

Huntley Curling Club 2019/20 – League Descriptions

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These are the league descriptions proposed for the 2019/20 season. These league descriptions will be used on the website and on the registration pages.

Weekday Evening Leagues

Monday Twilight Fixed Open - This twilight league runs from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and has a capacity of 9 fixed teams in an open format. Teams will play off at season end for the league trophy. This league is open to new or experienced male and female curlers, and has a good mixture of competition and social interaction, with group snacks after most matches.

Monday Evening Fixed Open Competitive – New this season, the RidgeRock Competitive League is welcoming the inclusion of a new Ladies Competitive League (see below), to be run as a separate league, but within the same time frame. The RidgeRock league is open to men and women, and is intended for experienced competitive teams who wish to compete at the highest level. Team entry is preferred, but singles will be placed on a team as space permits. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM, and are interspaced with the Ladies league. League capacity is 10 to 12 teams, depending on the demand for filling the Ladies league.

Monday Evening Fixed Ladies Competitive – New this season, the Ladies Competitive League is open to experienced teams comprised of women only, who wish to match their skill against higher level teams. Single curlers of lesser skill will also be welcome, and will be fit into a team as space permits. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM, and are interlaced with the separate RidgeRock league. As this is a new component for Monday evenings, the plan is to find 6 Ladies teams who will start the season with their own round robin division within the RidgeRock time slots. Then, based on results, teams will have the opportunity to move up or down into the RidgeRock divisions, so that teams will get to advance their play within their skill range. At end of season, the top Ladies Competitive team will play off against the top Ladies Twilight team for the Ladies Club Championship.

Tuesday Twilight Fixed Ladies – This twilight league runs from 5:00 to 7:00pm, and has a capacity of 9 fixed teams. Members will play two round robin draws, followed by a playoff draw for the Earl Bullis league trophy. The league is open to new or experienced female curlers, and has a good mixture of competition and social interaction. Winner of this league will play off against the Ladies Competitive league winner for the Ladies Club Championship.

Tuesday Evening Fixed Men - This league is for fixed teams of men only, and has a capacity of 18 teams. It is competitive, but is open to both new and experienced curlers. All spares must be men. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. A playoff draw at end of season will determine the top teams in each division, for the Abbey Landscaping league trophy. Winner of this league will be declared the Club Men's Champion.

Wednesday Evening Fixed Mixed - This league is for fixed teams of two men and two women, with alternating positions being the opposite gender. Spares must be the same gender as the player they are replacing. The league capacity is 18 teams, and although competitive, will accept either new or

experienced curlers. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. A playoff draw at end of season will determine the top teams in each division, for the Cox Merritt league trophy.

Thursday Twilight Fixed Open - This twilight league runs from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and has a capacity of 9 fixed teams in an open format. Teams will play off at season end for the Kanata Electric league trophy. This league is open to new or experienced male and female curlers, and has a good mixture of competition and social interaction, with group dinners every few weeks.

Thursday Evening Fixed Open – This competitive league has a capacity of 18 teams, and is open to new as well as experienced curlers. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. A playoff draw at end of season will determine the top teams in each division, for the Boyd Landscaping league trophy.

Friday Evening Social Open - Friday is our most popular social league. This league has a capacity of 18 teams, and always fills quickly before season start-up. Teams are remixed each draw, three times per season. Couples who register together will be placed on opposing teams, but will always be scheduled to play at the same time. Match times are at 7:00 and 9:00 PM, and feature “appetizer nights” twice per draw. Occasional “fun format” matches are also played. At end of season the top teams will play off to determine the winner of the D&H Rivington league trophy.

Weekend Leagues

Saturday Morning Fixed Mixed Doubles - Teams of two, with mixed gender, will enjoy this league. Couples or friends are welcome to try out this interesting curling format. League capacity is 16 teams over two draws, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. League members will be provided occasional breakfasts provided by the Club, at very reasonable charge.

Saturday Evening U5 – Designed as a fun experience for newish curlers with under 5 years’ experience, this league accepts Learn-to-Curl graduates and others who do not have the background of long-time curling or extensive experience in competitive leagues. It is meant as a social group with learning potential for all curlers. Members can enter individually or as a team. There are two draws with matches starting at 6:30 and 8:30 PM, and the league capacity is 18 teams.

Sunday Evening Social Open - A mixture of new curlers can play alongside more experienced curlers for extra practice and fun. This league capacity is 18 teams and is geared to learning, with fun events and training clinics provided. Many Learn-to-Curl grads enjoy this league as a springboard to more curling at Huntley. Members may enter individually or as a team. Matches start at 6:30 PM.

Daytime Leagues

The coffee is always on!

Monday Morning Fixed Open – This league starts at 10:00 AM, and has a capacity of 9 teams. The league is open to any curler, and although competition is the main focus, the league has all the social advantages of club membership. The top teams will compete for the league trophy.

Tuesday Afternoon Give’N Take Social – This league is held at 12:45 PM, with a capacity of 9 teams. Teams are made up by the Convenor, and are remixed after every draw, with the aim of introducing all curlers to play with different partners. This daytime social league combines the best of both worlds by

providing a competitive game but also a very social atmosphere. At end of season the top teams will compete for the Stewart & May Given league trophy.

Thursday Afternoon Open Doubles - Held on Thursday at 12:45 PM the Daytime Doubles league is for teams of two, mixed gender or not. Couples or friends will enjoy this interesting curling format. League capacity is 9 teams.

Come & Curl Leagues (Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning & Thursday morning) - The Come & Curl Leagues are a more casual venue for registered Huntley members, without the pressure of competitive fixed leagues, so that daytime members can enjoy a group setting with teams made up each day on an ad-hoc basis. The time slots for the Come & Curl League are Monday at 12:45 PM and Tuesday/Thursday at 9:30 AM. Teams are determined when everyone arrives. There are always openings to play, and guests are welcome.

Stick Curling (Friday Morning) - Stick Curling is gaining in popularity across the country. Each stone must be delivered with a curling stick. Sweeping is limited, from the hog line to the back of the house and each team is comprised of two curlers using six stones. Stick curling provides challenge and excitement for everyone on an equal basis in a social atmosphere. Stick curling starts at 9:30 AM, with a second draw at 10:30.

Spare Only Membership

For those wanting maximum schedule flexibility, spare-only memberships are available that allow you to sign up for sparing opportunities to all applicable leagues without committing to a specific team/night.

Any regular league member can sign up to spare in other available leagues.

Youth Program

Huntley Curling Club is proud to offer young curlers the opportunity to learn and experience the game. The Huntley Junior program offers instruction based on the Ontario Curling Skill Awards program to teach, validate and reward our curlers as they learn the basic skills through to the more advanced aspects of the game. Our primary focus is to have fun, teach age appropriate skills as well as sportsmanship for all levels of junior curlers from ages 8 to 20. For those young curlers interested pursuing the competitive stream, we also offer coaching and additional ice time for practices.

U12 Instructional Program - Little Rocks (ages 8-12)

Our U12-Little Rocks program is a great place for kids to continue to develop their skills, including delivery and balance, weight and line, sweeping, team work and strategy. The program places a huge emphasis on having fun and meeting new friends. This program runs on Sunday afternoons with curlers on the ice for a session that includes both instruction and game play. The curlers work towards skill-based badges by completing both on and off ice challenges. We encourage all of the curlers to play in inter-club bonspiels and friendlies that are offered throughout the area. We also have our own bonspiel for the curlers where we invite youth from other clubs to participate.

U12 Learn to Curl - (ages 8-12) “new” curlers only

New this season, and commencing in January, our U12 “Learn to Curl” Program is designed to introduce children to the sport of curling. Through our 9-week Learn to Curl program, on Sunday afternoon, curlers will learn the basics of the game with a huge emphasis on having fun. Our curriculum follows Curling Canada’s guidelines and we provide a low instructor to curler ratio. Curlers are encouraged to compete in our in-house bonspiel to finish their Learn to Curl program.

U15/U18/U21 Instructional Program - (ages 12-20)

This program (formally known as Bantam/Junior) runs on Sunday mornings with curlers divided into novice, intermediate and advanced/competitive groups, where they learn new skills and then hone their existing curling skills under the guidance and instruction of our certified coaches. The curlers spend about 30-40 minutes on drills to advance their skills and then the remaining time in a game to put into practice what they have learned. We encourage all of the curlers to play in inter-club bonspiels and friendlies that are offered throughout the area.

U21 Youth Open League - (ages 12-20)

This league is designed for curlers who want the opportunity to extend their curling skills through game play. Coaches provide guidance on fair play and sportsmanship, as well as strategy. This is not intended as an instructional league. The league games run on Friday afternoons at 4:00pm from November through March. Curlers are encouraged to enter as a team, although individual curlers are welcome to register and will be placed on a team.

Adult Learn to Curl (L2C) Program

Curling is one of Canada's and the world's premier sports. There is no greater way to spend the long dark winter hours than throwing some rocks, meeting new friends and sharing some good memories and laughs. Whether you're 18 or 80 the Huntley Curling Club is offering a Learn To Curl program, based on the guidelines of the Canadian Curling Association, and offered by a growing number of curling clubs across the country. This is a great way to get introduced to curling and gain entry to a club and its leagues for your ongoing enjoyment and playing of the game!

Some of the best coaches and curlers from our club will be teaching adults how to curl in a structured 10 week program. The cost is \$250.00 for 10 sessions and the program includes:

- Sessions are Saturdays, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and curlers are asked to arrive no later than 1:15pm
- Starts Oct 19, 2019 and runs to Dec 21, 2019
- Maximum 32 Learn to Curlers
- Learn to Curlers receive a "gripper" and a "step-on slider" (and we show you what they are and to use them)
- Brooms are provided for the training

- There is a Bonspiel for Learn to Curlers, and for recent Graduates (under 3 years curling experience) on Dec 28 and 29, 2019
- Learn to Curl graduates are encouraged to become members and sign up for the spring Social curling league, which will expand to two draws on Saturday evenings: from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and from 08:30pm to 10:30pm. This will run from Jan 4, 2020 to Mar 28, 2020.
- Learn to Curl graduates will receive a 100\$ credit towards membership.
