

## President's Comments

August 24, 2023

Our curling season will open with the Swing and Sweep on Saturday October 14th and continue all league play through to the end of March. Other confirmed events are shown on the calendar, and it will be updated throughout the season with any additions or changes.

The membership package for the 2023-2024 is ready and we are now accepting registrations. The ways to register are indicated on the form. Note that there are two on-site registrations this year, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Early registrations are encouraged to help with our planning.

Your Board has been busy through the off season and work is ramping up as we make some planned repairs in preparation to make ice. In addition, a couple of loads of aggregate have been delivered to re-grade the parking lot.

A membership sub-committee was formed over the off season and has been working on several initiatives with the objective to increase membership through new registrations and retention of existing. Many of you responded to a survey as part of that work. The committee thanks you for your input and continues to work on ideas.

One change you will note in the membership package is the ability to register for a half season. For those able to only curl for half the season, we offer a choice of first half or second half of the season. Select which half (applicable dates are on the form) and pay the fee indicated for unlimited curling for that half season. We would rather have you for the full season of course, but this option may be of interest to new members and possibly some returning members.

Once registrations are in and leagues are sorted, we will review utilization and see what practice times for members can be made available. It's also a possibility that if a league is not fully subscribed, a spare sheet could be offered to another league or group.

I am pleased to advise that the club applied for and received a Seniors Community Grant (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport). These funds will be used to replace all the club brooms. Also included are new delivery sticks, stabilizers, grippers, sliders, and some adjustable helmets for member use. We expect to have all the new equipment by the start of the season. Seniors and new members need only arrive with a clean pair of shoes to try curling with modern equipment.

We will host an Open House on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. We need volunteers to help on the day. But as important, please spread the word. Invite your friends and neighbours to come out, bring a clean pair of shoes, and try out curling at no cost. All ages from 6 to 96+ are welcome.

We are hosting an Ontario Curling Council "Club Coach Workshop" on October 21 and 22. This 2-day workshop will enhance the skills of a Coach or Instructor operating at the club level. You can register at the Ontario Curling Council website by October 16<sup>th</sup>. It is a great opportunity for personal development and having trained instructors is an asset to our club. Register soon if you are interested, as this clinic is open to curlers across the province.

The Annual Fall meeting at the club is Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. I hope to see many of you there.

Yours in Curling,

Gary

### **Registration Form for the 2023-2024 Season**

Please select the league you would like to participate.

**Submit this form and the signed Liability Waiver form with your dues and payment before October 4, 2023.**

There are 3 ways you can register:

1. In person at the Prescott Curling Club on Registration Days, Tuesday September 19 and Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 2pm or 7pm to 8pm. Bring your 2 completed forms and make your payment, cash, debit card or cheque.
2. By Mail:  
Mail your two completed forms and cheque to PO Box 1482, Prescott, ON, K0E 1T0.
3. Electronically:  
Email an electronic copy of the two completed forms (eg. PDF, JPG) to [prescottcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:prescottcurlingclub@gmail.com) and send your payment by e-Transfer to [prescottcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:prescottcurlingclub@gmail.com).

Please make all cheques payable to: Prescott Curling Centre Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and sign the attached "Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement". It must be signed and submitted before access to the ice can be permitted. Please submit it along with this registration form and your dues before October 4, 2023.

### **Membership Options**

- Full Membership (Ladies, Men and Seniors), 24 weeks - \$500** (\$442.35 + \$57.52 HST) – Unlimited play
- Half Membership (Ladies, Men and Seniors), 12 consecutive weeks - \$300** (\$265.20 + \$34.80 HST)- Unlimited play  
Choose:
  - October 16, 2023 to January 7, 2024, or
  - January 8, 2024 to March 31, 2024.
- One Night Lite - \$375.00** (\$331.86 + \$43.14 HST)  
\*One Night Lite members may spare on other nights for \$20/game payable to the convenor.
- Social Membership - \$90** (\$79.65 + \$10.35)

#### **Evening Leagues**

(One Night Lite choose 1 night below)

- Monday Night Competitive** (sign up as a Team)  
Team Skip \_\_\_\_\_ Spare Only
  - Tuesday Learn to Curl** (not included for One Night Lite)
  - Wednesday Night Mixed**  
(teams will change throughout the season)
  - Thursday Night Ladies**
  - Friday Night Mixed** (please sign up as a team)
- Team Skip \_\_\_\_\_ Spare Only

#### **Daytime Leagues**

- Senior Men's Competitive** (Mondays 8:15 and 10:30am)  
 Spare Only
- Senior Mixed Daytime** (Tuesday and Thursday 8 and 10:15am)
- Stick Curling** (Monday and Wednesday 1pm)
- Tuesday Mixed** (1pm)
- Thursday Mixed** (1pm)
- Friday Morning Mixed** (10am)



## CURLING CANADA - RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT *to be executed by participants over the Age of Majority*

**WARNING! Please read carefully. By signing this document, you will waive certain legal rights – including the right to sue**

1. This is a binding legal agreement. **Clarify any questions or concerns before signing.**
2. As a participant in the sport of curling and the activities, programs, classes, services provided and events sponsored or organized by:

**Curling Canada  
Ontario Curling Association  
Ottawa Valley Curling Association  
Prescott Curling Centre Inc.**

(collectively the “Organization”), including but not limited to: games, tournaments, practices, training, personal training, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs (collectively the “Activities”), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms outlined in this agreement:

### Disclaimer

**Curling Canada  
Ontario Curling Association  
Ottawa Valley Curling Association  
Prescott Curling Centre Inc.**

and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the “Organization”) are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

**I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2**

### Description and Acknowledgement of Risks

3. I understand and acknowledge that:
  - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life. The sport of curling is played on a sheet of ice, which is slippery, hard, and dangerous;
  - b) A pertinent risk to participating in the sport of curling is the risk of suffering serious head injury should I fall, trip, or stumble onto the ground or ice. It is highly recommended that I wear a helmet at all times when participating in the sport of curling;
  - c) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of my fitness or abilities, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction; and *COVID-19*
  - d) The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in the Activities could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.
4. I am participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of my participation, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the Activities. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Health: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques, physical exertion, overexertion, stretching, dehydration, fatigue, cardiovascular workouts, rapid movements and stops, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes, and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, COVID-19, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
  - b) Premises: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on floors, ice, or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises.
  - c) Use of Equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to use or operate the equipment within my own ability.
  - d) Contact: contact with brooms, brushes or curling stones, other equipment, vehicles, or other persons, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, or serious spinal injury.
  - e) Advice: negligent advice regarding the Activities.
  - f) Ability: Failing to act safely or within my own ability or within designated areas.
  - g) Sport: the game of curling and its inherent risks, including but not limited to, running, sliding or slipping on the ice surface, delivering the curling stone, skipping or sweeping, stepping onto the ice surface from the walkway or onto the walkway from the ice surface, or stepping over dividers that divide one sheet of ice from the next.
  - h) Cyber: privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage.



- i) Conduct: My conduct and conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between participants.
- j) Travel: Travel to and from the Activities.
- k) Negligence: My negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death. I understand that the Organization may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of curling programs, some of which are referred to above.

***I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4***

**Terms**

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, I agree:
- a) That when I practice or train in my own space, I am responsible for my surroundings and the location and equipment that I select;
  - b) That my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental and physical condition;
  - c) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
  - d) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment;
  - e) That if I observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring my observations to a representative of the Organization immediately;
  - f) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired and I will not to participate if impaired in any way;
  - g) That it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
  - h) That I am responsible for my choice of safety or protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment;
  - i) *Covid-19*: that COVID-19 is contagious in nature and I may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death.

**Release of Liability and Disclaimer**

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:
- a) That the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
  - b) To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
  - c) That I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or its agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate in the Activities;
  - d) To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization;
  - e) To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the Activities;
  - f) To FOREVER RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization;
  - g) To FOREVER RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the Organization from any action related to my becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of, or from, any action, omission or negligence of myself or others, including but not limited to the Organization;
  - h) That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to my vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities;
  - i) That negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities; and
  - j) This release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Ontario and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Jurisdiction**

7. I agree that in the event that I file a lawsuit against the Organization, I will do so solely in the Province of Ontario and further agree that the substantive law of the Province of Ontario will apply without regard to conflict of law rules.

***I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 to 7***

**Acknowledgement**

8. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge by signing this agreement I have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CONSENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION USE**

The Participant (and the Participant's parent/guardian, if applicable) authorizes the Organization to collect and use personal information about the Participant for the purposes described in the Organizations' policies for privacy.

***I agree***



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\*Director

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

|                           |          |                      |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Full Membership           | \$500.00 | \$442.48 + 57.52 HST |
| Half Membership           | \$300.00 | \$265.20 + 34.80 HST |
| One Night Light           | 375.00   | 331.86 + 43.14 HST   |
| Social                    | 90.00    | 79.65 + 10.35 HST    |
| Junior (age 17 - 20)      | 240.00   | 212.39 + 27.61 HST   |
| Bantam (age 13 - 16) *    | 130.00   | 115.05 + 14.95 HST   |
| Little Rocks (age 6 - 12) | 115.00   | 101.77 + 13.23 HST   |

\* Add \$60.00 for evening league play, at the discretion of coach & league convener

## RENTAL FEES

|                                    |          |                        |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Ice, Lounge & Kitchen / 24 curlers | \$400.00 | \$353.98 + \$46.02 HST |
| Each additional curler             | 20.00    | 17.70 + 2.30 HST       |
| Lounge and Kitchen                 | 200.00   | 176.99 + 23.01 HST     |



# Event Schedule

Schedule subject to change  
Refer to club bulletin boards for  
more information  
All rental dates to be confirmed

## 2023

### OCTOBER

|     |    |  |
|-----|----|--|
| Tue | 3  | Registration day at the clubhouse<br>10am to 2pm or 7pm to 8pm |
| Wed | 4  | Fall Annual General Meeting 7:00 pm                            |
| Sat | 14 | Swing and Sweep  |
| Sun | 15 | Try Curling Now / Open House / 10am–3pm                        |
| Mon | 16 | Regular Season starts  |
| Sat | 21 | OCC Club Coach Clinic  |
| Sun | 22 | Coaching Clinic continues                                      |
| Tue | 24 | Learn to Curl / Session 1                                      |
| Sun | 29 | Youth season starts  |

### NOVEMBER

Regular Club Schedule

### DECEMBER

|     |    |                                 |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| Sat | 9  | <b>Christmas Mixed Bonspiel</b> |
| Sun | 10 | Youth Christmas party           |

## 2024

### JANUARY

|     |    |                               |
|-----|----|-------------------------------|
|     |    | Learn to Curl 2nd.<br>session |
| Tue | 2  |                               |
| Sat | 20 | <b>Wiser Cup Bonspiel</b>     |
| Thu | 25 | Robbie Burns Bonspiel         |

### FEBRUARY

|     |    |                                     |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| Fri | 2  | Men's Invitational Bonspiel (day 1) |
| Sat | 3  | Men's Invitational Bonspiel (day 2) |
| Sat | 17 | Ladies Invitational Bonspiel        |

### MARCH

|     |    |                         |
|-----|----|-------------------------|
| Sat | 23 | <b>Closing Bonspiel</b> |
| Sun | 24 | Youth Family Day        |
| Sun | 31 | Season ends             |

### APRIL

|     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| Tue | 2 | Spaghetti Dinner 5:30<br>Spring Annual General Meeting 7pm. |
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#### Did you Know?

Club mixes are a great way to meet your fellow members.  
All abilities (even first timers) are encouraged to come  
out and play a couple games, have a great meal and win  
prizes!

**Mixes are in bold**