

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S CURLING LEAGUE
Constitution, By-Laws, Guidelines and Standing Rules
Revised October 2015

CONSTITUTION

Name of League

The League is called the Tuesday Night Women's Curling League. The League is a member of the Vancouver Curling Club and an affiliate of Curl BC.

Purpose

The Tuesday Night Women's Curling League is a non-profit organization for the promotion of good curling and good fellowship.

Membership

Regular member is a player who has paid dues as defined by the Club. Affiliation of regular members to Curl BC is required and is paid annually by the Vancouver Curling Club.

Spare member is a player who participates in the League on an irregular basis and pays a fee per game.

Honorary life member is a person who has given special recognition for contributions made to the League.

Officers

The affairs of the League are managed by an elected executive. Elections occur annually.

Amendments to Constitution

A proposed amendment to the Constitution is circulated to the regular members at least one month prior to a general or special meeting. The amendment is presented to regular members at a general meeting or a special meeting called by the President. Acceptance of an amendment requires an affirmative vote of sixty percent plus one of the total regular members in attendance.

BY-LAWS

Meetings

Two general meetings are held yearly.

Voting

Regular members may vote on motions. Honorary members and spare members may speak to motions only.

Fees

Fees are charged annually. Payment dates are determined by the Executive. Teams consisting of more than four players pay a total of four times the individual membership fees plus a surcharge for affiliation, social fees and any other expenses determined by the League.

GUIDELINES - DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Past President is an advisor to the Executive. She serves as head of the nominating committee. The nominating committee prepares a slate of officers and presents it for nominations at the annual spring meeting.

President presides at all meetings of the League and of the Executive. She assists the Placement Convenor.

The Vice-president takes the chair and discharges all presidential duties, in the absence of the President. She assumes the responsibility of Placement Convenor and assigns curlers to teams as necessary.

Placement Convenor determines the composition of teams. Her responsibilities include:

- receiving team entries.
- placing current members on teams after consultation with the team involved. New members are placed on teams in available positions.
- distributing and collecting membership forms for the following year.
- preparing and distributing a list of rinks and club rosters. A copy is given to the manager of VCC by the requested date.

Secretary attends all meetings of the League, records all minutes and distributes copies of minutes. She is responsible for all correspondence.

Treasurer proposes the annual budget, maintains the League bank account and keeps an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures of the League. She collects members' fees, pays ice rental, affiliation costs to Vancouver Curling Club and other bills as required.

Draw Convenor prepares and posts all draws, and arranges ice for league games, playoffs, and other League curling activities. At the beginning of league play, she is responsible for preparing and distributing the league schedule to each regular member and to the manager of VCC. At the conclusion of league play, she determines the order of finish and provides the list of prize and trophy winners to the Prize Coordinator and Executive.

Social Convenor is responsible for arranging all general social functions held by the League and maintains a list of honorary life members.

Prize Coordinator selects and purchases the required prizes in consultation with the Executive.

Spare Convenor maintains a list of spares, and places an available spare on a team as required. A list of spares for each week is posted beside the draw sheet.

STANDING RULES

Standing Rules of the League are adopted by a majority vote at a general meeting. Rules may be suspended, modified or rescinded by a majority vote.

1. Organization of Rinks

- Curlers may select their own rink from existing club members and/or new members (Rink of Choice).
- If a regular member wishes to be placed on a team, she informs the Placement Convenor.
- The Placement Convenor places current members on teams before new members.

2. Club Curling

- A rink must play with at least three players, one of whom must be a regular team member.
- It is the responsibility of the absent player to obtain a spare by contacting the Spare Convenor. If the absent player obtains a spare on her own, she must inform the Spare Convenor. She notifies the skip of her absence.
- The skip ensures that the spare fees are paid to the Spare Convenor. The Spare Convenor will give all collected fees to the Treasurer.
- If a rink has only three players, the lead and second throw three rocks each.
- A spare may play any position, but not higher than the individual they are replacing. [September 2014]
- All games are played as scheduled or are defaulted. Under extraordinary circumstances, e.g., inclement weather, pre-emption by VCC management, games may be cancelled or rescheduled.
- Games consists of eight ends. A bell is rung at one hour and thirty-five minutes to signify that the current end *plus one more end* is to be played, time permitting. An end is considered completed when the last rock thrown comes to rest. The ice must be vacated at the end of the two hour rental period.
- At the beginning of the game, loser of the toss has choice of rocks and throws first.
- Thirds are responsible for marking wins and losses on the score chart.
- The system used to score is:
 - 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss or default
- Teams should be punctual. A tardy team gives up an end and last rock for every ten minutes late.
- [CCA Curling Canada](#) rules and regulations are followed.
- If a rule disagreement occurs, the decision of the Draw Convenor is considered final. In her absence, another member of the Executive makes the final decision.

3. Club Playoffs

- All rinks participate.
- Games are played under the same conditions and rules of play as league play, subject to the changes and variations outlined below.
- Rinks are placed in the events according to their finish in league play.
- Tie Breaking for position in Playoffs:
 - If ties occur at the end of league play, the positions are determined by comparing the games played between the tied teams. The team with the greatest number of points in those games receives the highest standing. The team having the next highest number of points, receives the next position, etc.
 - If a tie still exists, the team with the greatest number of wins takes the highest position.
 - If a tie still exists, the method of breaking the tie is left to the discretion of the Draw Convenor after consultation with the skips involved.
- There are 3 events: Cruikshank, Norgan and Corby.
 - Cruikshank Event: the top 4 teams after league play compete in a round-robin event. (Tie breaking procedure in effect).
 - After the 4 top teams are determined, the remaining teams divide equally between the Norgan and Corby Events and play a double knock-out event. The first half participate in the Norgan Event.
- Spares are allowed.
- A spare may play any position, but not higher than the individual they are replacing. [September 2014]
- While playing 8 ends is ideal, the game must be completed during the two hour rental period. If a tie exists at the end of the regulation play, there will be a draw to the button with sweeping.

Prizes:

- If sufficient funds are available, individual prizes are presented to the winners of the Nell Usher Trophy, the Cruikshank Event, the Norgan Event and the Corby Event. Individual prizes may be awarded to the second, third and four place teams of the events, if sufficient funds are available.
- Prize selection is awarded in this order:
 1. winner of the Nell Usher Trophy
 2. winner of the Cruikshank Event
 3. winner of the Norgan Event
 4. winner of the Corby Event
 5. second in the Cruikshank Event
 6. **third in the Cruikshank Event*
 7. *fourth in the Cruikshank Event*
 8. second in the Norgan Event
 9. second in the Corby Event
 10. **third in the Norgan Event*
 11. *third in the Corby Event*
 12. **fourth in the Norgan Event*
 13. *fourth in the Corby Event*

****Depends on number of teams and funds available***

Trophies

- Nell Usher Trophy is presented to the first place team after regular league play.
- Cruikshank Trophy is presented to the winner of the Cruikshank Event.
- Norgan Trophy is presented to the winner of the Norgan Event.
- Corby Trophy is presented to the winner of the Corby Event.

- All trophies are returned to the VCC following the presentation.

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