



Salmon Arm CURLING CENTRE

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Hello Fellow Curlers.

Well, Summer is almost over – and what a Summer it has been! We hope everyone has managed to stay healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. We are looking forward to the upcoming curling season and to seeing everyone “on the ice”.

We are all unsure of what the coming weeks and months ahead will bring but our Board of Directors is forging ahead during this “new normal” to offer a safe and welcoming curling environment. As outlined in our COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines emailed previously and available on our website, curling will look a little different this year, but we can certainly maintain our physical distancing and abide by all the BC Public Health Officer’s protocols while playing the game that we love.

Our General Manager, Bob Genoway, will be holding information sessions on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Centre for anyone interested in learning about or discussing our “return to curl” plan. Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to salmonarmcc@shaw.ca. Additional sessions will be planned as needed.

Myles Chapin and his team of volunteers will begin making ice the week of September 14, 2020. It is anticipated that practice ice will be available by October 1 and league curling will commence on Monday, October 5. Junior curling will not start until early November so parents should stay tuned for further information specific to the juniors. We are hoping to offer curl clinics during the week of September 28.

Registration for curling will look a little different this year as we transition to a new online program called Curling IO. All registrations will be completed online and each curler will register individually, including members of the Friday Social League. Don’t worry if you are not computer savvy, we are happy to help you complete your registration either in person or over the telephone. An in-person registration day/evening will be planned for late September.

We have added a “6-pack” to the Friday Social League where curlers can sign up for a 6-week session rather than a full or half season. Three 6-packs will be offered during the curling season and curlers can register for one, two or three of these sessions.

The Monday Afternoon Stick League is transitioning to a Stick/Sturling league whereby curlers using both the stick delivery and the traditional hack delivery are welcome to join.

To be financially responsible and to assist during these extremely uncertain times, the Board of Directors has approved an increase to curling fees for the 2020/2021 season. The Capital Improvement Fee levied to each curler annually remains at \$25.00. As the Club will see decreased revenue from bar sales, bonspiels and rentals and increased costs associated with COVID-19 protocols, we feel it is necessary to add a surcharge of \$25.00 this year. (Neither of these costs are paid by our Junior curlers.)

League curling fees (before taxes) for the 2020/2021 season are as follows:

Daytime – Full Year	\$290.00
Daytime – Half Year	\$159.50
Evening – Full Year	\$308.00
Evening – Half Year	\$169.40
Friday Social – Full Year	\$187.50
Friday Social – Half Year	\$100.00
Friday Social – 6 pack (new)	\$68.75
Adult Learn To Curl	\$200.00
Thursday Junior	\$60.00
Saturday Junior	\$90.00

Voting Members will receive a \$30.00 league fee discount for a full year and \$15.00 for a half year on their first two leagues and curlers registered in three or more leagues will receive a 50% discount on fees for these additional leagues. League fee discounts do not apply to the Friday Social League, Adult Learn to Curl or Junior Leagues.

Five and six person teams will be required to register and pay individually, and the team will be appropriately refunded after November 1st when all players have paid.

Curl Canada and CurlBC levies association fees of \$2.00 and \$18.00 respectively for each curler curling four or more games in a season. (Curlers under the age of 13 pay \$2.00 and \$8.00.) These association fees were previously included in the registration fee but are now being charged separately.

Payments may be made by e-transfer, cheque, debit card, or credit card. (We encourage e-transfers, cheques or debit cards as these payment methods cost the Club much less in service charges.) Curlers must pay before they play and the deadline for adult league fee payment is October 16, 2020.

Spare fees have always been confusing and, to clarify, must be paid by someone sparing who is not registered in a league. Spare fees are \$15 per game and spares must sign-in before each game using the binder provided. Envelopes for spare fees are located on top of the spare fee box near the equipment room. Teams need to take responsibility to ensure their spares pay and register in the binder when required.

Due to COVID-19, the equipment room will be unavailable (except for special events) and all curlers must provide their own equipment. Lockers and the locker area will also be off-limits.

The office will be open Monday to Friday from September 21 to October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm to facilitate registration and to answer any questions curlers may have. Telephone and email enquiries may also be made during this time.

Click on the link below to begin your registration.

<http://salmonarmcurling.com/leagues/registration>

Don't delay, please register as soon as possible so that we know how many people/teams are returning. Unlike previous years, scheduling will require more thorough thought (staggered starts) and planning. Help us to help you.

We look forward to safely curling this season, and to seeing you "on the ice".

Stay healthy and safe,
SACC Board of Directors