

Ice Technicians get back to work

Wash your hands!

- Ice technicians should be included in all club discussions and decisions related to COVID-19.
- **All decisions and protocols must adhere to Local Health Authorities.**
- Ice Technicians, assistants and volunteers should be fully aware of all club protocols, Curling Canada, CurlION and/or NOCA return to play Guidelines.
- Review and follow all protocols for having outside contractors in your facilities. (ie refrigeration mechanics)
- external contractors must adhere to both their own (ie mechanical contractor) **and** the clubs' protocols.
- Any clarification(s) must be discussed prior to ice installation.

Please review the following documents provided by The Ontario Recreational Facilities Association.

http://www.orfa.com/resources/Documents_Public/gbp/ORFA%20Reentering%20and%20Reopening%20V1.0.pdf

<http://www.orfa.com/page-1863820>

<http://www.orfa.com/page-1863823>

- BEFORE anyone comes in to assist with the install, its important to go over the clubs COVID-19 procedures for example ... if you have any symptoms, do not come to work!
- Make sure the club has a "PLAN" in case the Ice Tech and/or assistants develops symptoms and needs to self isolate. Have a plan before it happens.
- Communicate the plan to all involved
- Keep a detailed logbook of who helped each day, including contractors and the times they arrived and departed. Just in case you need to do any contact tracing, the logbook should be kept in an accessible place within the facility.
- Follow local guidelines for surface cleaning, full building disinfecting, and the use of personal protection equipment.
- Ensure that each assistant has reviewed, understands, and signs off on all protocols established by each facility. These items should be part of Health and Safety training and be included in all JHSC meetings and minutes. Sign off sheets should be kept and be readily available should any incidents arise.

INSTALLATION:

Start with a thorough cleaning of the Ice area, compressor room, work areas prior to bringing in employees/volunteers.

- Clean all touch points and equipment.

During installation, ice technicians and assistants will touch common items. Frequent washing of hands is critical. STOP touching your face.

During install it should not be too difficult to maintain a safe "Social Distance" but if you can not do it safely - **WEAR A MASK!**

Try to do the install with as few people as possible. Almost like an "Ice Tech Bubble"

Remove unnecessary items from the ice shed, such as: club brooms, stabilizers, delivery sticks, measuring sticks, even as far as chairs/benches water coolers, scoreboards and tissue boxes. The less "touch points" the better ... the goal is to keep everyone safe.

DAILY ROUTINES:

Establish constant communication with the curling office as to who is scheduled to assist, the time they will be arriving, and the tasks involved.

- Walk through each task and establish "how" this will be done safely.
- Communication with members is especially important.
- NO PLAYERS in the ice shed till the Ice Crew has completed their work, and they are ready for players to enter the shed.
- Please review this document regarding snow removal.
http://www.orfa.com/resources/Documents/orfa/The%20Potential%20Risks%20of%20Ice%20Resurfacer%20Snow%20Shavings_Jan%202019.pdf

BEFORE the start of the draw:

Clean all "Touch Points" that are in the ice shed, such as rock handles, door handles, water cooler (if its out there), scoreboards and "Ends" cards if you are using the scoreboard.

- A practice or dry run could be done to establish the time required so these tasks can be coordinated effectively along with ice preparations.
- No practice before games.

Everyone on the ice crew who pebbles should have their own pebbling can or it should be sanitized following each use. Clean pebble-heads after every use.

Wipe down and sanitize compressor room touch points frequently.

- Now more than ever, compressor room doors should be kept locked and access restricted to authorized personnel

Between draws: What is the clubs plan?

- Ideally do not start ice prep for the next draw till the current draw is finished and off the ice.
- Make certain you discuss the time and manpower requirements needed to sanitize all touch points again - have a routine!
- Communication with who ever is setting up the draw times is especially important.
- Time IS required to do this properly!

IF members are sanitizing handles, show them how you would like it done.

After the last draw of the day, sanitize your equipment....Scraper handle, Nipper handle, mop handles, pebble heads, pebbling station taps etc.

This will be new to everyone. Most members will get it, but education of the other members is important such as entry and exit points. We are part of everyone's bubble as ice techs. Need to educate as much as possible.

The Health and Safety of the Ice Crew is vital to the success and safety of the club.

Please note this is a working document as our situations might change.

Please check the CurlION / NOCA website for updates