

League Participants-

When the Curling Center opened in December 2015, it was our goal to introduce and expose as many people as we could to the game of curling. We offered many learn to curl classes. People took a chance, signed up, tried curling- and most loved it! We set up a league schedule and optimistically thought we could draw 200-300 curlers and run two draws a night Monday-Friday. When registration for leagues went live on November 2, 2015, after two minutes, most of the leagues were full. We soon found ourselves with 1300+ members in a 6 sheet curling facility. It was a fantastic response and we are thankful that people showed up, learned about, and really enjoy the sport of curling!

We think it is important to always be a place where new people can come and curl. We will always offer learn to curl classes and group rental opportunities. Spring and summer are great leagues to get started and we'll continue to offer beginner leagues. New members can always use the practice ice, sign up for sub lists, and get involved with our winter leagues. We see this all the time.

We also want to enhance our program offerings for our current membership. Look to see more camps, advanced learn to curls, and private lessons in the coming year. From the day league play began, right up to today, the number one concern for curlers is how fast registration happens and the fear of not getting into league. With past registrations, work and productivity in the SW Metro comes to a halt as employees leave meetings, skip work, load their shopping carts and wait by their computers to click register at 10:00:00. Leagues sell out faster than concert tickets. By 10:01, leagues are full with long waitlists. If you didn't get in the first second or two, you were out for the season. The feedback we kept hearing was that returning teams should have a priority window (grandfathered in). Our curlers have invested a lot in the game- learn to curls, memberships, leagues, shoes, brooms, bonspiels, lessons, camps, etc. We've listened to your feedback and are now in a position to help with this.

On August 22nd, registration will open for teams that played in our last W2 season. SKIPS from that team will have ONE DAY to register their team for their SAME league in our new season. (If you want to switch leagues- we can take your request but can't guarantee that we'll be able to make it happen.) After the one day window, registration will then open to the public for any remaining league openings. 3 or more members of the team should be returning to the team. As before, you can roster up to 6 people. Rostered members can play any position on the team each week (subs should always throw lead rocks). Anyone playing in league should be a Curling Center member. **One change to the fall leagues will be a shift 15 minutes earlier for our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday leagues.** Games will begin at 4:45, 6:45, and 8:45 instead of 5, 7, and 9. We've worked to address the concerns of the curlers to try to create a schedule and registration window that works for the majority.

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

From all of us at the Curling Center, thank you, good luck, and good curling!