

JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

I am so pleased to be back for my 25th season as general manager, and a little surprised at how quickly time passes. Chris Steinborn and Reagen Osinchuk are returning as ice technicians. Sarah Waaycaster and Intermission Kitchen will again provide food services for the curling club.

As always, we need your help to recruit new members to the JPCC and are pleased to offer a recruitment bonus again. And we once again offer you the opportunity to “win your fees – curl for free”. Please read and share this newsletter with your friends and family.

See you on the ice!

Cathy

LEAGUE PLAY – THE HEART OF THE CURLING CLUB

A lot happens at our curling club: lessons, learn-to-curl clinics, school physical education classes and high school curling. On many weekends through the season the club hosts bonspiels, funspiels or corporate rentals. This summer, there was our rockin’ great garage sale followed roller derby in the arena and 80 flavours ice cream in our parking lot; next March, there will be playoffs. But the heart and soul of the curling club is weekly league play.

All of JPCC’s leagues are “open” with no gender restrictions. There are no men’s, women’s, or traditional mixed league restrictions. That means that everyone is welcome here — just put a team together and come play. Any league games that start after 8:00 pm will play 6 end games.

Any teams wishing to play in club championships must be a gender-specific men’s, women’s or mixed team. Club champions will go on to play in the city championships. All teams from any league are eligible to sign up for our Grand Challenge, a year-end, double-knockout bonspiel that is open to every team in the club.

Our league season is divided into seeding squares, which help ensure that you wind up playing against teams of a similar ability. Registering for a league also provides you with free practice ice – when it’s available.

WIN YOUR FEES, CURL FOR FREE, ENTER BY AUGUST 31

All individual league registrations **completed online and paid in full** by August 31, 2024 will be entered into a draw to win back the value of the league fees

Rules:

1. Complete your registration online (follow the registration process through until the payment page).
2. Pay the full amount of the invoice.
3. Pay online, by e-transfer, or by coming to the curling club with cash or cheque or card.
4. If you play on teams in more than one league and pay in full for all, you will receive separate entries to win back the cost of a single registration.
5. The prize amount may range from \$105 - \$519.75 depending on which league the winner entered.
6. The prize money will equal the league fee including the GST.
7. The prize money will not include Curling Alberta fee.
8. The prize will be paid by cheque from the Jasper Place Curling Club.

REGISTRATION AND LEAGUE AND FEE INFORMATION

Website registration is open!

We are using the same website and registration program again this year. If you received this email, you are a Jasper Place Curling Club member. Please sign in to the member page to complete your registration. Online registration is now open.

Team Rosters and Registration

- **Is your team the same as last year?** Head to the website and start the registration process. The names of your 2023-24 team members will be listed under the team name.
- **Has the team membership changed?** Whether you've added additional members or some of the names have changed, call 780-489-6428 or [email](#) Cathy with specific details before you begin the registration process. She will update those details on the team roster before members begin registering.
- **Are you creating a new team in a different league?** Select the league that you want to enter and complete the registration with as much information as you can about who will be playing with you.
- **How much does each player pay?** For teams with four to six members of the roster, the website will automatically calculate an equal per-person charge. No math required! If you have seven or more members, or you do not want the fees shared equally please call or [email](#) Cathy to confirm payment details.

Guarantee your place

All teams planning to return to the Jasper Place Curling Club will guarantee their place in the league they last played in by registering online by September 1 and having each curler on the team pay at least \$100.

Curling Alberta and Curling Canada fees

We will collect \$17 in addition to your registration for Curling Alberta and Curling Canada. If you curl in more than one league or at more than one club, this fee is only paid once. This is calculated automatically when you register online.

Why do fees vary from league to league?

Curling fees vary between leagues depending on the number of ends in the game and the number of games in the session (season). When registering, double-check the day of week, time of day, number of ends in a game, and games per session. Refer to the chart on the last page of this newsletter or the league listing on the website.

What else is included?

As a full-year club member, you receive 20 league games (there are some exceptions), free practice ice, and additional games in the year-end club championships and/or the Grand Challenge. At almost \$25 per game, it's a real bargain.

Two draws every night are needed

The more, the merrier! Late draws are important for club finances and great for the curling competition and socializing, however, we are aware that many curlers aren't keen on the late draw. To that end, Tuesday and Thursday night will play only 6 ends on the late draw and the fee has been adjusted to reflect that change. On Friday, rather than offering a late draw, we are offering a "Happy Hour" earlier draw with "Happy Hour pricing" and 6 ends of play – which gives you time to go to your next activity.

Balance of fees, completion of forms.

To be entered to win back your fees, you must be fully paid up by August 31. For those who haven't met the early bird deadline, fees and registration must be paid in full by October 3. This can be done online. There is an assumption of risk form (this document is part of the online registration process) that must be submitted by then. Anyone arriving at the curling club on their first curling day without completing the online registration will be required to sign this document before being allowed to play.

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 are offering a **multi-league discount** to anyone registering in more than one prime-time, full season league. Multi-league discount will receive a **\$50 rebate**, paid in JP coins.

COINS FOR CURLERS: Recruitment bonus

We believe the best advertising for our club is by word of mouth. For each new team brought in 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.

TRIPLES CURLING: SHORT AND SWEET

Triples curling is tailor-made for fast-paced fun and a chance to try all curling positions during the game. In a typical six-end game, everybody gets to call the shots, deliver the goods and sweep the rock.

Each member of a team will deliver two rocks per end, as well as rotate through the three positions, playing two ends as lead, middle and skip. The action is fast and most games wrap up in 90 minutes.

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. You won't want to shake hands after four ends.

CURLING EDUCATION

JPCC offers several curling education courses before the curling season begins and a few throughout the year. Please register online for all courses. (See events drop-down)

Learn-To-Curl: This eight hour course will be held Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29 from noon – 4:00 p.m. This course is designed for the first-time curler, and curlers who have played fewer than three full seasons or those having trouble with balance and timing in their delivery. This program is a group lesson that provides information on all areas of the sport. The on-ice portion is tailored to your specific needs. At \$75/person, this 8-hour program is the best coaching value available. Register by phone or online at jasperplacecurling.ca.

High School Learn-to-Curl: This shortened version of the learn-to-curl course is specifically designed for high school aged curlers. Tuesday, October 1 from 6-9 p.m. For new curlers. Cost \$25.

Delivery stick clinic: Would you like to learn how to use a stick? Are you using a delivery stick and not getting the results you'd like? This course is for you.

Using a stick is a different style of throwing rocks and the same principles apply for good technique. This 1.5 hour clinic is designed to improve technique for better results when using a delivery stick. Wednesday, October 2 from 1:00-2:30. Cost \$15.

CURLING EQUIPMENT

Pro shop: 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: first, 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. Second, the pro shop is an important additional revenue stream for our operations and, therefore, another way for our members to support their club.

We are well aware that sometimes our selection is too small for your needs – so we've made a partnership with **Kevin's Rocks and Racquets**, located in the Saville Sports Centre. It has a much larger selection of gear. When you would like to purchase an item not in stock at 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.



STUDENT/JUNIOR SUPPORT

JPCC supports junior curlers by providing a significant discount in curling fees. To be eligible, curlers must be born after July 1, 2004 and be 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 and the large lockers are \$40 per year and easily accommodate a whole team. Curlers and teams renewing their locker will have first right of refusal until October 10, 2024 after which all lockers not rented will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Locker rental is available in the online registration.

AGM REMINDER

The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 25, 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, and 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.

WHEN DO WE CURL?

This chart includes all leagues. Pricing is listed per person – but can be pro-rated if more than 4 people register for the team.

League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Sunday JPL	Oct 6 – Dec 8	Jan 5 – Mar 23	11:00 AM	20	\$375 + GST
Monday Morning Seniors	Oct 7 – Dec 16	Jan 6 – Mar 17	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	10 10	\$150 (GST incl) \$150 (GST incl)
Monday Mechanical	Oct 7 – Dec 16	Jan 6 – Mar 17	5:00 PM	18	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 7 – Dec 16	Jan 6 – Mar 24	7:15 PM	20	TBD
Monday Triples (6 end games)	Oct 7 – Dec 9	Jan 13 – Mar 10	7:15 PM 7:15 PM	8 8	\$160 + GST \$160 + GST
Tuesday Open (full year) 6:30 – 8 end games 8:45 - 6 end games	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20	\$470 + GST
Tuesday Open (full year) Late start 6 end games only	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	8:45 pm	20	\$445 + GST
Tuesday Open (half year) 6:30 – 8 end games 8:45 - 6 end games	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	10	\$260 + GST \$260 + GST
Tuesday Open (half year) Late start 6 end games only	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	8:45 pm	10	\$250 + GST \$250 + GST
Wednesday Open (8 ends)	Oct 9 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	6:30 PM	20	\$495 + GST
Thursday Morning Seniors	Oct 10 – Dec 12	Jan 9 – Mar 13	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	10 10	\$150 (GST incl) \$150 (GST incl)
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Friday Triples (6 end games)	Oct 18 – Dec 6	Jan 17 – Mar 14	1:00 PM 1:00 PM	8 8	\$100 + GST \$100 + GST
Friday Happy Hour (6 end games)	Oct 18 – Dec 6	Jan 10 – Mar 7	5:00 PM 5:00 PM	8 8	\$160 + GST \$160 + GST
Friday Open (8 end games)	Oct 4 – Dec 6	Jan 3 – Mar 7	7:00 PM	20	\$495 + GST

REMEMBER TO REGISTER BY AUGUST 31 AND PAY YOUR FEES IN FULL FOR A CHANCE TO WIN BACK YOUR REGISTRATION FEE. EVERY LEAGUE LISTED ON THIS PAGE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAW.