

Lacombe U15/U18 Bonspiel November 20-22, 2020

1. There will be no coaches meeting before your first game. Please go over this document and ask ahead of time any questions via email.
2. Entering & Exiting the Building: Everyone entering the building for the bonspiel will enter the new 'Curling Complex' doors as shown in the photo attached. Once you enter these double glass doors you will climb the stairs to the second floor. **Curlers & coaches can enter the Community Room 30 minutes before your draw time.** You have 15 minutes in the Community Room to stretch & warm up. Please remember to social distance from other teams. You are then asked to head downstairs through the internal staircase and enter into the curling rink **15 minutes before** your draw time. There will be designated areas 'team squares' for your team to finish warming up, put your shoes on and determine hammer by rock, paper scissor with your opponent. When you are ready, preferably before your draw time, we ask you to head out! Please take your bags onto the ice surface. If you are yellow, you have home end. If you are red, you have scoreboard end to store your bags. After the game curlers and coaches have **15 minutes to exit** down the hallway & through the single door located on the west side of the building. Signage will be posted.
3. Mask are required in all warm areas of our facility (for players, coaches & spectators). Curling Alberta has recommended mask wearing at all times.
4. Spectators/Parents: Spectators will enter through the new 'Curling Complex' doors as well. You will climb the stairs and can enter the lounge **15 minutes before your teams draw time.** You are not permitted for any reason in the Community Room or on the main floor of the curling rink throughout the weekend. Spectators/parents must sign in at the lounge door under your designated team. We will allow 4 spectators/parents per team into the lounge upstairs. Tables & chairs will be set up. Please do not move the furniture around. One spectator per team will get a windows seat. The rest of you will have to sit back at the tables and watch the game from the tv's mounted above each sheet. Masks will be required into the facility and when you are in the lounge. You may remove your mask if you are eating or drinking then please put your mask back on. Please exit the lounge within 15 minutes of your game completion.
5. Please come dressed to the curling club

6. There will be no water coolers. Please bring your own water.
7. Draw times will be posted on the website. We will have staggered start times throughout the weekend. There will be no pre-game practice this year. So your draw time is your game start time. We appreciate your speediness following our timelines for entering and exiting the building. We need the short window of time between draws to sanitize before the next draw enters.
8. Hammer: Please paper, rock scissor with the other team for hammer/stone colour choice. In Sunday playoffs the team with the higher ranking will get hammer and the other teams gets choice of stone colour.
9. Rocks can be measured using the measuring device. Please sanitize your hands before and after use.
10. Coaches we ask you to stay downstairs during the games as our viewing area will be full upstairs. You are required to wear a mask while coaching. There will be coaches chairs on the warm side of the glass. Should you choose not to participate in our version of the ECI Pilot Project you will be allowed two 90 second time outs per game and one time out in the extra end in playoffs. You will not be allowed a 4th end break if the other coach chooses to participate in the pilot project.
11. We will be utilizing some aspects of the ECI Pilot Project. We want to give coaches the opportunity to try the Enhanced Coach Involvement. This is our version. We are fine if one coach chooses not to participate. For the coaches that would like to utilize this program we will allow the following.
 - *Due to insufficient space no seating will be provided on the ice. Coaches must stand on the carpet behind the sheet during the game. Be kind if the other coach decides to stay on the warm side of the glass, don't block their view!*
 - *Coaches will travel from one end of the rink to the other between ends following your skip (in a hurried fashion not to disrupt social distancing or speed of play)*
 - *In U15 & U18, each coach is allowed up to 2 interactions per end, understanding that unused interactions cannot be carried over. These interactions are intended to be 30 seconds & last no more than 60 seconds in duration. They can only be called by the coach whose team is in control of the house.*

- *Opposing coaches (who are participating in the pilot project) are allowed to speak with their team during the interaction, but must stop communicating as soon as the interaction has concluded.*
- *The two coaches are asked to work together to track the number and duration of interactions used. Disagreements should be brought to the organizers.*
- *Coaches are allowed to join their team for pre-end meetings, understanding that these meetings should not exceed 60 seconds.*
- *There will be no 4th end break if one coach has chosen to utilize the pilot project.*
- *Coaches are still allowed to use their mic systems, phones or tablets can be used to record game statistics, but are not permitted to be used for communication purposes.*
- *Penalties include a warning (first offence), and sitting inside with no interactions or timeouts for the rest of that game and the entire next game (second offence)*
- *Please keep in mind, this project is to help the curlers. Just because you have the interactions doesn't mean you have to use them. We see you stepping up into the house when your team is taking an abundance amount of time to call a shot, normally this is a moment when they would turn around and ask for a time out. Jump in before they take 5 minutes to call the hit instead of the draw! Give them the assurance and then step back. Remember your interaction should be between 30-60 seconds.*

12. On Friday Night Only: After your game each player will throw a draw to the button. (Should you only have 3 players, one player can throw 2 stones) You must record your distance in inches on the Team Draw to the Button Card provided behind the sheet. If you miss the house you will record 72 inches. The coach, with the appropriate footwear can be on the ice to help measure your teams stones. Please alternate stones with the other team and throw them from the far end towards the home end. Coaches you may stand on the carpet until it is time to help measure. A tape measure will be provided for each team and one Draw to the Button Card per team. Please leave these items where you found them. We will pick them up after you are done.

13. Each Division consists of 2 pools of 4 teams. Within each pool the top 2 ranked teams advance to the Tier 1 playoffs & the bottom 2 ranked teams advance to the Tier 2 playoffs.

Ranking within the Pools will be determined by:

- 1) Total points of Wins and Ties
- 2) Head to Head
- 3) Total inches of your team's Draw to the Button from Friday night

Seeding of Playoff Tier 1 will be as follows:

*(Pool one 1st plays Pool two 2nd) and (Pool two 1st plays Pool one 2nd)

Seeding of Playoff Tier 2 will be as follows:

*(Pool one 3rd plays Pool two 4th) and (Pool two 3rd plays Pool one 4th)

14. All games are 8 ends. Ties will not be broken during the round robin. During the playoffs ties will be broken with an extra end. If an extra end is blanked, a draw to the button with one sweeper will break the tie.
15. We will follow the one sweeper rule stated in Lacombe's Return to Play Plan.
16. If your team has chosen to cohort please still social distance from the other teams using the ice markings.
17. Teams are allowed a three minute 4th end break. (this will happen if both coaches choose to sit on the warm side of the glass and not partake in the Pilot Project). Coaches please join your team. If you are throwing yellow stones please have your break on the ice side of the glass. If you are throwing red stones you must come into the lobby to your 'team square' to have your 4th end break.
18. Each team is allowed 2 time outs per game and 1 time out per extra end in play-offs. The time out is to be no longer than 90 seconds. Both coaches are allowed in the rink. The coach, with the appropriate footwear may go to the far hogline if your team calls a timeout from the scoreboard end. The other coach and team should stay on the home end carpet.
19. At the 1 hour 50 mark of each game (organizers will go off the posted draw time-should you start early, you have more time) we will signal with a green paper on the glass. Finish the end your on and one more. This rule is in effect if you are partaking in the pilot project or not.

20. Waiver-18 and Over, Assumption of Risk-Under 18, and Declaration of Compliance forms must be emailed in 1 team email to the bonspiel coordinator prior to entering the building. Should you need a spare during the event, they must complete these forms.
21. **For EACH DAY of the spiel the players & coach MUST SUBMIT at the door the COVID-19 HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST.** This form is to assist attendees who may be symptomatic or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19. These forms will NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. Please print and fill these out before arriving each day.
22. We will post updated wins, loss, ties on the website throughout the bonspiel.
23. Due to Covid taking the fun things out of our event we decided to do a Team Door Prize for each division! Your team will be entered into your divisions draw & winners will be announced on Saturday morning.



These rules may change at any time between now and the bonspiel due to Covidness! We will keep you updated with any changes that happen. Thank you for understanding.