

# CURLING NEWS

HIBBING CURLING CLUB

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## **Presidential Notes** *By Tom Scott*

Greetings all. I hope your summer was enjoyable, despite all that is going on in relation to COVID. I think we can all say that these are some of the strangest times we have ever lived through. Hopefully we can get back to some semblance of normalcy in the near future.

With that said, we are planning to move forward with our 2020-2021 curling season. We are still working through the details of what that's going to look like, but for now all leagues will continue as they have in the past, with the same start times and on the same days of the week.

To assist with the upcoming season, we have established some COVID guidelines that are included in this newsletter. We have based

them on the United States Curling Association's return to curling guidelines, as well as what the state of Minnesota has issued for guidance. Please read through what we have provided and feel free to reach out to any board member if you have any questions or concerns.

In addition to the COVID guidelines, we also have capacity limits on the ice and in the viewing/social area. Per the state of Minnesota, we are currently allowed to be at only 25% capacity. This means that we can have no more than 60 people in the ice area at one time. If we have all sheets being used, we are still 4 people under, so we should be ok. In the viewing/social area we can have no more than 100 people at a time. This could get a little challenging when we are

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busy, like on Thursdays. Please be mindful of our capacity limits and also please know that they are subject to change per the state.

As far as bonspiels go, at this point we are planning to still have some that might have to be scaled down to ensure we stay under our capacity limits. We will evaluate our options as we move forward. The Last Chance is an unknown at this time but will remain on our schedule. Our current tentative bonspiel list is also included in this newsletter. Again, none of the events are for certain, but this is what we are hoping to be able to do this year.

In closing, I want you to know that you have full commitment from me and the rest of the Board that we will do our best to provide you with a safe and enjoyable curling experience this year. But we all must understand that this is also a team effort, so I ask that each of you do your part as well in adhering to the guidelines in place and being supportive of them. If we all do this together, I have no doubt that we will have a successful season.

Stay safe, stay well, and Good Curling!

### **Save the Date:**

The fall membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 7:00 pm at the club with league sign up following the meeting.

### **ELECTION TIME!**

Some board members terms have come to an end. Voting for those positions will be at the Fall Membership Meeting. If you are interested in a seat on the Curling Board, now is the time to join the team!  
Thanks to all of our board members for their time and effort!

### **SHARE YOUR SKILLS!**

Interested in instructing? Contact Beth Baucom about the latest USCA trainings, or learn more at [teamusa.org](http://teamusa.org)

### **Dues and Registration:**

Membership dues are payable no later than your first night of curling. Skips are responsible for ensuring timely payment and turning in a complete roster. Unpaid members names will be posted after the first night of play.

\*Due to the majority of our expenses being at the beginning of the season and making ice, refunds will NOT be issued for Covid Closure or any other reason.

### **Registration Dates:**

- Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> , 5-7 pm
- Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm
- Junior registration will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 1:30 pm with curling 3-5 pm

**Your 2020 Board of Directors welcomes you back this season. We understand things are looking different this year, please read covid guidelines and reach out with any questions!**

### **Junior Curling News**

Junior Curling Lessons will be held Sundays from 3-5 PM . Junior Open Ice is Wednesday 3-5 pm.

Juniors Registration: Sunday, December 6th at 1:30 pm with curling at 3-5 pm.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Beth Baucom will be the Junior Curling Coordinator for this season. We are again looking for volunteers to help with instruction and supervision. You do not need to be an expert curler. You just need to be able to help the kids have fun. **If anyone is interested in helping out for a day, or full/ part time, please contact Beth Baucom or the Hibbing Curling Club for more information.**

We will also be using the Dick's Team Manager app to send out lesson info, video links and schedule changes! App is free from your app store, download and search "Hibbing Juniors Curling" to join!

### **Advertise With Us!**

Are you looking for a great low cost advertising opportunity? Do you own a company, or work for someone who would like to have great advertising exposure? Our Club is always looking for new businesses to advertise with us! Please see any board member for information.

**Hibbing Curling Club  
Apparel available to  
purchase in Club office!**

**Don't forget to "like" us on  
facebook! Use tag:  
@HibbingCurling  
In all your curling posts!**

### **Scholarship Information:**

The Hibbing Curling Club is offering a scholarship for graduating high school seniors in 2021. Applications will be available at the curling club and from Hibbing High School counselors. The board will select a recipient in the spring based on involvement in curling and the written portion of the application on how curling has impacted their life. Curlers or dependents of curlers that are high school seniors are encouraged to apply. See the application for additional information.

## Club Rules

- Remember curling etiquette.
- Clean shoes before entering arena.
- Street shoes are not allowed on the ice. A separate pair of shoes should be used for curling from the ones you wore in.
- Please clean your tables when you leave. Throw bottles and garbage in the cans, and return ice buckets, etc.... to the canteen.
- Bottles may be brought into the club; however, you need to buy your set-ups from the canteen.
- Follow all current health and safety guidelines.

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*Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for upcoming events, bonspiels, league schedules and more.*

## League Rules

1. All players must be members in good standing of the Hibbing Curling Club.
2. There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of seven players per roster.
3. Players can only be on one roster per league.
4. Rosters may be altered or revised until January 1. Changes may be made after this date on a case-by-case basis.
5. Winners shall clean the ice after their game.
6. Subs may only throw lead or second and cannot call the house.
7. Mixed league requires alternating male and female players (Exception – If you have more women than men you do not need to alternate, but sub rule #6 above needs to be followed, if applicable)
8. The 5-rock free guard zone will once again be used this season.
9. If the buzzer sounds, you finish the end you are in and the following end. If the game ends in a tie after the final end is played, see following rule. No game shall end in a tie.
  - a. An end is considered complete when a player is in the hack ready to throw a stone to start the next end.
10. In the event of a tie during league play, a skips' draw shall determine the win. Each team may have two sweepers and a person holding the broom. If no winner is declared after the skips throw, the thirds would throw next and so on until a winner is declared.
  - a. Opposing team may not sweep the rocks of the other team at any time during the other team's throw.
  - b. The first rock in the skips' draw should be measured, unless agreed upon by both teams that a measurement is not needed. The first rock should then also be removed from play before the second rock is thrown.
11. In the event of a tie during the league playoffs, a full extra shall be played to determine the winner, unless both teams agree to just do a skips' draw. If there is a three-team tie for the league title, cards will be drawn with the high card getting the bye to the final game. The other two teams will play off to see who will play the team with the high card for the league championship.

All league schedules can be found on the website [www.hibbingcurling.com](http://www.hibbingcurling.com).

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## **Hibbing Curling Club Bonspiel Schedule**

- **League Starts: November 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Hibbing Chamber of Commerce Funspiel: December 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sunny Hill Men's Bonspiel: January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Hibbing Mixed Bonspiel: January 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **IMA Funspiel: February 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Angel Fund Funspiel: February 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Hibbing Senior Mixed Bonspiel: February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Blessed Sacrament Funspiel: March 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Member Appreciation Bonspiel: March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**
- **Club League Playdowns: Throughout March**
- **Senior Men's and Women's Last Chance: April 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Men's Last Chance: April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\*For the most current copy of the schedule please visit  
[www.hibbingcurling.com](http://www.hibbingcurling.com)**

# COVID GUIDELINES- Hibbing Curling Club 2020 Season

September 21, 2020 Update

## **COVID Guidelines (Subject to Change as Needed)**

- When entering the curling club, we ask that you use the main entrance door. When exiting the club, we ask that you use the back door. This will keep entering and exiting separate from each other.
- Please refrain from using the locker room if possible. We ask that you come dressed in your curling clothes and bring your shoes and broom(s). You can change shoes before and after the game in the club at a safe distance from others. If you choose to go into the locker room, we are asking that you wear a mask and do your best to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Odd numbered sheets will start at the home end and even numbered sheets will start at the far end.
- Teams playing on sheets 1, 2, 3, and 4 should use the middle entrance when entering the ice. The teams playing on sheets 2 and 4 should use the center walkway to get to the far end.
- Teams playing on sheets 5, 6, and 7 should use the sheet 7 entrance and try to go out in the order of what sheet they play on, so the teams playing on sheet 5 should go out first, then 6 and then 7.
- For the coin flip to determine hammer, we are encouraging teams to either have someone bring their own coin or use a different method (rock, paper, scissors; a smartphone app; etc)
- During the game, the team not shooting on sheet 1 should stand at least 6 feet apart from each other on the dividers between sheets 1 and 2. Sheet 2 should do the same on the dividers between sheets 2 and 3. The same applies for all other sheets down to sheet 7 where the team would stand on the walkway by the wall.
- We are asking that only one member per team be responsible for marking the score. This will

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- ensure that as few people as possible are touching the end markers.
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- We are asking that the opposing team's skip wear a mask if he/she wishes to come up and sweep the
- shooting team's rock behind the t-line. This is because most likely the six feet of distance between the
- skips cannot be maintained.
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- We encourage everyone to wear a mask while on the ice. If this is too uncomfortable while shooting,
- sweeping, or calling line as a skip, that will be a personal decision. But at a minimum, please wear a
- mask while waiting when the other team is shooting. Skips should strongly consider wearing a mask in
- reference to the previous guideline.
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- We are encouraging only using one sweeper for the simple fact that people who live together don't have
- to social distance and this can be an unfair advantage during a game if they can both sweep at the same
- time. Please be courteous and only use one sweeper unless both teams agree upon using two.
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- We are asking that the two crutches (sliding apparatus) located on each sheet be used as follows. One
- crutch should be shared by only one team. The other crutch should be shared by the other team. Once
- the game is completed each team will be responsible for disinfecting the crutch they used.
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- Please only touch your own rocks. While it is common courtesy to get the opponent's rock ready for
- them, we ask that you refrain from doing this. When an end is completed, all rocks can be kicked back
- to the backboards as per usual, and you can kick more than just your own rocks.
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- If you use a club broom, please disinfect it before putting it back in the barrel or giving it to someone else
- to use.

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If you wish to practice at any time, please disinfect the rock handles you used when you are done.

Please refrain from the traditional handshakes before and after games. Consider a forearm bump or saying "Good Game" or "Good Curling" from a proper social distance.

Both teams will be responsible for cleaning the sheet, as well as disinfecting after the game. The winners will still clean the sheet and should disinfect the mops, brooms, and dustpans after using them. All rock handles should be disinfected as well as each end marker on the scoreboards. We are asking that each team disinfect their own rocks and that the winning team do the scoreboards. We are also asking that the winning team disinfect the two benches on the sheet, if applicable.

Sheet one benches would be between sheets 1 and 2, sheet 2 benches would be between sheets 2 and 3, etc. Sheet 7 will not have any benches.

If you need to grab Kleenex, please be courteous and use hand sanitizer while doing this.

If you would like to have something to drink during the game, we are asking that you only bring sealable containers out on the ice. Water and other beverages from the canteen can be poured into them.

The items listed above are guidelines set forth by the Hibbing Curling Club Board of Directors. They are subject to modification as conditions change. Please be sure to always follow all state and local guidelines if unsure of anything.

**\*Remember to bring a lanyard, or sunglasses strap for easy access to your mask or face shield if/when not in use.**