



CURLING LEAGUE HANDBOOK

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The Curling League is a Recreational Program offered by the Town of Breckenridge Recreation Department.

I. GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

The goals of the program are to provide participants with:

- **A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR PARTICIPATION**
- **A FAIRLY ADMINISTERED PROGRAM**
- **AN ENJOYABLE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

This Handbook is a guide to participating and administering Curling Programs. It is extremely important that all players and team representatives read and understand the information contained in the handbook. It is important to note that the programs provide an opportunity to participate and develop skills associated with the sport. It is a place to curl, to compete and to display a level of sportsmanship that is common in a community recreation program.

II. ROSTERS

- All players **MUST** sign their team roster prior to participating in the Curling League.
- Additional players may be added to the roster during the regular season of play. **NO** players can be added to the roster for playoffs and/or championship games.
- Players will **ONLY** be allowed to sign rosters at the front desk. Rosters will be kept at the front desk and teams will not be allowed to take rosters from the front desk for teammates to sign.
- Teams must carry a minimum of (4) four **ELIGIBLE** players (at least 18 years old) with a maximum of (16) sixteen **ELIGIBLE** players.
- If your team needs to carry more than sixteen players, please make a request in writing to the Ice Programs Coordinator.

III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Player eligibility is the responsibility of both the team representative and the player. If you violate these rules, you will not be allowed to play. Additionally, any game where an illegal player is used will be declared a forfeit. If you're thinking about it, please don't. If you've violated these rules in the past and got away with it, please stop so that you don't hurt yourself or your team.
- Players may roster for one team and one team only.
- Should your team need a substitute, you may use a player who is rostered on another team as long as they are not also your opponent for that game.
- **Players must be at least 18 years old**

IV. TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

The Team Representative is the most important person on the team. They are designated to conduct business with the league. Their responsibilities include:

- Ensure the team is registered and that all fees are paid.
- Ensure that all players on the roster are eligible for play.
- Ensure that a minimum of 4 players are present for each scheduled game.
- Distribute the league schedule to all members of the team and inform all members of the team with any rescheduled information
- Communicate all league rules, information and cancellations/rescheduled games to the players on their team.
- Communicate any problems or concerns or the "TEAM OPINION" to the Ice Programs Coordinator.
- Maintain accurate emergency contact information with the Ice Rink.
- Uphold a high level of professionalism and leadership when dealing with league/ice arena personnel in all situations.
- **Report the score of their game to the front desk upon completion of their game in order for league standings to be updated.**

V. LEAGUE FEES & CHARGES

- **NO CALL/NO SHOW FEE:** Any team who does not show up for a game and does not call Ice Arena Management to cancel a game 48 hours prior to the start of their game time will be assessed a \$100 No Call/No Show fee.

PLAYER AGREEMENT & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

All players must sign the league waiver and roster form in order to participate. Players must agree to abide by league rules. Players must agree to abide by the decisions of the Ice Programs Coordinator relative to issues not specifically covered in the rules. These agreements and waivers are essential to good management of the league. No player will be allowed to participate without signing these documents.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of being permitted to participate in skating/hockey/curling programs at Stephen C. West Arena, I hereby agree:

1. I understand that my participation in curling programs can involve significant risk of serious personal injury including death.
2. I have trained sufficiently and am in good physical condition with no known medical condition that could limit my ability to safely participate in skating/hockey/curling programs.
3. I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the Stephen C. West Ice Arena and the skating/hockey/curling program. I accept that my participation may be temporarily suspended or permanently terminated if I fail to abide by the rules.
4. I agree and release the Town of Breckenridge, its officers, employees and insurers (Released Parties) are not responsible for my safety in connection with my participation in skating/hockey/curling programs. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions and hazards, which may occur whether they now be known or unknown.
5. Being fully aware of the risks, conditions and hazards of skating/hockey programs/curling, I hereby agree and waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages, personal injury or property damage as a result of my participation in skating/hockey/curling programs.

This waiver shall remain in effect for the future and shall be binding upon my heirs and successors.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms listed above.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLAYER AND THE TEAM REPRESENTATIVE TO:

- Ensure that all players on the roster are eligible to participate.
- Ensure that all players have signed the roster prior to participating in a game.

RULES OF PLAY

I. USA CURLING RULES are in effect unless otherwise noted.

II. ALCOHOL and FEDERALLY PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE RINK.

- By Town ordinance, alcohol and federally prohibited substances are not permitted at the Stephen C. West Ice Arena.
- This rule applies to players and spectators. It is the responsibility of the team to make sure your spectators are in compliance. Non-compliance may result in forfeiture of the game.
- Players may not participate while under the influence of alcohol or federally prohibited substances.
- **STEPHEN C. WEST ICE ARENA STAFF ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROHIBIT ANY PLAYER WHO IS OBVIOUSLY INTOXICATED FROM PARTICIPATING IN A LEAGUE GAME AND THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.**

III. COMPLETE TEAM & GAME FORFEITS

- A team must start a game with at least 4 legal players on the ice.
- If a team has 3 players, they may request that their opponent allow them to play with 3 players PRIOR to the start of the game. If their opponents do not agree to this request, the team with 3 players will forfeit their game.

- If a team does not have the minimum of 4 players OR approval from their opponent to play with 3 players at the scheduled start of their game, the team will forfeit their game.

TIMING AND SCORING

I. DURATION OF GAME

- Each game will be 75 minutes, running clock.
- Games will begin promptly on time.
- When the horn sounds indicating the end of the game, the teams will be allowed to complete their end.
- Teams will flip a coin prior to the start of each game to determine who will throw first/last.
- If a game is tied at the end of regulation, there will NOT be an overtime.
- During playoffs, a game tied at the end of regulation will play another end until a winner has been declared.

II. POWER OUTAGE/SNOW-OUT POLICY

- If 50 minutes of the game have been completed prior to either a power outage or snowfall that is deemed too heavy to continue playing on the outdoor rink, the game will be recorded as an official game and the score at the last completed end will be recorded as the final game score.
- The ice arena staff will have 15 minutes to determine if a game is done or can be finished.
- This policy does not apply for Play-offs and Championship Games. If a Power Outage occurs during either a Play-off or Championship game, the game will be rescheduled.

CANCELLATIONS AND MAKE UPS

Schedules will be posted on the Town of Breckenridge Recreation Department's website: www.breckenridgerecreation.com

I. CANCELLATION POLICY FOR OUTDOOR GAMES

- The rink staff will make their decision to cancel games due to inclement weather 1 hour prior to the first scheduled game that evening.
- Should a cancellation be made, it will be for all scheduled curling games for the evening.
- If the games are canceled, the Team Representative will be notified by telephone.
- Team Representatives are to inform all members of the team of game cancellations.
- If playing conditions permit, games will be played if the temperature is above negative 10 degrees F.
- The rink staff will have final authority on playing conditions and will make every attempt to ensure safe playing conditions for all participants.
- Another option available to the rink staff is to move all games indoors if scheduling allows.
- **Note:** On nights where the weather is inclement, please instruct your players to call the weather line for information on delays and cancellations. Dial (970) 547-9974, then press 3.

II. MAKE-UP GAMES

- Many of our players are involved in service jobs and are only free to play certain nights of the week.
- When possible, make-up games will be scheduled on your regular nights of play.
- However, the rink reserves the right to schedule make-ups whenever possible.
- Rescheduled games will be communicated to Team Representatives.
- Team Representatives are responsible for informing all member of the team of rescheduled games.

LEAGUE STANDINGS & PLAY-OFF GAMES

I. REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

- League standings are determined by points.
- Each team receives two points for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss.
- League standings will be updated on a weekly basis.
- League standings will be available on the Town of Breckenridge Recreation Department's website: www.breckenridgerecreation.com

II. AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON

In the event that two or more teams are tied at the end of the regular season, playoff positions will be determined in the following order until all positions are determined:

1. Head to head win-loss records will determine the higher seeding
2. The team who had the greater score in head to head games will determine the higher seeding.
3. The team with the points scored against in the regular season will determine the higher seeding.
4. A single playoff game may be played if possible to determine the higher seeding.
5. Coin toss will determine the higher seeding.

III. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FORMAT

- The top 4 teams will advance to play-offs and the top 2 teams will advance to a single Championship Game.