

## STU SELLS JUNIOR EVENTS 2020-21 SEASON COVID GUIDELINES

As you make your decision to register for Stu Sells Junior events this season, there are few Covid-related procedural and operational items you should be aware of prior to registering. None of these should dissuade you from wanting to participate but we feel the need to make sure you are aware. They include:

- all participants (players and coaches) will be required to execute waivers related to not only Rowan's Law but Covid liability among other liability waivers required by the club. We will send those out prior to the event and they will be expected to be returned prior to your arrival at the club. If you are under the age of 18, a parental/guardian waiver will be required
- all participants (players and coaches) will be required to have downloaded and use the Canada Covid Alert application and well as use the Ontario Curling Association contact tracing application and be subject to temperature checking with each entry into the club
- our intention is to operate the event over all of the days listed for the event with most likely four draw times per day as opposed to the usual five or six draws as in previous years. This allows for all of the Covid cleaning protocols put in place by the club to occur and limits the interactions between cohorts (groups of up to 50 players on the ice) to a minimum
- your access to the club both in times of play and locations in the club will be restricted including no access to change clothes in the locker rooms
- draw times will also be staggered by up to fifteen minutes to allow for cohorts to enter the building in smaller numbers going straight from the parking lot with a quick warm-up in the curling lounge to the ice to try and keep numbers down in the public spaces. After your game concludes, teams must vacate the ice and curling lounge area. For the KW Granite Club, access to the main banquet lounge will be allowed after each draw for team meetings and to allow for some socialization within the cohort with a focus on the numbers allowed not to exceed the recommended guidelines in place at the time of the event including coaches
- the event will be split into two cohorts, men and women, and for as much as possible, these groups will operate separate and distinct from each other but not exclusively
- our intention is for 12 teams in each cohort under the current guidelines but this is subject to change. Each team will be limited to one coach (not included in the cohort number) for the event and their access and activities will be limited in similar fashion to the players. There will be no time outs during the games so coach interaction is limited to pre and post-game discussion. A replacement player **cannot** be included in the numbers as a coach
- the two cohorts will be limited to 50 total participating players each meaning 12 teams of four players maximum (48) with two (2) spare spots only available between the 12 teams per cohort for the **entire event** not two different spares each day of the event. If you are a five-person team, this will need to be declared with your registration and this will reduce the number of spare player spots available for the other 11 teams for the entire event not just any single day of the event. If you need a replacement player for any game in the event, that player would come the two spare spots or a team granted a five person team spot and that player should be prepared to participate for another team in the event if required, otherwise teams will play with three if necessary
- inside the curling lounge areas and on the ice during play, all players and coaches must wear masks at all times. No exceptions will be granted
- sweeping will be limited to one sweeper from beginning to stop of the thrown stone for the team with control of the house. The second sweeper can follow the rock and communicate weight and/or line but cannot sweep the rock at any time. The skip (or person calling line in the house) will not be permitted to sweep and the team not in control of the house will not be permitted to sweep any rock in play or motion on any shot
- players on the ice must adhere to all related rules of play adapted for this event to limit the potential of spread of the virus. These rules generally meet or exceed the Curling Canada recommended guidelines. This means no handshakes and limiting physical contact while maintaining social distance with any markers placed on the ice surface