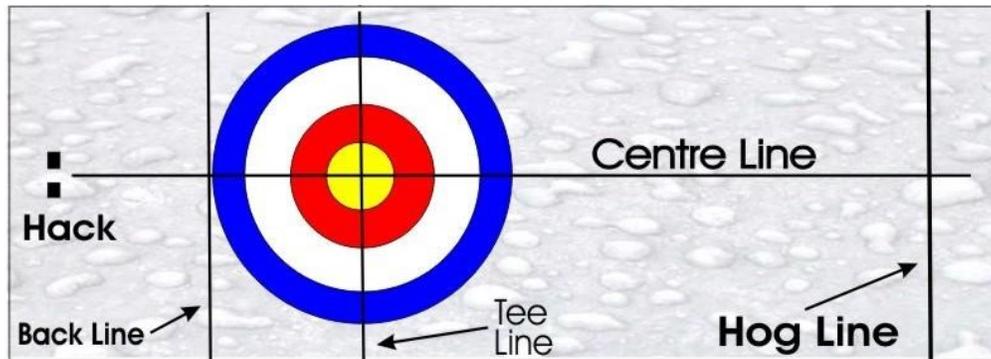


New Curler's Orientation Package

2017- 2018 Season



Eastlink Curling Centre

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A game in which you slide rocks along a surface of ice. Rocks which you expect to curl will go straight, and rocks which you expect to go straight will curl.

It's lots of fun and the outcome of the game is often left totally up to chance.

Welcome

The Oliver Curling Club welcomes you to join us at participating in the fun sport of curling here at the Eastlink Curling Centre. We are a non-profit organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors answerable to the members as defined in the By-Laws. All members have voting rights in our Club. Here is some information to make your curling experience more enjoyable.

Curlers Code of Ethics

Curling is a perfect mix of fellowship and sportsmanship:

- Conduct yourself in an honorable manner both on and off the ice.
- Learn the rules of your game before you start playing
- Shake hands before every game and wish your opponent, "Good Curling."
- Shake hands after every game and offer congratulations.

Safety and Respect on the Ice

- Avoid dangerous movements such as running and sudden movements.
- Step on the ice with your gripper foot first. Use broom with head down to help with balance.
- Sweep safely - if you can't keep up with the rock, let it go.
- Pay attention on the ice. (No cell phones.)
- Even slow moving rocks have enough force to knock you off your feet. Don't let a rock contact a player.
- A rock can change direction if it "picks" up something as small as a hair, so it is everyone's responsibility to keep the ice clean.
- Clean footwear must be worn at all times on the ice.
- Keep your brush clean.
- Wear clothing that doesn't shed. Synthetics are preferred over wool.
- Cool your slider before you get into the hack.
- Putting warm body parts on the ice, (your hand/knee) creates flat spots i.e. bad ice.

On Ice Expectations

Rules of Play: We subscribe to the rules of the World Curling Federation.

Missing a Game: If you are unable to play on any given night you are responsible for arranging a spare and informing your Skip as early as possible. There will be a list of potential spares posted on the bulletin board.

Your Club Membership Includes

League Play: You can curl in the league(s) for which you have paid.

BCCA Membership: This is part of your BC Ruling Association membership and allows you to participate in any BC Bonspiel sponsored event.

Practice: You may practice when ice is available.

Voting Rights: All members in good standing have voting rights and may run for positions on the Board.

Sparing in a league

Free: If you are already paying to curl in a regular league, you can spare in any other league for free. (This does not include the Corporate league where players must pay a spare fee). Just put your name on the spare list for that league. Spare lists can be found on bulletin board.

Spare Fee: If you have not paid to curl in a regular league, the Spare Fee is \$10 per game. Just put your name on the spare list for that league. Spare lists can be found on the bulletin board. For payment, there is a box at the back of the curling club with envelopes. Please put in your \$10 and put your name and the league and date you spared on the outside of the envelope. **NOTE:** for brand new curlers, you get two free games before you need to pay!

Member Communication

Member Contact: Most communication will be done directly through e-mail, website posts and postings on the bulletin board at the Club.

Website: The Eastlink Curling Centre website is maintained and updated often. It contains league schedules, Club information, bonspiels, upcoming events and important contacts. Check it often at www.eastlinkcurlingcentre.ca

Volunteering

This is a volunteer run club that relies on volunteers for survival. This enables us to keep the dues low to the benefit of all curlers. Some people cannot, or choose not to, volunteer, and in recognition of the value of those that do volunteer for the minimum 4 hours, a \$65.00 "opt out" charge will be put in place again this year. Monies collected from the opt out fee enable the hiring of people for certain tasks during the year and gives our volunteers a break.

Curling Club Contact Information (Please contact these people at occ@eastlink.ca or at 250-498-2244):

President	Dave McCombe
Past-President	David Arnold
Vice-President	Diane Cameron
Treasurer	Cate Pierlet
Secretary	Barb Barley
Plant & Personnel	Mike Kelly
Events	Polly McKay
Bar Manager	Susan Thompson
Facility Rental	Joyce Kuzyk
Director	Gail Barriskill
Director	Pat Stephen
Director	Phil Anderson
Ice Technician	Norm Card
Caretaker	Phil Ramsey

Zone Reps: Diane Tetreault and Bob Hale

League Reps:

Mixed Day	Johanne Smith and Faye Kelly
Corporate	TBD
Junior	TBD
Ladies	Lisa Waines and Gail Barriskill
Mixed Evening	Dave Andrews and Heather Andrews
Men's	Bruce Schroter
School League	Cathy Pidduck
Special Olympics	Roberta Dodge

League Descriptions:

Mixed Day League on Mondays and Wednesdays (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Day leagues are split into 2 sessions (October to December and January to March) and are open to adult men and women of any age who choose to play during the day. This league is not just for retirees and seniors but also available for shift workers or to give moms or dads with children in school the opportunity to curl and still be home when school is out. Curlers only available one day per week are also welcome. This is a FUN league and everyone (including new curlers) are welcome. Teams are randomly drawn.

Corporate League on Monday nights (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

This league allows businesses and organizations to enter teams for a social get together, friendly competition and libations. Teams must be submitted with all positions filled and are not limited to four players. We may have some curlers who would help you fill your team if you are short a curler.

Junior League on Tuesday afternoons (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

This league introduces young curlers between the ages of 7 and 17 to curling as a recreational winter sport and develops the skills of existing young curlers. Teams are randomly drawn.

Ladies League on Tuesday nights (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

This league is ideal for all skills - giving a little competition, a chance to learn or sharpen your skills, to make new friends and acquaintances and enjoy the social aspect of curling. Skips can choose one other player and then the rest of the team is placed based on a good fit.

Mixed Evening League on Wednesday nights (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

This league is open to new or avid curlers, provides a little something for everyone including social time in the lounge afterwards. You can bring in your own team or we will place you on a team. Teams may include any combination of men and women.

Men's League on Thursday nights (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

This league is open to all levels of curlers. You can bring in your own team or we will place you on a team.

Elementary School Curling Classes

The Eastlink Curling Centre "Home of the Oliver Curling Club" is proud to present Elementary School Curling classes. Every Grade 6-7 student in Oliver is offered the chance to Learn to Curl. Each class receives one in-class lesson and 3 on ice sessions culminating in a game situation during their last session. This opportunity is successful because of the support of the members of our club who mentor the students.

Special Olympics League on Wednesday afternoons (3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The Oliver Curling Club offers a "learn to curl program" for Special Olympians. The athletes meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 pm with curling club coaches. This program teaches curling using the slide technique as well as stick curling for those athletes unable to get down into the hack. Each week up to ten Special Olympians participate in the program with warm up exercises, practice in curling techniques on the ice, and usually a 2 to 3 end game to complete the session. For the past two years we have ended the season with a one day bonspiel inviting other Special Olympics teams throughout the Okanagan to participate. Come down to the Oliver Curling Centre to join in the fun and laughter and cheer for the athletes.

Anyone interested in joining the Special Olympian curling sessions must be developmentally disabled and over the age of 8 years. Contact Lee Chic at 250 495-6617 for further information.

Some Useful Curling Terminology

Players:

The first player on a team to deliver a pair of stones for his/her team in each end is the **LEAD**, followed by the **SECOND**, the **VICE/THIRD**, and the **SKIP**. The skip determines the strategy, and directs play for the team. The vice usually acts as the skip when the skip is delivering his/her stones.

The playing surface:

Curling is played on a **SHEET**, and the rocks are thrown towards the **HOUSE** at the other end of the sheet. The house is the series of rings or circles consisting of a 12-foot ring, 8-foot ring, 4-foot ring and a button. At any time during an end, the stone closest to the button is the **SHOT ROCK**.

Types of shots:

Stones are thrown with either an **OUT TURN** or an **IN TURN** - sometimes called the 2 o'clock turn and the 10 o'clock turn.

- **HOGGED STONE** - A stone that does not reach the far hog line. It must be removed from play.
- **GUARD** - A stone that is placed in a position so that it may protect another stone.
- **DRAW** - A shot that stops in the house.
- **RAISE** - When one stone is bumped ahead by another, but not out of play.
- **TAKE OUT** - Removal of a stone from the playing area by hitting it with another stone.
- **BURNED STONE** - A stone in motion touched by a member of either team, or any part of their equipment. Burned stones are removed from play.

A-Z of Curling Terminology

Term	Definition
Alternate	A registered, non-playing member of the team who is eligible to substitute for one of the competing players
Always End	The end of the sheet to which the first stone of a game is delivered
Back Board/Bumper	Material (e.g.: foam or wood) placed at the end (perimeter) of each sheet of ice
Back House Weight	The speed given to a stone at the delivery so that it will just reach the back of the house
Back Line	A line at the back of the house, extending across the width of the sheet, which is parallel to and located 1.829 m. (6 ft.) each tee line
Back of the House	The area within the house that lies between the tee line and the back line
Biter	A stone that just touches the outer edge of the outside circle of the house
Blank End	An end resulting in no score for either team
Bonspiel	A curling competition or tournament
Brush (Broom)	A device used by players to sweep/clean the ice in front of a moving stone
Button	The small circle at the centre of the house
Burned Stone	A stone in motion touched by a player or any part of a players equipment
Centre Line	The line dividing the playing surface down the middle. It joins the midpoints of the tee lines and extends 3.658 m. (12 ft.) beyond the centre of each tee line
Circles	See definition: House
Competition	Any number of Team playing games to determine a winner
Come Around	A shot that curls behind another stone
Counter	Any stone in or touching the house and is considered a potential point
Courtesy Line	A line indicating where the sweepers from the non-delivering team are allowed to stand in order to ensure that an umpire can view the hog line and to prevent distraction of a delivering player
Curl	The curved path of a stone as it travels down the sheet of ice
Delivering End	The end of the sheet from which the stones are being delivered
Delivering Team	The team that is currently in control of the playing area and

	scheduled to deliver the next stone
Delivery	The motion a player makes when playing a curling stone
Delivery Stick	A device which attaches to the handle of the stone and acts as an extension of the arm/hand during the delivery process
Displaced Stone	A stationary stone that has been moved in a new location
Divider	Material (e.g.: foam or wood) used to separate the sheets of curling ice
Double Takeout	A stone that removes two of the opponents stones from play
Draw	A stone which stops inside or in front of the house
Draw Raise	A stone that bumps another stone into the house
Draw Shot Challenge (DSC)	The calculation made by taking the average distance of the Last Stone Draws (LSD), excluding the least favourable LSD, and used, if required, to assist in the determination of ranking after a round robin
Draw Weight	The momentum required for a delivered stone to reach the house at the playing end
Electronic Hog Line Device	A device that indicated if a stone was released by a player before the stone reached the hog line at the delivering end
End	A portion of curling game that is completed when each team has thrown eight stones and/or the score has been decided
Equipment	Anything that is worn or carried by a player
Extra End	An additional end played to break a tie at the end of regulation play
External Force	An occurrence not caused by either team
First Player	The first curler on a team to deliver two stones in each end
Fourth Player	The fourth curler on a team to deliver two stones in each end
Free Guard Zone (FGZ)	The area at the playing end, between the hog line and the tee line, but excluding the house
Freeze	A form of a draw shot that stops directly up against another stone
Front House Weight	The momentum required for a delivered stone to reach the front part of the house at the playing end
Game	Two Teams playing a specific number of ends to determine the winner
Guard	A stone that is placed in a position so that it may protect another stone
Hack	The foot-hold at each end of the ice which is used by a player to start the delivery of a curling stone
Hack Line	A small line 0.457 m. (1 Ft. 6 in.) parallel to the tee line, at each end of the centre line
Hack Weight	The momentum required for a delivered stone to reach the hack at the playing end
Handle	The part of a curling stone that a player grips in order to deliver

Hammer	A term used to describe the stone which will be the last stone delivered in the end
Heavy	A stone delivered with a greater speed than necessary
Hit	A take-out. A removal of a stone from the playing area by hitting it with another stone
Hit and Roll	A stone that knocks an opponent's stone out of play and then rolls to another position in play
Hog Line	A line extending across the width of the sheet that is parallel to and located 6.40m. (21 ft.) from each tee line
Hog Line Violation	A stone that is removed from play for the end, because it was not released before it reached the hog line at the delivering end
Hogged Stone	A stone that is removed from play for the end, because after being delivered, it did not come to rest completely beyond the inside edge of the hog line at the playing end
Home End	The end of the sheet from which the first stone of a game is delivered
House	The area within the concentric circles at each end of the sheet
Hurry	A command which instructs players to sweep harder
Ice Surface	The complete ice area that is within the perimeters of the curling sheet
In the Process of Delivery	The sequence of play that begins when the delivering player is positioned in the hack and concludes when the stone is released
In-turn	The rotation applied to the handle of a stone by a right handed curler which causes the stone to rotate in a clockwise manner
Last Stone Draw (LSD)	A contest conducted at the conclusion of a Teams pre-game practice in which each team delivers a single stone to the tee at the home end. The resulting distance is measured and used to determine which team has the choice of delivering the first or second stone in the first end
Lead	The first player on a team to deliver two stones in each end
Mathematically Eliminated	The status of a team that has a combined total of stones left to be delivered and/or remaining in play that is less than the number needed to produce either a tie or a win
Measuring Device	An instrument that determines which stone is closer to the centre of the house (Tee), or whether a stone is in the house
Moving Stone	A stone in motion either from a delivery or from being struck by another stone
Original Position of a Stone	The location on the ice where a stone rested prior to its being displaced
Out-of-Play Position	The location of a stone that is not in play (e.g.: one which has touched a side line, or crossed the back line)
Out-turn	The rotation applied to the handle of a stone by a right handed curler which causes the stone to rotate in a counter-clock wise

	manner
Pebble	The water droplets applied to a sheet of ice before commencing play. These droplets freeze, which then reduces the friction between the ice and the stones
Peel	A shot designed to remove a guard
Playing End	The end of the sheet to which the stone are being delivered
Point	At the completion of an end, one (1) is awarded to a team for each of its own stones located in or touching the house that is closer to the tee than any stone of the opposition
Port	An opening or gap between stones
Positioned Stones	In Mixed Doubles games, the two stones that are placed in designated positions prior to the start of each end
Raise	A type of draw which bumps forward another stone
Raise Takeout	A delivered stone hits a stationary stone, which then starts to move as it hits a third stone out of play
Rings	See definition: House
Rock	See definition: Stone
Roll	The sideways movement of a curling stone after it has struck a stationary stone
Round Robin	A competition in which each team plays all the other teams
Score	The number of points received by a team in an end
Scoring	A team scores one (1) point for each of its stones that is within the house and closer to the tee than any stone of the opposing team
Second Player	The second curler on a team to deliver two stones in each end
Sheet	The specific ice surface upon which a curling game is played
Shot (stone or rock)	At any time during an end, the stone closest to the tee
Side Line	A line placed at the side (perimeter) of each sheet of ice
Skip	The player who directs play for the team
Spare	See definition: Alternate
Stationary Stone	A stone in play which is not in motion
Stone	Also known as a rock, a curling stone is made of granite and is delivered by the players in a curling game
Stone Set in Motion	A stationary stone hit by another stone which causes it to move
Sweeping	The action of moving a broom or brush back and forth in front of the path of a moving stone to clean or polish the ice surface
Swingy Ice	The condition of the ice or stones causing the stones to have excessive curl
Takeout	Removal of a stone from the playing area by hitting it with another stone
Team	Four players competing together. A team may include a fifth player (to act as an alternate) and a coach. Mixed Doubles have

	one male and one female player and may include a coach
Tee	The exact centre of the house
Tee Line	A line extending across the width of the sheet that passes through the centre of the house parallel to the hog line and backline
Third Player	The third curler on a team to deliver two stones in each end
Time-out	Stoppage of play called by a team or umpire
Top of the House	The area within the house that lies between the hog line and the tee line
Umpire	The persons(s) responsible for the conduct of the game in accordance with the rules
Vice-Skip (Mate or Acting Skip)	The player who directs play for the team when it is the Skip's turn to deliver
Weight	The amount of force/speed given to the stone during the delivery
Wheelchair Lines	Two lines that run from the hog line to the outermost edge of the nearest circle of the house. Wheelchair curlers are allowed to start their delivery with the stone placed between these lines