



September 20, 2020

Jeff O'Keefe  
Fort Smith Curling and Winter Sport Centre  
King St.  
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Dear Mr. O'Keefe

**Regarding Formal Approval for Fort Smith Curling and Winter Sport Centre – recreational curling league**

Chief Public Health Officer Approval to allow the Fort Smith Curling and Winter Sport Centre to resume curling (modified play) in Fort Smith for the duration of the 2020-21 season (Exemption from *Public Health Order – COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2, effective June 12, 2020* Subparagraph 2 (d)).

WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions including issuing directions or orders for the purpose of protecting the public health under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c.17, I, Dr. Kami Kandola, as Chief Public Health Officer of the Northwest Territories have issued the *Public Health Order – COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2, effective June 12, 2020*.

This **Exceptional Circumstances** approval is issued in accordance with subparagraph 4 of the above mentioned Order. This approval allows the applicant to offer modified curling program following their approved application to vary and plans as submitted.

Fort Smith Curling and Winter Sport Centre operation is approved for a maximum of 20 players on the ice at one time. With 8 players per game, two games will be played at one time with one vacant sheet of ice between the active games and modified rules followed to reduce exposure.

They will ensure that participants:

- Adhere to public health mitigations (physical distancing and use of non-medical masks when distancing cannot be maintained) on and off ice
- Avoid physical contact (no handshakes, physical greetings, hugs, no body checking) no socializing before/after practice.
- Implement increased disinfection of all high touch surfaces and increased hand hygiene for all participants.
- No more than three persons per change room at any time. Change rooms are for shoe changes only players to don and doff curling shoes and store street shoes





- Maintain traffic direction flows throughout the arena where possible
- Use visual markers (i.e. tape on floor, markers on ice, designated spaces outlined) and signage reminding participants of rules and requirements is posted.
- Players are provided information regarding COVID-19.
- Ensure players and staff do not attend practice while in required self-isolation (travel or medically directed).
- Have screening (before each game/play/practice) for players and staff for COVID-19 (i.e. symptoms questionnaires and travel self- isolation screening - should be completed by all participants before each game and recorded or kept by organizers)
- Maintain attendance and contact information for each practice in case public health officials require it for contact tracing purposes. This must be kept a minimum of 30 days from event(s).
- Recommend providing a waiver for players to sign that identifies the risks and that they will not attend practice if they are isolating or have symptoms.
- NO communal food, coffee or condiments players to provide their own labeled water bottles and not share. No manual drinking fountain use.

If you require any additional information, please contact Protect NWT toll-free at 1-833-378-8297 or by email at [protectnwt@gov.nt.ca](mailto:protectnwt@gov.nt.ca) from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm MT.

Sincerely,

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ACBOM, DTM&H, ABPM  
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