



RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

A Resource for Boards of Directors, Volunteers
and Managers of Alberta Curling Rinks

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



First and foremost, on behalf of Curling Alberta and the broader curling community, I would like to extend our thanks to the essential workers in Alberta and around the world who are placed in dangerous situations day after day and continue to make sacrifices for our well-being. We are also indebted to the managers and staff at our curling centres, the volunteers, curlers, and partners who have come forward to offer support for our communities and our sport. I have been inspired by our resiliency, and I am convinced that not only will we weather this crisis, but we will emerge even stronger. Your commitment makes all the difference, and I encourage you to continue to be mindful of all the ways curling helps to keep our communities healthy, connected, and vibrant.

It has been said that it is in times of crisis that great opportunities also arise. In all modesty, we want the values and benefits of curling to shine during this difficult time. Curling has always been a sport that people of all ages and abilities can participate in as an accessible and low-risk activity in order to stay active and social. With a few modifications to the traditional rules, it is entirely possible for people to continue to play in a manner that is physically distant and low risk, while still reaping the positive benefits of sport.

I would also like to recognize the staff and volunteers at our clubs— your commitment and your discipline to following reopening guidelines to the best of your ability are critical at this time. It is Curling Alberta's priority to support you in this important endeavor. We fully recognize that reopening our facilities may seem daunting, and that everyone is also busy managing challenging personal and family situations at this moment. However, your effort in going the extra mile will make a huge difference to our sport, to your community, and to curlers both returning and new.

The safety of all of us is paramount. We can only make positive contributions and achieve our common goals if we stay healthy and avoid spreading the virus. Hand in hand with our national body, we've been urging Canadians to #keepcurling at home. As the message shifts to #keepcurling, we are committed to getting our curlers back on the ice this fall. Let's all do our part to avoid future outbreaks of COVID-19, and to keep our curling clubs and communities open and thriving.

Please let us know if there's anything we can do to support you or your club at this time, or if there are any ways you'd like to adjust the way we're providing services to you. We'll get through this as a community by supporting each other and looking out for the good of the whole.

As always, we are grateful to serve you, and wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Richard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Jill Richard

Executive Director, Curling Alberta



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