

JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Leagues are mostly underway, with our last league starting Monday and High School curling starting the first week of November.

All fees are now past due. Please log on to the website to complete your payment or drop by the office to make a payment.

There are "byes" in the Sunday morning fun league, the Thursday and Friday evening open leagues. If you know of someone who would like to be curling at any of those times – we would love to accept another team into those leagues to eliminate the byes. Please have them reach out to me by email at cathy@jasperplacecurling.ca or call 780-489-6428.

The next casino fundraiser is scheduled in January 2027 – please keep reading to find more info and the sign-up sheet.

Over the past week we have been handing out "heads and tails coins" to all club members. If you did not receive yours – please stop by and ask Cathy for a flippy coin.

LIGHTS, CARPET, ACTION!

Many of you have commented positively about the lights and the carpet. We too are pleased with these upgrades. Some of you are scratching your heads at the new rock inserts though. Keep reading for more on that.

ROCK TALK

During the off season our curling rocks were sent away for two different treatments. First, the rocks were reprofiled which reshapes the outside edges (shoulders) and more specifically the "striking bands" to provide better action on the rocks when the rocks collide. The last time this was done was about 20 years ago, and this will provide better playing outcomes in the house.

The other service was to insert a new "blue hone running edge". That is the part of the rock that touches the ice when the rock is thrown. For the past 20 years we have been playing on a "ceramic insert running edge". The properties of these inserts are very different from one another. The ceramic tends to run fast and straight, and the blue hone tends to curl more and run a bit heavier.

The manufacturer recommended that we allow three weeks of play with the rocks before making any adjustments to our typical ice conditions to allow the rocks to settle. Although we expected heavier

conditions and more curl, we are waiting as recommended for three weeks before making any adjustments to the ice.

Our observations are that we will need to adjust conditions, so the ice runs keener (faster). There are several ways that we can make these adjustments, but we will make them one at a time and allow for many draws to be played before making another adjustment, otherwise we will not know which adjustment was the one that worked the best.

MORE ROCK TALK

Pro tip: Throw more rotation on your curling rock. The rocks are curling about 5-6'. If yours are curling more than that, or if they seem to slide sideways as the rocks are stopping – more rotation will help this. If the rocks seem to be a different speed for every curler – try to have all curlers on your team throw the same number of rotations. A rock rotating very slowly seems to lose its momentum, skid sideways at the end and stop sooner than rocks that rotate 3-5 times. Rocks with minimal rotation also have a greater tendency to “lose their handle”.

OTHER ICE CONDITIONS

The weather and an inopportune breakdown during installation have caused significantly higher levels of humidity this month in the ice shed. The icemakers are burning off the frost whenever there is room in the schedule to do so. Once the weather outside turns colder this condition will improve.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is critical to the operation of the curling club. All the building improvements, maintenance, staffing etc are paid from the fees you pay, the fundraising we do, and a few small grants that are still available to us. This is NOT a City of Edmonton facility, it is funded entirely by you, the members.

We have the following opportunities for fundraising in the curling club, and we ask you to participate as fully as you are able:

Casino – our next Casino is scheduled at the Starlight Casino in West Edmonton Mall on Thursday, January 7 and Friday, January 8, 2027. We need about 40 volunteers. You can access the digital sign-up sheet [here](#) or look for the sign-up sheet posted on the office window in the curling club.

Engraved beer mugs, wine glasses or curling rock handles – we will engrave your first name on a beer mug or wine glass for use in the curling club lounge for a donation of \$125 or more. We will engrave your full name on a curling rock handle for a donation of \$225 or more. And of course, you are always welcome to make a donation of any size, without etching your name anywhere.

Garage Sale – We will once again hold a garage sale in the arena April 23-25, 2027. We would love your donation of your no longer required items. As well, we need an army of volunteers to prepare and then sell your great unwanted treasures. This event has raised almost \$15,000 in each of the last few years and has become an important fund raising event for us. Start saving your unwanted items for us now.

NEW CURLING CLUB BONSPIEL

The Jasper Place Curling Club will offer a 3-day, 4-event, CASH bonspiel. The event will be open to any team from inside or outside the Jasper Place Curling Club. It is scheduled for January 22-24, 2027. Watch for the posters in the club soon. Register [here](#).

CURLING DAY IN CANADA FUNSPIEL

Save the Date - The Curling Day in Canada Funspiel will return this year on Saturday, February 27, 2027.

NO TICK RULE

The "no tick rule" came into effect last season and our club did not implement the change at that time. But our club rules say that we follow the Curling Canada rulebook which includes the "no tick rule". Posters have been placed on the ice at both ends of play for review, and you can see the rule explained [here](#).

DEFAULTED GAMES

If you must default a game, please use the team link email function on the website (member's home page – league info – teams, schedule, standings). Email your opposition AND please also send an email to cathy@jasperplacecurling.ca to let the club know that you will not be here.

CONSIDER SUBBING

Want to play a few extra games without paying more money?
Sign up as a sub for the league times that you are available to play. Visit the website: (members home – member information – my subbing availability).

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice is **typically** available for an hour on:
Sundays at 11:00 a.m., 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00 pm.
Monday and Thursday at noon
Thursday at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:45 p.m.

Please drop by the office or call 780-489-6428 or email cathy@jasperplacecurling.ca to book a time. You may drop in on Sundays (without calling ahead) but you risk all the ice being in use. You are welcome to call and ask for practice at another time of day, we will book if possible.