

# JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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## **SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON!**

The second half of the season is now underway. There are still a couple of holes in our leagues – if you are looking for another game a week or you know someone who might like to join – we still have a “bye” on the Friday evening league, and there may be

spaces available for singles in the Monday and Thursday morning leagues and the Friday afternoon triples league.

## **CURLING DAY IN CANADA – FUNSPIEL**

Save the date – February 22, 2025 is Curling Day in Canada and we will once again run a JPCC funspiel. This is a great event to use to introduce your friends to curling. Maybe you can even convince them to join your team next year. All ages and abilities are welcome.

## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER – FOR EVERYONE**

Following these few guidelines will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

### ***Speed of Play***

- A 30 second delay on each shot causes a one hour delay in an 8-end game. Please be ready.
- Trust your skip to call the shot and the ice; stop making decisions by committee.
- As soon as the opposition delivers their stone, get your rock to the hack and clean it. Do not touch the other team's rocks. Do not wait for the other team's rock to come to a stop before you start getting ready to throw.
- As soon as the opposition's rock comes to rest, both sweepers and the thrower should be ready to play.
- After sweeping a teammate's stone, do not stay at the playing end; move quickly to the throwing end to be in position as per above.
- Skips – do not help put away rocks after the other team's shot. Let the opposition skip put all rocks away and you call your shot without delay.

### ***Where should I stand?***

- Only the skip and vice-skip of the non-delivering team may be behind the hogline at the playing end. (This includes the backboards). This means that sweepers must stand between the hoglines when the other team is throwing. Please note – this is not only good etiquette but included in the rulebook.

- Only the next player to throw may stand on the backboards at the throwing end. If you must stand here – stand by the rock box so as not to distract the thrower.
- If possible, sweepers on the non-throwing team should stand on the opposite side of the ice to the throwing team's skip, so as not to be a distraction.

### ***Curling Equipment***

- Check your gripper! Friction between your gripper and your shoe causes the gripper to shed little rubber droppings that get on the ice and can make a rock pick. You can solve this problem by frequently replacing your gripper or cleaning it more often.
- Check your curling brush! TV curlers change their brush head every game. Club curlers should consider changing after 10 games, and if you are a sweeper 20 is the maximum. That means a new brush head at least once a year, and more often if you curl more than once a week.
- Use the Boot Boy! Debris can easily be transferred from outside shoes to curling shoes and then to the ice. Remember, you walk on the same carpet with your outside shoes as with your curling shoes. We ask that both curlers and non-curlers wash their shoes before entering the building.

### **FUNDRAISING – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Fundraising is critical to the operation of the curling club. All of the building improvements, maintenance, staffing etc are paid from the fees you pay, the fundraising we do, and a few small grants that are still available to us. This is NOT a City of Edmonton facility, it is funded entirely by you, the members.

We have the following opportunities for fundraising in the curling club, and we ask you to participate as fully as you are able:

**Casino** – Our fundraising casino at Starlight Casino in West Edmonton Mall on Tuesday, April 29 and Wednesday April 30, 2025. This is our largest fundraiser and critically important to our survival. Please click [here](#) for the sign-up genius, or email Cathy to volunteer. We will need about 40 volunteers.

**Garage Sale** – We will once again hold a garage sale in the arena April 25-27, 2025. (This is our second largest fund raiser.) We would love your donation of your no longer required items. As well, we need an army of volunteers to prepare and then sell your great unwanted treasures. This event has raised almost \$15,000 in each of the last two years and has become an important fund raising event for us.

### **SPARES**

There is always a need for spares. If you are looking to get some extra playing time in – please join the sub list. To add your name to the list: Sign in to the website, from the member's home drop down; select "member information" then select "my subbing availability" then click all that apply. Then wait for an email.