

Welcome to curling @ the East York Curling Club. We are glad to see back familiar faces as well as new curlers for our leagues. League start dates are:

Friday, October 16, 2009
Sunday, October 18, 2009
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

East York Website

The curling club website is www.eastyorkcurling.ca. You can check the website for schedules, results, bonspiels and announcements.

Keep the Ice Clean and Undamaged

Curlers are asked to always wear clean shoes on the ice. Do not wear your street shoes while curling. Always bring your curling shoes with you and change in the curling club. Debris that falls onto the ice will damage it and affect how the curling rocks travel down the ice. The curling club will provide brooms, tape or sliders for new curlers to use on the ice.

After delivering your rock never keep your knees, elbows and fingers on the ice to watch your stone as it melts the ice and is difficult to repair.

Keep off the Ice during Maintenance

Full ice maintenance is done in between the early and late draws on Tuesdays and before the early draw on Fridays. This maintenance entails sweeping the ice clean, a full pebble and nip. Curlers are not allowed on the ice during this maintenance. All curlers must stay out of the ice shed, in the lounges until the entire process has been completed on all of the sheets.

During other games curlers are expected to stay out of the ice shed while the numbers on your own sheet are still on the Board. You may go onto the ice and start your game once the numbers are taken down, even if other sheets are still in the process of being cleaned. This is to ensure the safety of the staff and curlers and keeping the schedule on track.

Practice Rule

Any curlers who arrive early at the club and wish to take a couple of slides on the ice may do so as long as the ice maintenance has been completed. Curlers may not use the ice sheet that they will play their game on as practice sheet. Find out where you are playing and choose a different sheet of ice to practice. This prevents a team from getting an early advantage over their opponents by figuring out the ice behavior.

Keeping on Schedule

It is important that all curlers keep to the times scheduled. The early games on Tuesdays, Fridays and the Sunday league should not start a new end 10 minutes before the finish time for any reason. Tuesday and Friday late games may start an end up to the finish time as there will be nobody playing afterwards.

You should not start playing a new end after:

	Early Game	Late Game	Game
Tuesday League	8:35pm	11:00pm	-
Friday League	9:05pm	11:15pm	-
Sunday League	-	-	6:50pm

This rule does not apply to the final playoffs draw of the season.

There are many ways to keep the play moving and finish 8 ends in two hours. When clearing the rocks after an end, the lead should focus on getting prepared to throw their first rock and not help in putting away the stones. There are instances when a team may decide to throw stones out of order and so there is no need to prepare the opposition stone as it could slow down play. Once your team's stone has come to a stop the thrower and sweepers should move to the side of the sheet and walk down the sides, to allow the opposition an unobstructed view to throw their rock. You should be preparing to throw your rock once the opposition has released their rock, with the sweepers moving into their starting position and the thrower cleaning the rock.

Order of Play and Sparring Rules

The sexes must alternate throwing rocks during the game. In case you are missing a player, you must still follow this rule.

Every player is responsible for finding their own spares. All spares must be members of the East York Curling club. We have spare lists ready for you to use. Spares must play the same or lower position as the player they are replacing.

Two original members of a team must be present for a game to count. If you plan to be away, find yourself a spare and let your team members know. A regular game can be played with only 3 team members, if necessary. During the playoff draw according to the league rules you must field a team of 4 players to start (a 3 member team could result in a default, at the request of the opposition). If you are not able to get a spare or there will not be at least two original members present you should let the other team know in advance that you will need to cancel your game. A game can be made up with an agreed upon time from the opposition before the end of a draw. You will need to contact the club to reserve ice.

Penalties for Late Teams

There may be times when players will be late for games. You may start a game with 3 player and have the 4th player join later. Let the opposing team know what position your 4th player will play.

If you are able to field a team up to 14 minutes after the start time no penalty is given. However, you will still need to follow the rules for 'Keeping on Schedule' and will have a shorter game. 15 minutes after the start, the offending team will automatically forfeit hammer, one end and one point. The offending team will lose another end and point 25 minutes after time. If after 30 minutes the offending team is still not able to field a team, the game is considered defaulted. No makeup game will be played.

Socialize

Curling is a social sport, where we get to meet many new friends and make some exciting rivalries. In order to keep our social and fun atmosphere at the club, we recommend that all curlers stay after the game to have some refreshments and a chat. We encourage the winning team to buy the first round of drinks and the other team to reciprocate for the second round. Always remember to shake hands with the opposition before and after the game.

Lockers

You can obtain your lockers either at the Open Houses or first night of play. There will be a staff member available to hand out locker assignments with locks if available.

Bar Chits

If you would like the opportunity to be billed monthly for your bar tab, you can get a chit card from the Bartender.

Club Bonspiels

We hold several bonspiels (curling tournaments) during the year. Tournaments dates and details are on the website. These are always a fun way to spend a Saturday, meet new curlers and improve your game. We will have our first fun bonspiel on Saturday, October 31, 2009. We welcome at least two new curlers on each team. Invite your family, friends and colleagues to try curling. After our games will be a fun Halloween bash. We will have a second team entry mixed bonspiel on Saturday, November 21, 2009 with an international theme, three games, prizes and a party. We hope to see you come out to these bonspiels to support your club and have a great time.

50/50 Draw

Each week on Fridays we have a 50/50 draw at our club. Every club member is assigned a number. You will pay \$2 and tick your name off for the 50/50 draw for that week. We will pick a random number and half of the money collected will be given to the paying winner or carried over to the following week if the person picked did not pay. We had some large pots for winners last year. The rest of the money will be used to improve our club and our lounge, maintain the curling rocks and the ice.

Volunteering and Suggestions

If you are around the club and have a great idea or suggestion to make curling or the club better, please don't hesitate to approach any person on the mixed committee. We would also welcome any person who would like to volunteer their time to help out. Our current committee members are Robert Buntin, Wayne Linkletter, Cori Mark, Margaret Pearson, Ada Shang, Andrea Stark, Bela Szabo and Hilda Urena. You may also contact us by email at mixedleague@eastyorkcurling.ca

Finally, I hope that everyone has a great time curling this season.