# JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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## YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

I am so pleased to be back for my  $26^{th}$  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 be again offering a recruitment bonus, read on for details.

Once again we offer you the opportunity to "win your fees – curl for free". This year we offer an additional early bird registration prize, keep reading for details. 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 third rockin' great garage sale followed roller derby in the arena and 80 flavours ice cream in our parking lot; next March, we host the Provincial Mens and Womens Senior championships and the curling club 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 game that starts after 8:00 pm will play 6 end games.

Any team 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. But the Grand Challenge event that takes place at the same time as the club play-offs is open to all club teams.

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 <u>completed online and paid in full</u> by August 31, 2025, 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 online.
- 3. Or pay by e-transfer (payments@jasperplacecurling.ca), or by coming to the curling club with cash, cheque or debit 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 each single registration.
- 5. The prize amount may range from \$110.25 \$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.
- 9. BONUS: Fees paid on or before August 15 will be eligible to win a "YEG Cooking Class" by Sorrentino's valued at \$240. (your entry will go back in the draw to "win your fees").

# **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. <a href="https://jasperplacecurling.ca/">https://jasperplacecurling.ca/</a>

#### **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 2024-25 team members will be listed under the team's name.
- Has the team membership changed? Whether you've added additional members or some of the names have changed, call 780-489-6428 or <a href="mailto:ema
- 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 on 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 <a href="mailto:email

## **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 August 31 and having each curler on the team pay at least \$100. (Or at least one curler pays in full).

## **Curling Alberta and Curling Canada fees**

We will collect \$22 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. This fee is required by any curler who plays more than 4 games in the curling season.

On the registration page – if you are paying Curling Alberta fees at Jasper Place Curling Club or have already registered and paid at Jasper Place – the default answer of "No – not applicable" is correct. DO NOT SELECT "Jasper Curling Club".

## 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 (when available), and additional games in the year-end club championships and/or the Grand Challenge. At about \$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 stay and socialize or finish early and move on 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, and data required by Curling Alberta and Curling Canada. 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 primetime, 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 into a <u>full-year evening</u> 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.

## 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, 2005, and be a full-time student. Please call Cathy for details.

#### 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 games wrap up in under 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.

We are offering three Triples leagues this year: Tuesday at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m. (Note: If Friday at 1:00 is oversubscribed some games will be scheduled at 11:00 a.m.)

#### 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 upcoming events in calendar drop-down <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>)

**Learn-To-Curl**: This eight-hour course will be held Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5 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.

**Edmonton Sport and Social – Learn-To-Curl League**: Six Sunday afternoons (from 1:30-3:30) – starts October 19 to November 23, 2025. Price TBA. Registration will be available through either Edmonton Sport and Social Club or Jasper Place Curling Club.

**High School Learn-to-Curl:** This shortened version of the learn-to-curl course is specifically designed for high school aged curlers. Tuesday, September 30 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 1 from 1:00-2:30. Cost \$20.

## **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 understand that our selection may be 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 JPCC, receiving your member's discount, and JPCC will get your business. See Cathy for more details.

## **Everything you need to know about:**



**Curling shoes:** 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, but there are some great new options.

**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 10-20 games as a sweeper and a maximum of 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.



#### Lockers

Lockers are available in both the men's and women's locker rooms. The regular 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 10, 2025 after which all lockers not rented will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Locker rental is available in the online registration or in the office.

## AGM REMINDER

The Jasper Place Curling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 17, 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 <u>prior to the meeting</u>. 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 (based on 4 curlers on the team or 3 people on a triples team) – but can be pro-rated if more than 4 people register for the team.

League	Fall	Winter	Draw Time	Games	Fees
Sunday JPL	Oct 19 – Dec 14	Jan 4 – Mar 8	11:00 AM	20	\$400 + GST
Monday Morning Seniors	Sept 29 – Dec 15	Jan 5 – Mar 23	9:30 AM	11	\$150 (GST incl)
Monday Mechanical	Oct 20– Dec 15	Jan 5 – Mar 16	5:00 PM	18	TBD
Monday Bent Broom	Oct 6 – Dec 15	Jan 5 – Mar 16	7:15 PM	20	\$475 + GST
Tuesday Triples (6 end games)	Oct 14 – Dec 9	Jan 13 – Mar 3	11:15 am	8	\$105 + GST
Tuesday Open (full year) 6:30 – 8 end games 8:45 - 6 end games	Oct 7 – Dec 9	Jan 6 – Mar 10	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20	\$475 + GST
Tuesday Open (full year) Late start 6 end games only	Oct 7 – Dec 9	Jan 6 – Mar 10	8:45 pm	20	\$405 + GST
Tuesday Open (half year) 6:30 – 8 end games 8:45 - 6 end games	Oct 7 – Dec 9	Jan 6 – Mar 10	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	10	\$265 + GST
Wednesday Open (8 ends)	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	6:30 PM	20	\$495 + GST
Wednesday Triples (6 ends)	Oct 8 – Dec 10	Jan 7 – Mar 11	8:45 pm	10	\$175 + GST
Thursday Morning Seniors	Oct 2 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 26	9:30 AM	11	\$150 (GST incl)
Thursday Open (full year) 6:30 - 8 end games 8:45 – 6 end games	Oct 9 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	20	\$475 + GST
Thursday Open (half year) 6:30 - 8 end games 8:45 – 6 end games	Oct 9 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	6:30 & 8:45 PM alternating weekly	10	\$265 + GST
Thursday Open (full year) Late start 6 end games only	Oct 9 – Dec 11	Jan 8 – Mar 12	8:45 pm	20	\$405 + GST
Friday Triples (6 end games)	Oct 17 – Dec 5	Jan 9 – Mar 6	1:00 PM	8	\$105 + GST
Friday Happy Hour (6 end games)	Oct 17 – Dec 5	Jan 9 – Mar 6	5:00 PM	8	\$160 + GST
Friday Open (8 end games)	Oct 3 – Dec 612	Jan 9 – Mar 6	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.