



Curling games are scored and declare winners, making curling inherently competitive. However, not all curling is played at a competitive level, so registering at the right level of play is important. Registering in the right league maximizes season-long enjoyment. Registering in a league above skill and experience may result in a season of perpetual, discouraging losses.

Since Curling des Collines (“the Center”) opened in the fall of 2018, registration has been conducted on an individual basis. And where individual registrants did not specify teams, the League Director and each league’s coordinator helped set teams. For the 2020-21 season, registration will continue on an individual basis for Recreational leagues but will be conducted on a *fixed-team* basis for Intermediate and Competitive leagues (i.e., four players will register together and play together for the entire season). Registrants in Recreational leagues can still specify teams, if desired, but the Center will continue to help form teams for the benefit of the leagues. The Center will also help lone individuals wishing to register in Intermediate or Competitive leagues to join other lone registrants to form fixed-teams, should space allow.

The Center will be guided by the following criteria:

1. Accept all returning players re-registering in the same league(s) in which they played a full season in 2019-20. This criterion will apply for players’ first 3 choices, with 4th and 5th choices accepted if availability exists in the league(s) re-requested.
2. Attempt to accept all 2019-20 returning players requesting to register in 2020-21 in leagues different from those in which they played in 2019-20 (e.g., a returning player wishing to change from a Competitive league to a Recreational league).
3. For Intermediate and Competitive leagues, returning 2019-20 players will have priority (e.g., a fixed-team with 1 or more players returning to a league will be accepted before any fixed-team with 4 players new to that league).
4. When demand exceeds available space in a league, the Center will register individuals in reverse order of frequency of games played per week for new players in that league. This means accepting registrations from players registered in 1 league per week first, followed by those registered in 2 leagues per week, and so on.

Recreational (Social) Leagues – Individuals registering in recreational leagues are players at all levels of skill and experience interested in enjoying fun, fitness, and fundamentals in a sporting atmosphere. To promote socialization, League Coordinators may regularly or occasionally shuffle players among teams. Games may or may not be scored, and teams may not be ranked throughout the season. To avoid frustration, competitive players are discouraged from registering in Recreational Leagues.

Intermediate (Transitional) Leagues – Teams registering in Intermediate leagues are composed of players working on *eventually transitioning* to competitive play (after sufficient experience at the intermediate level where games are scored, team standings are maintained and season champions are declared - but where skills consistency, skills precision and sweep-strength requirements are not as exacting as at the competitive level of play). Intermediate league players should also realize that a few seasons of intermediate play guarantees neither the experience nor the skills sufficient to progress to Competitive leagues. Competitive players registering in lower skill level leagues should be prepared to teach, coach, and offer constructive criticism while enjoying play at a less demanding level.

Competitive Leagues – Competitive leagues score games, rank teams and declare champions. Teams registering in Competitive leagues should be composed of players with a strong command of curling strategy and the ability to sweep effectively. Players are also able to throw rocks with the weight, turn, and line required by the skip on a precise and consistent basis. (As team standings are important in these leagues, teams may register a fifth player instead of using replacements from that league's Spares list).

Men's, Women's and Mixed Leagues – Note that the caliber of play in these leagues may include all 3 skill levels.

NOTE: In Intermediate and Competitive leagues, all 4 players are expected to sweep (occasionally even Skips). Being unable to sweep imposes a heavier sweeping burden on the other 3 team members. The position of Skip is a demanding, technical position. It is not an accommodation for non-sweepers. Curlers unable to sweep should disclose this limitation to their potential team-mates before their team registers and should not assume they will "default" to the Skip position.