



REGISTRATION POLICY – 2025-2026 SEASON

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Curling games are scored, and winners are declared, making curling inherently competitive. However, not all curling is played at a competitive level, so it is important to register at the right level of play according to your ability. Registering in the right league maximizes season-long enjoyment. Registering in a league above skill and experience may result in a season of many losses and may sometimes lead to discouragement and frustration.

Season 2025-2026 Fee Structure

Curling des Collines is implementing a new fee structure for the 2025-2026 season. The details are available on the website: <https://curlingdescollines.ca/index.php/en/curling/membership-2025-2026>

Registration Criteria According to League Categories:

N.B. Registrations and payments must be made online through your member account. Please note that payment is mandatory when registering. Registrations and payments go hand in hand, and it will be impossible to register without having made your payment online. Two in-person registration sessions will be offered to help members who wish to do so.

Registration for Intermediate and Competitive Leagues must only be per team (i.e., four players who register individually, but who have agreed in advance to play together for the entire season). As intermediate and competitive teams often shuffle players, **DO NOT ASSUME THAT PLAYING ON LAST YEAR'S TEAM GUARANTEES YOUR SPOT ON THAT SAME TEAM OR SAME LEAGUE FOR THE COMING YEAR. Please consult with your other team members and confirm your team's composition before registering.**

Registrants in Recreational Leagues can either specify teams or register individually, always remembering that the main purpose of these leagues is to **socialise (rather than compete) and reintegrate players from the previous season as much as possible**. The Director of Membership and Member Services and the League Coordinator will group lone registrants in a league with other lone registrants to form fixed teams according to availability.

The Center will be guided by the following criteria:

1. Attempt to accept, to the extent possible, all returning players wishing to register in the same or different Leagues in the upcoming season. Returning players will be confirmed in the leagues they played last year only if registration and full payment have been made.
2. Grant priority to returning players in last year's leagues according to the following order of precedence
 - 2.1: The four players in last year's team are returning to play.
 - 2.2: Three players in last year's team are returning to play.
 - 2.3: Two players in last year's team are returning to play.
 - 2.4: One player in last year's team is returning to play, **this applies to Recreational leagues only**. For Intermediate and competitive leagues, only one player remaining with three new players is considered a new team and has no priority.

Note: If teams have the same order of precedence, selection will be made by random draw when there is insufficient space to accommodate all teams.

3. When demand exceeds availability in a league, the Centre will place new players on a waiting list for that league.
4. The **Cash League** is managed independently. Priority will be given to teams having played in the previous season. A team must be made up of at least three players from the previous season, otherwise the team is considered a new team and will have to qualify if the maximum number of teams is reached.

Payment of Membership Fees

Full payment is required at the time of registration. Payment must be made by credit card when registering online. It is important to understand that it will be impossible to register without making the payment.

In the Case of Training Programs: Payment for Curling 101 (adult and junior) and Blizzard (5-11 years of age) programs will be due before the start of the program.

Recreational (Social) Leagues – Individuals registering in Recreational Leagues are players with all levels of skill and experience interested in having fun, staying fit, and enjoying curling 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 or may not be ranked throughout the season. Competitive players registered in lower-level Leagues should be ready to teach, coach, and provide constructive criticism while enjoying a less demanding level of play.

Intermediate (Transitional) Leagues – Teams registering in Intermediate Leagues are made up of players wanting to *eventually transition* 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 skill consistency, skill accuracy and sweeping requirements are not as exacting as at the competitive level). Intermediate League players should also realize that a few seasons of intermediate play guarantees neither sufficient experience nor skills to progress to Competitive Leagues. Competitive players registering in lower-level leagues should be prepared to teach, coach, and provide constructive criticism while enjoying a less demanding level of play. Mixed Doubles Leagues are considered Intermediate.

Mixed Doubles Leagues – Mixed Doubles Leagues are considered intermediate-level leagues and players must register as a team. A team is usually made up of two different-gender players but, to encourage participation, same-gender players are accepted.

Full Mixed Leagues – Full Mixed Leagues are considered intermediate-level leagues and players must register as a team. A team is made up of two women and two men with alternating gender positions. If the Skip is a man, the Vice-skip is a woman, and so on.

Competitive Leagues – Competitive Leagues keep scores, rank teams, and declare champions. Teams registered in Competitive Leagues should include players with a strong command of curling strategy and the ability to sweep effectively. These players should be able to throw rocks precisely and consistently, with the weight, turn, and line requested by the skip.

Men's and Women's Leagues – It should be noted that the caliber of play in these Leagues may include all three skill levels.

Stirling Leagues – Each team is made up of two players. One member of each team is positioned at each end of the rink to limit displacements, accelerate play, and provide variety for each player. Sweeping is limited and only allowed between the hog line and the back of the house at the playing end. This increases the challenge to place the stone in the right place without the help of a sweeper.

Membership – member not registered in a league – This membership allows a player to spare in all leagues subject to availability and is limited to 10 replacements during the season. It also includes access to practice sessions. **This player pays the fixed membership fees in effect and after 10 replacements, he or she will pay \$10 per game for two-hour leagues and \$5 per game for one-hour leagues.** The member's availability will be listed on the website. Games not played are non-refundable.

Fifth Player Membership – The player registers as a fifth player in a fixed team and is first to spare in that team for an unlimited number of games. This player must be registered in at least one league and have paid the appropriate fees for that league.

NOTA: *In Intermediate and Competitive Leagues, all four players are expected to sweep (occasionally even Skips). Being unable to sweep imposes a heavier burden on the other three team members. The Skip has a demanding and technical role to play. This position is not recommended for non-sweepers. Curlers unable to sweep should disclose this limitation to their potential teammates before registering the team and should not assume that their inability to sweep is a "default" to the Skip position.*

Membership Committee
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