

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 14, 2011
Sunday, October 16, 2011
Tuesday, October 18, 2011

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 to the club 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.

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.

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 game can be played with only 3 team members. 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.

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 that the winning team buy the first round of drinks and the other team 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 available to hand out lock combinations and assignments if available.

Bar Chits

If you would like the opportunity to charge your bar tabs and be billed monthly, 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 29, 2011. 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 hope to see you come out to the bonspiel 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 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 Bunten, Sandra Joyce, Wayne Linkletter, Cori Mark, Pamela McCrostie, Andrea Stark, Bela Szabo, Hilda Urena, Carol Wheeler.

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