



Union Luxembourgeoise de Curling

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Message from the Union President

Curling is a non-contact sport that is played on the ice facilities at Kockelscheuer. It is a team sport, of 4 players per team, which generally includes exchanges and encouragement on the ice and most often a shared drink/social occasion between teammates and opponents at the end of the game.

Luxembourg facilities have two sheets (playing fields) which will accommodate 4 teams, thus a maximum of 16 individuals.

Member associations of the World Curling Federation have been reviewing the game and have suggested some amendments to ensure that players can maintain social distancing and still enjoy the sport. Although a team sport each player has an individual role. Many of the guidelines relate to sweeping since this is where players would generally come into close contact. Prescribed positions on the ice are also introduced to avoid players congregating on the ice during the play.

The UNION LUXEMBOURGEOISE de CURLING has taken these suggestions into consideration and will be adopting the measures outlined in more detail below with the commencement of the new season in September 2020. We will of course continue to monitor the requirements of the ice facility as well as Luxembourg measures to ensure we adapt to the situation as required.

Our governance requires that our members adhere to a Code of Conduct and Playing Etiquette. The 10 guidelines to Safe play (Appendix I) will be added to these documents and made available and acknowledged by all members. This recognizes the joint responsibility of the players and Union for safe play.

We are ready to rock and roll – curling responsibly and safely.

Alex Benoy

President, Union Luxembourgeoise de Curling

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Ice Preparation

The ice technicians at Kockelescheuer will be responsible for the ice preparation and should be the only individuals handling this equipment (i.e. Ice King and pebbling can). A disinfection schedule of equipment will be determined in collaboration with the ice facility management.

Responsibilities

All individuals participating in curling – members, first time or corporate participants will be required to register via Doodle or a sign-up sheet at the ice arena.

All players will acknowledge their responsibility via a Declaration of Compliance which should state that the individual pledges that they have not been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days and they are taking reasonable steps to avoid being exposed. We will follow any guidelines suggested by Luxembourg sports authorities.

Pre-Game Preparation

Measures put in place by the Kockelscheuer ice facility should be respected in addition to the following;

- Players should familiarize themselves with the new ice markings and the player positions and player flow during the game. There are two new small markings 2 meters on either side of centre ice (approx. 21 meters from the end boards) to mark non delivering team positions *See Appendix II*
- Club equipment (sliders, brooms, measurers) should be disinfected before and after each use.
- Stones should be sanitized at the start of each game. Players should use a broom to clean the running edge of the stone.
- Players select their two stones. No interchanging of stones during a game.
- Players should not touch any stones other than their own. Let the player delivering the next stone retrieve their own stone.
- Stones should be lined up in single file in the corners after each end.
- Determine what method will be used for keeping score (example: record on one person's phone). The scoreboard and numbers should not be used since it is difficult to ensure proper disinfection.

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Forget elbow-shakes and foot-shakes, here's the broom-shake. Your only true curling greeting for the #coronavirus age 🤝🧼🧴 (also, remember to cough/sneeze in your elbow, avoid close contact with sick people, don't touch your face and *wash your hands*) (FB post March 2020)

Playing the Game

- Instead of a handshake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.
- Do not use a coin toss to decide the last stone advantage in the first end.
- Players have fixed positions on the ice. See [Appendix II](#)
 - At Kockelscheuer players should stay on the wall side if playing on Sheet A and the centre between sheet A and B if playing on Sheet B. This will keep players and spectators more than 2 meters apart.
 - **Non-Delivering Team:** The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on these marking while the other team is throwing. The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver should be positioned at hogline on the same side as the two sweepers. The Skip (or Vice-Skip) will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.

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- **Delivering Team:** The Skip has control of the house. The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player is on the backboards. The sweeping player is at the T-Line. Once the stone has been released, the player who delivered the stone proceeds down the centre line of the ice until the halfway point to the marking or to the hog line if it is their turn next. After the stone comes to rest, the sweeper proceeds to the halfway markings. The non-sweeper travels to the halfway mark or the hog line depending on their turn to deliver or not.
- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. No relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet). The player in charge of the house is not allowed to sweep under any circumstance. The skip of the non-delivering must remain in the hack area until all stones come to rest. They are not allowed to sweep the opposition stone behind the tee-line.
- The skip or vice skip (not both) of non-delivering team must stand at the hack until the other team is finished playing and has relinquished control of the house.
- The skip or vice skip (both teams) may not sweep any stones (both colours) set in motion by the delivering team.



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Strategische Präzision

In Luxemburg wird seit Mitte der 70er Curling gespielt. Der Sport hat es über die Jahrzehnte hierzulande allerdings nie zu großer Popularität gebracht. Dabei ist die Eisportart vielseitiger als viele glauben.

„Mein Großvater war 1976 Gründungsmitglied des Curlingvereins hier in Luxemburg. Er hatte den Sport an der Schweiz herübergelieft und im Zuge des Baus der Eisporthalle auf Köchel schenkte er sich mit Freunden für das Integrieren einer Curlingbahn stark gemacht“, erklärt Daniel Schweich, dass das Spiel mit dem Steinen und dem Breiten also quasi in die Wiege gelegt wurde, denn auch sein Vater war Curling-Spieler, der sogar bei Europameisterschaften an den Start ging. „Es macht einfach eine Menge Spaß“, sagt der 28-Jährige. Die Kombination aus körperlicher Anstrengung und Strategie haben es ihm angetan. „Man nennt Curling auch noch ‚Schach auf dem Eis‘, und es ist tatsächlich so, dass du

aktive rickstest Steine genau verschieben musst, wenn die Steinhaken haben wollen“, fügt er hinzu.

Curling ist eine uralte Sportart, deren Anfänge bis ins späte Mittelalter reichen, die sich aber vor allem ab Mitte des 19. Jahrhunderts weltweit verbreitet hat und dennoch erst 1998 olympisch wurde (1924 in Chamonix war Curling nur ein Vorkampfwettbewerb). Der Sport, der vor allem in solchen Parallelgänger-Parallelen zum Balle-Spiel aufsteht, ist in verschiedenen Ländern außerordentlich populär. In Kanada versteht Curling auf der Beibehaltung der harten Eishockey in anderen Teilen der Welt, wenn sie mindestens in 62 Ländern praktiziert wird, sogar in „Winterpost

antypischen Ländern wie Guyana, Nigeria, Katar oder South Ostland – aber es nicht überhandnehmen Niederlande.

In Luxemburg zählt der Verein knapp 40 aktive Curlingspieler (Frauen sind gemäß im Alter zwischen 14 und 70 Jahren. Unter ihnen ist auch Virginie Hansson. Die 18-Jährige kam über die Schule zum Curling, nachdem ihre Klassenlehrerin Schachpartien an der Sportart hatte. „Ich mag vor allem die Präzision, die gefragt ist, und die Tatsache, dass Mathematik und Physik eine Rolle spielen, um einen geeigneten Stein zu spielen.“ Rechts-Schülerin, die sie schätzt. „Auffinden ist das hier etwas Besonderes, das nicht jeder kennt, und ich schätze die familiäre Atmosphäre“, ergänzt die junge Frau.

Jost Becker

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Appendix I – 10 Guidelines to Safe Play

1. Instead of a handshake, give a friendly wave or tap brooms.
2. Sliders and brooms (if not personal) must be disinfected before each use.
3. Stone must be sanitised before each game.
4. Players should not touch any stones other than their own.
5. Stones should be lined up in single file at the beginning of each end.
6. Players all have fixed positions on the same side of the ice. (*Appendix II*)
 - Non delivering team - next player to deliver stands at the hog line and the other players stand mid-way down the sheet on the same side.
 - Delivering team – non sweeper at the backboards and sweeper at the tee-line.
7. Only one person in the house.
Opposition skip (not together with vice skip) should stand behind the hack until the delivering team has completed play. Only the delivery team skip or vice skip should be in the house – not both together.
8. One sweeper at a time.
No relay. The person in charge of the house may not sweep.
9. No sweeping of an opposition stone behind the tee-line and no sweeping of any stone (of any colour) that has been put in motion by the delivered stone.
10. Follow local regulations with respect to the wearing of face masks

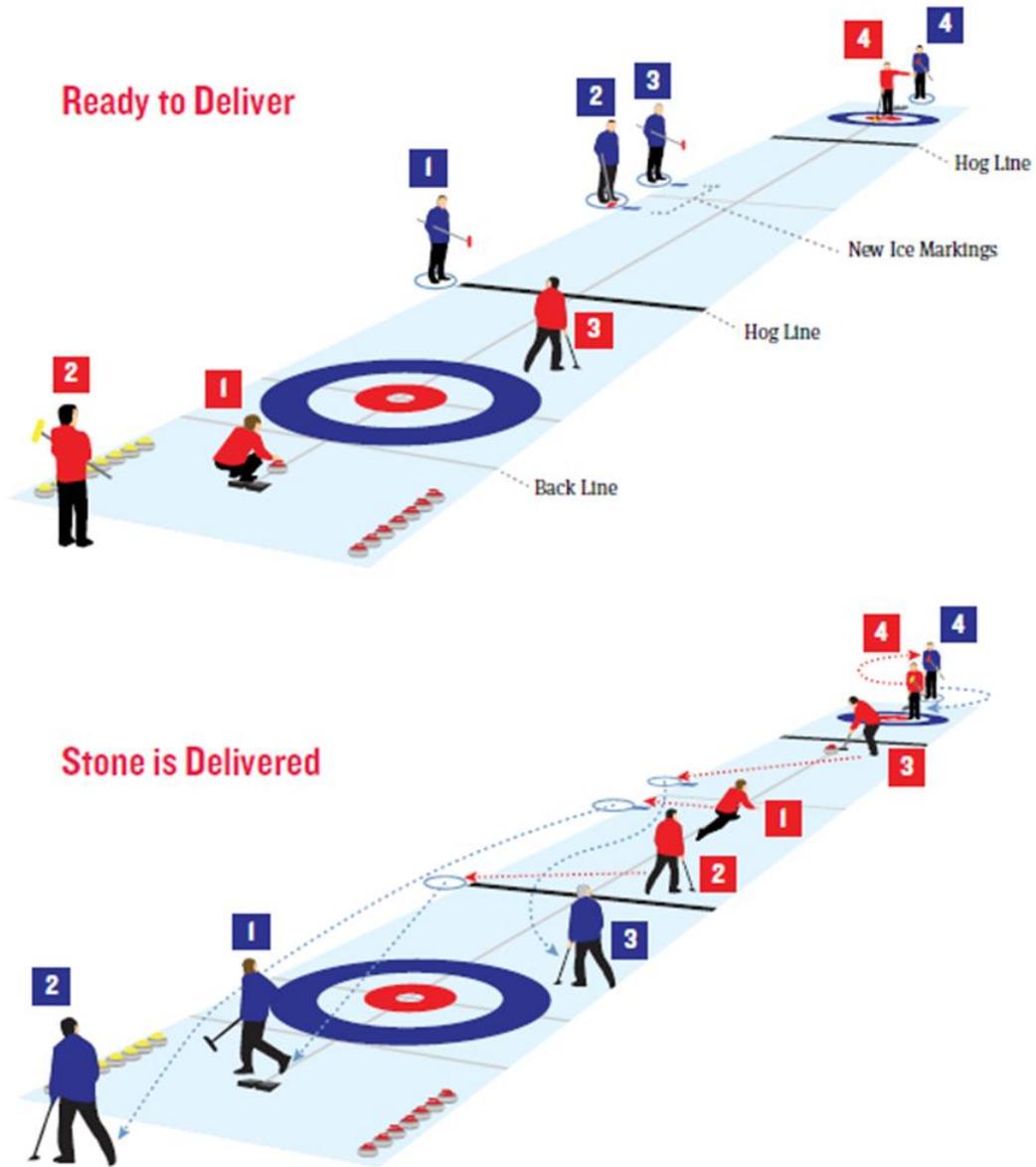
The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure safe social distancing. Please respect your fellow curlers and the spirit of curling rules.

(Excerpts from Curling Canada and Curling Scotland– Return to Play Guidelines 2020)



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Appendix II – Player game positions and ice markings



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