

Jasper Place Curling Club

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Welcome! What a year.

Thank you to all who provided feedback to the curling club survey we shared in June. Members of the JPCC board and the marketing and communications committee worked hard to draft that survey, and we were proud to distribute it for use by other curling clubs across the country. Your responses have driven our “return to play” efforts.

As indicated in the survey and elsewhere, reopening is not a given, as it has been in all other years. COVID-19 has changed the way we work, play and go about our daily lives. It has placed many new rules and regulations upon the curling club to provide a safe public place, and we must abide by these regulations.

In addition to the health regulations, there are financial considerations surrounding the reopening of the curling club. The board and management is looking at the long-term viability of the JPCC. The club cannot sustain a large financial hit in the 2020-21 COVID-19 season that does not allow us to reach the 2021-22 season so the board will evaluate registrations on September 18, 2020 with a “GO - NO GO” announcement on September 21, 2020.

This “GO – NO GO” is based on YOU. The curling club has changed the registration procedure this year to give us the best possible information and commitment from curlers to determine whether the Jasper Place Curling Club opens this season with curling modified to allow for physically distanced play.

The ice installation and start-up costs are extremely high, so we are unable this year to take a chance on spending this money if we do not have enough registrations to proceed. This year, every curler must register online and pay a \$100 deposit on their fees (for every league) by September 18, 2020 for the board to make an informed decision to go ahead with the season. If there are not enough registrations on September 18, 2020 to insure that the Jasper Place Curling Club will be financially viable during the 2020-21 season, then we will suspend start-up and reconsider starting in January 2021 or fall 2021 depending on the state of the pandemic and the will of the curlers.

Please keep reading for details about all of these registration changes, new refund policies, requirements of declarations and waivers, highlights of rule changes, and an offering of TRIPLES play that might provide a fun option during this crazy year.

Cathy

COVID-19 Reference guidelines:

[Curling Canada Return to Play Guidelines](#)

[Alberta Sport Recreational and Physical Activity Guidelines](#)

[Restaurant, Café, Pub and Bar guidelines](#)

Return to Play – Highlights of Rule Changes to Curling

In our house, skips don't sweep. In fact, with physical distancing measures in place to combat the spread of COVID-19, skips can't sweep. They will still hold the broom, call the line and yell as loud and long and obnoxiously as ever. But they aren't allowed to sweep. Ever.

Curling Canada's return-to-play protocols will bring many changes to the grand old game, all in the name of safe sport, and that's among the major ones.

Others include one sweeper only on a delivered rock. No exceptions.

No handshakes before, during or after the game. Touch only the two rocks you will deliver each end. Move the others if you have to with your broom or your foot.

And when you're not throwing a rock, sweeping a rock, or standing in the house to call the line, please stand in your designated spot on the side of the sheet.

Jasper Place Curling Club will be adopting these on-ice health and safety measures for the traditional four-player game.

For more information please see [Curling Canada's Return to Play guidelines](#).

TRIPLES – An Interesting Alternative

Triples curling is here and now. It's the roaring game's iteration of the moment, curling 3.0 if you will, tailor-made for fast-paced fun and physically distanced safety in a COVID-19 pandemic environment.

In a typical six-end game of triples, everybody gets to call the shots, deliver the goods and sweep like crazy. Each member of a team will rotate through the three positions, playing two ends as lead, middle and skip. It's a new age democracy on ice. Every player also delivers two rocks per end, so the action is fast, and most games will wrap up in two hours or less.

It's competitive too. Scores are doubled in the fifth and sixth ends, so no game should be too far out of reach for long. We don't want anybody shaking hands after four ends. In fact, we don't want anybody shaking hands at all.

And since only one person can sweep a delivered rock, according to the new rules from Curling Canada, triples curling is the perfect game for such a changed sporting landscape. One player delivers the rock, one player sweeps the rock and one player holds the broom and calls the line from the house.

Nobody will be left standing around, trying to look important as the stone glides onto the button.

This is a made-up game. Curling clubs across the country will offer this program using many rule variations. These are rules that Jasper Place will follow, and will be posted in the curling club.

Regular Play vs. Triples Play

Not sure how the rule changes will affect your enjoyment of the game? Wherever possible, migration between the club league and the triples league on the same night will be allowed whenever the 5-game square ends and is re-drawn for the next 5 games.

Start Dates

The start dates for ice installation and all league play has been delayed about one month to allow us to evaluate phase 3 openings. This will help us determine if there is sufficient interest to play and ensure the safest path forward for our curling club members. Don't worry, we have extended the end dates by a month and you will get the same amount of curling as in previous years.

Leagues – The Same But Different

Included in the survey were comments from people who wanted the leagues renamed. The club has removed the descriptors for each league that the curling club operates, and have named them by the day of the week only. For example, last year's "Tuesday Open (Mixed)" league has been renamed "Tuesday". The only distinction that we will make now will be to differentiate between the four-person typical curling game and "triples". Both the typical game and triples will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

All teams planning to return to the Jasper Place Curling Club will be able to retain their place in the league they played in last year by completing the ["Return to Play Team Intention Form"](#) by August 28, 2020. Your spot will be available to you for either: a full or half year, regular or triples play. In subsequent years when the physical distancing measures are relaxed, you will be able to return to regular from triples play without losing your spot, if you choose to do so.

Registration and Fee Information

The registration fees for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening curlers: Curling fees will remain the same as the last three years; for individuals registering for an entire 20-game season of curling, the fee is \$400+GST. For individuals registering for half a season – October-January, or January-March – the fee for each half of the season will be \$220+GST. Please remember as a full-year club member you receive 20 league games, free practice ice, additional games in the club championships or grand challenge at the end of the season. This means the \$21 per game fee is a real bargain.

The registration fees for Bent Broom and JPL Sunday Morning will be set by your league coordinators as in previous years. However, the \$100 deposit and the waivers and declarations as described below will apply.

A \$100 deposit OR payment of the full fee is required from every curler in every league this year by September 18, 2020 due to the registration uncertainty from COVID-19. Please click the registration link for your league on the [website home page](#) and select the registration option as determined by the number of players on your team or the "deposit" option.

To register for more than one league, you must register for each league separately. You may continue through to the point of payment, then:

- choose to pay with Visa or MasterCard by selecting “Pay online”, or
- select “invoice me”. This allows you to pay by e-transfer using the email address of **payments@jasperplacecurling.ca** as your payee. Please use the day of the week you are registering to play as the password; if you are registering for more than one league use “multi” as the password.
- Once you have registered for all the leagues you wish to play for, select pay online, and you should have an invoice for all the leagues that you selected. You may pay on the website with Mastercard or Visa.

The Jasper Place Curling Club “GO – NO GO” date is September 21, 2020. If you are concerned about paying this \$100 deposit you may read the full [refund policy](#).

Balance of fees, declarations and waivers: By October 16, 2020, the balance of your fees must be paid using the online registration system. A signed waiver and declaration is also required to be submitted by this date. (These documents will be emailed to you after you have paid the online deposit). Anyone arriving at the curling club on their first curling day without these documents completed will be asked to complete and sign the documents before they are allowed entry to help ensure the health and safety of all curlers. Please note: the curling club is waiting for the declarations and waivers to be approved with the Curling Alberta return-to-play guide. They will be made available as soon as possible.

Hardship: If pre-paying fees creates a financial hardship, please contact Cathy at 780-489-6428 to discuss a payment plan option.

Discounts: Again this year we will offer a **multi-league discount** to anyone registering in more than one league at the JPCC. Prime time leagues will receive a **\$50 rebate**, paid in JP coins.

Recruitment Bonus: We believe the best advertising for our club is by word of mouth. For each new team added to a full-year evening league, the existing team that recruited them will receive **\$200 in JP coins**. Teams can use JP coins anywhere in the club – for drinks, food, pro-shop items, or even curling fees.



Daytime leagues

Monday and Thursday morning seniors – the league coordinators will be contacting you soon with registration information.

New – Tuesday morning sturling

Sturling is a great option in these physically distanced times. Two curlers on a team, one at each end of the rink and no sweeping. Sounds perfect during a global pandemic. Register as a team or a single and we will find you a team mate. You can register for an 8-week league before Christmas and another 8 weeks will be available in the New Year.

New – Friday morning Triples

Find a team of grounded snowbirds, and enter this daytime triples league. Register as a team, or join as a single and we will find team mates for you. You can register for an 8-week league before Christmas and another 8 weeks will be available in the New Year.

Will the Warm Side of the Glass be Safe?

The Jasper Place Curling Club will be following the guidance from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and complying with the guidance for restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars. [Click here](#) to read the full document.

Once the approved Return to Play guide from Curling Alberta is available, the curling club's return to play committee will establish a guide specifically for the JPCC. At this time masks will be required upon entry to the building and worn until the curler reaches the field of play (ice). A mask will be required again when the curler exits the field of play and until they take a seat in the upstairs lounge.

The Social Side of Rocking the House at Our House!

Great news! Jonathan of Preserve Food Truck is returning to provide his tasty delights in the cafe again this year, and the bar will be in full swing as well. The lounge will be set up to comply with the restaurant, café, pub and bar guidelines which will provide 6' spacing of tables and 4 chairs per table.

Curling Education

Learn-to-curl clinics will be scheduled once the curling club opening dates are confirmed. Please check the website September 21, 2020.

Curling Equipment

Pro shop: the JPCC runs a small pro shop out of the office. The pro shop is an integral part of the curling club's operations for two reasons: firstly, because we know most of our curlers and see them on a regular basis, we can provide insight and information to assist you in the purchase of new curling equipment. Secondly, the pro shop is an important additional revenue stream for our operations and, therefore, another way for our members to support their club.

We know sometimes our selection will be too small for your needs. Because of this, we've made a partnership with **Kevin's Rocks and Racquets**, located in the Saville Sports Centre and with a much larger selection of gear. When you would like to purchase an item not in stock at the JPCC, Cathy will write you a letter of purchase to take to Kevin's. They will provide you with the item and invoice the JPCC. This means you'll pay at the JPCC, receiving your member's discount, and the JPCC will get your business. See Cathy for more details.

Everything you need to know about:

Curling shoes: In order to help keep the ice in top condition for everyone, all curlers must have shoes that are only worn on the curling ice. That may include curling shoes or slip on grippers (and sliders) that completely cover the bottom of clean running shoes. Sadly, your favourite shoes do not last forever.

Grippers: Grippers are one of the largest problems in maintaining good, clean ice conditions. In order for grippers to be effective they are made with very soft rubber which wears out quickly. Grippers typically last 20 games (or less) as a sweeper and 40 games for skips and thirds. This typically means replacing at least once every year.

Curling brushes: Curling brushes do not last forever either. TV curlers replace their brush heads every game. Yours likely lasts 5-20 games. If you didn't replace it last year, you need to replace it this year. In addition to helping keep the ice cleaner, your new brush head will improve the results of your sweeping.

Compliant brush heads: WCF compliant brush heads are available in our pro shop along with non-compliant heads. We have chosen to continue to allow non-compliant heads to be used in club play at the JPCC.

Student/Junior Support

The JPCC supports junior curlers by providing a significant discount in curling fees. To be eligible, curlers must be born after July 1, 2000 and a full-time student. Please call Cathy for details.

Lockers

Lockers are available in both the men's and women's locker rooms. The regular size lockers are \$25 (including GST) and the large lockers are \$40 (including GST) per year and easily accommodate a whole team. Curlers and teams renewing their locker will have first right of refusal until October 29, 2020. Then all lockers not rented will be available on a first come first serve basis.

When do we curl?

League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Sunday JPL	Oct 25 – Dec 20	Jan 3 – Mar 29	11:00 AM	22	TBD
Monday Morning	Oct 26 – Dec 21	Jan 4 – April 5	9:00 AM	11 +11	TBD
Monday Mechanical	Oct 26– Dec 14	Jan 4 – March 22	5:00 PM	TBD	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 26 – Dec 21	Jan 4 – March 29	7:15 PM	21	TBD
Tuesday Morning Sturling	Oct 27 – Dec 15	Jan 12 – March 2	9:30 AM	8 + 8	\$80+GST
Tuesday Open or Tuesday Triples	Oct 27 – Dec 15 (20) Oct 27 – Jan 12 (10)	Jan 5 – Mar 23 (20) Jan 19 – Mar 23 (10)	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Wednesday Open or Wednesday Triples	Oct 28 – Dec 16 (20) Oct 28 – Jan 13 (10)	Jan 6 – Mar 24 (20) Jan 20 – Mar 24 (10)	6:30 & 8:45 PM (as needed)	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Thursday Morning	Oct 29 – Dec 17	Jan 7 – April 8	9:00 AM	11+11	TBD
Thursday Open or Thursday Triples	Oct 29 – Dec 17 (20) Oct 29 – Jan 14 (10)	Jan 7 – Mar 25 (20) Jan 21 – Mar 25 (10)	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST
Friday morning Triples	Oct 23 – Dec 11	Jan 15 – March 5	9:30 AM	8+8	\$80+GST
Friday Open or Friday Triples	Oct 23 – Dec 18 (20) Oct 23 – Jan 8 (10)	Jan 8 – Mar 26 (20) Jan 15 – Mar 26 (10)	7:00 & 9:00 (as needed)	20 10+10	\$400+GST \$220+GST

AGM Reminder

The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Curling Club. All club members are welcome to attend. At the meeting the board of directors will present last year's financial statements, a presentation about the return-to-play guidelines and regulations that the curling club will comply with regarding COVID-19. As well, board members will be elected. If you are interested in joining the board, please let Cathy know prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend or consider signing a proxy when you register.

Fundscrip Gift Cards - On Going Fundraising

We have found a fundraising opportunity that pays a percentage to the curling club on all customer purchases of gift cards, with no additional cost to you – if you spend \$100 you get \$100. There are gift cards (and e-cards) available from more than 130 Alberta retailers, so you only buy from retailers that you already use. To recognize your support of this initiative the JPCC will discount your curling fees next year by 25% of the earnings that your purchases generate for the curling club, this will be calculated and applied every September.

There is a Fundscrip link on our website, or please sign up at:

<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/B5FASU>