership for the season.

The club is committed to having play this season so long as authorities allow. We are aware that is it a major social aspect of many people's lives in the winter months, and we hope to provide a welcoming and above all safe experience for everyone.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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