

Richmond Curling Club – Return to Curling Survey Results

Question 1: What best describes how you're currently feeling about a return to curling in the fall?

172 responses

I will NOT participate at all during the 2020-21 season.	3	1.74%
I will NOT participate until a vaccine is available.	7	4.07%
I will only participate with physical distancing including among teammates.	11	6.4%
I will participate if the club has adequate safety measures in place.	129	75%
I will participate no matter what.	22	12.79%

Question 2: Would you wear a face mask or shield while curling to prevent the spread of coronavirus?

169 responses

Yes	120	71.01%
No	49	28.99%

Question 3: How many times per week would you access the ice? (e.g. league play, practice)

167 responses

One – 59	two – 39	three – 12
one-two – 19	two-three – 19	three+ – 13

Question 4: Which leagues will you participate in for the 2020-21 season?

163 responses

Monday Stick League	13	Thursday Airline League	27
Monday Minister's League	10	Thursday Packers League	29
Monday Junior League	1	Friday Masters League	41
Monday Ladder League	7	Friday High School League	2
Tuesday Day Ladies	18	Friday Drop-In	22
Tuesday Open	26	Sunday Nisei League	14
Wednesday Day Ladies	34	Sunday Open	10
Wednesday Masters Drop-In	23	Special Olympics	0
Wednesday WorkSafe League	10		

Question 5: RCC has opportunities for new leagues to fill available times during the day and evenings. What kinds of leagues or activities would interest you if we were to introduce any new? (e.g. skins, doubles, skill development sessions, or other suggested leagues or activities)

108 responses – 66 suggestions, remainder were “none”

24	Doubles	1	A Saturday morning curling league
19	Skill development	1	Competitive Juniors league
6	Skins	1	Drop in leagues
6	Stick	1	evening league- teams made by league
2	Any open format leagues	1	early afternoon
1	3 person Open using 2 rocks each	1	Inter-curling club league on Saturday or Sunday
2	Practice		

Question 6: Which version(s) of modified return to curling would you participate in?

162 respondents

4 person team with one sweeper	140	86.42%
3 person team with one sweeper	73	45.06%
Personal practice or skill development	49	30.25%
2 person team with one sweeper	36	22.22%
2 person team with no sweeping	29	17.9%

Question 7: If the club is unable to open for the 2020/21 season, or has a delayed re-opening due to continued public health orders, are you willing to make a contribution to help maintain the minimum overhead costs of your club?

170 responses

Yes, I would consider a general donation to the club.	61	35.88%
Yes, I would consider contributing up to 50% of my normal league fee(s)	48	28.24%
Yes, I would consider contributing my normal league fee(s)	7	4.12%
Not at this time	54	31.76%

Question 8: What club amenities would you require before returning as an active club member? 163 respondents

Ice Access	151
Lounge (lounge only, no food service)	42
Pro Shop	41
Café (no lounge service, minimal menu, only canned/ bottled liquor service)	15
Lounge and Cafe service	15
Other (please specify)	10
locker room	
Need washroom but changing rooms could be closed if necessary.	
Access to pro shop equipment items if needed (prearranged in advance ok)	
<remaining comments repeat options above>	

Question 9: Are you willing to volunteer your time, resources, or connections to help prepare the club for a safe return to play in the fall? If yes, please provide your contact information (name and email address or phone number) and a short description of which volunteer aspects you are willing to contribute.

91 Responded; 30 gave contact info, remainder were “no”

Question 10: Do you have any questions, comments or concerns about RCC’s preparations for the 2020/21 season?

74 responses: relevant comments listed below:

- I would feel that facemask for all players would be mandatory for me to return to curling this season. I will go crazy looking over my shoulder to see if anyone is in my personal bubble and I don't know if it can be avoided. Face masks will allow for occasional closer proximity without the risk.
- I think I have the same concerns as many people - that we can curl only if there are enough safety issues addressed.
- The major issue, in my mind, related to social distancing both before games (in the lobby) and on the ice. I think the latter can be worked on with league rules and diligence but the former will be an issue that will be difficult to deal with.
- I think curling is a very unsafe. With the closed environment, yelling (sweep, stop, hurry etc), cool temperature perfect for spreading covid and many people are seniors with health issue which place them at risk. I hope you can find a way to make curling safe. If CurlBC says curling is now safe I will be back.
- I just hope life lets us go on in a reasonably normal way, only time and patience will tell. We are all in this together, let's work it out to our best abilities! Hang in there RCC!!!!
- Very pleased you being proactive in us getting back on the ice. One sweep and clean the rock handles prior to the game, I don't see any problems.
- Implement the universal COVID precautions and safety measures applicable to curling clubs, restaurants and bars so curlers and visitors conform. To minimize cleaning, shut down upper washrooms, and exit door.
- I sure hope RCC re-opens in the fall. Curling provides a social connection in addition to physical activity.
- Changing room, lockers are closed.
- I trust that the curling club will do all possible, within reasonable boundaries to ensure a healthy environment.
- We are all for curling this Fall. I see no problem as long as we have only sweeper (take turns) and we social distance upstairs after.
- Probably no hand shaking or elbow bumping. No putting opposition rocks in hack for them to throw. Skip cannot go out to help sweepers. Only 1 person from each team allowed to remove rocks from house at end of an end.
- If the food & lounge facilities don't work or are severely impeded because of health restrictions, I would hope that they can be restarted once the restrictions are lifted.

- Have to see how things stand in general by the fall. I think maintaining physical distancing as players gather before a game will be important. I think playing with 3 (including one sweeper) at a time, to reduce the total players could be a good idea - maybe throw 6 rocks per team. Also, playing the stick game, but with the players throwing regularly (or stick) could be an interesting option. Either of these could be helpful if the total number of curlers is down.
- I believe we can curl and maintain social distancing safely. We can sanitize the rocks as we play and have one sweeper only. Let's do it!!!
- We are glad you are looking at a safe and probably modified upcoming curling season, we would like to return to the curling ice this 2020/2021 winter season
- I really enjoy my one day of curling and hope to be able to return next season
- Just as we have tissues in the ice area, we should supply hand sanitizer/wipes in the ice area and on each table in the lounge. Additionally, signage should be posted reminding curlers to only handle their own stones with their hands. Use of your foot on the striking surface should be done for all other player stones.
- IMO the only thing the club needs to do (on top of wipes for rock handles and hand sanitizer on the end boards) is make sure that the number of people in the lobby is limited. For 6 or 8 sheets draws you need 3-4 sheets to start 15-20 minutes earlier than the other 3-4 sheets. The group starting later needs to be blocked from entering the lobby/change rooms until the first group accesses the ice. In addition the first group needs to start on sheets 3-4-5-6 and second group access sheets 1-2-7-8.
- Everyone will just have to go with the flow and use common sense.
- Thanks for working to get us back