

CHESTER CURLING CLUB

Scheduled Practice Ice Guidelines

Effective Date: December 1 / 25

Board Motion Date: November 24 / 25

RATIONALE

For the 2025 / 26 curling season, Chester Curling Club is trialing a schedule of practice ice times in support of our goal to have high quality, consistent and predictable ice conditions all season for all curlers. Additionally, these scheduled and monitored blocks will improve security of the facility, safety of users and help better predict costs.

As the season progresses and practice time patterns are established, the scheduled blocks may adjust to meet the needs of the users as much as reasonably possible. This is a work in progress.

ICE PREPARATION

As much as reasonably possible, the ice in these scheduled blocks will be prepared by our Head Ice Technician. There will be occasions where the ice was prepared prior to the practice block for league play and not resurfaced. Other times an endorsed ice maker assistant will prepare the ice. There will be times when the ice is “as-is”, although an attempt will be made to keep this to a minimum. There is no guarantee heat in the ice shed will be on.

ELIGIBILITY

All curlers are expected to use these scheduled times unless exceptional circumstances warrant otherwise and approval is granted through the ice booking process.

Adult Members have access to these blocks of time as part of their membership dues.

Junior curlers who join Instruction (\$125), One-league (\$125) or Two-league (\$250) play may access these practice blocks by paying the additional junior practice fee (\$125).

Practice Status fee curlers (\$250) can book practice ice during these blocks but not participate in other leagues.

AVAILABILITY

For the purposes of prudent staff and facility costs, best use of volunteer time and best practices under SAFE SPORT, no individual curler may book ice time during the designated practice blocks unless at least one sheet has been booked for a team practice or by other curlers.

On occasion when an authorized key holder has booked practice or game ice other than scheduled practice blocks, the key holder agrees to other curlers also practicing or playing in the booked time. The key holder is responsible to open and close.

Practice ice is available during league play when ice is available at that time. Communicate with the league chair to determine sheet availability.

ICE BOOKING PROCESS

In all instances, practice ice must be booked through the on-line system.

Ice booking outside scheduled practice blocks are subject to the ice rental policy, except when an authorized key holder also books practice / game time.

Refer to *Ice Booking Guidelines* for details on how to book practice time and *Facility Rental Guidelines* for rental fees.

This guideline is subject to amendments or revisions, as needed, to ensure its relevance and alignment with Club values, and operational and financial goals. All amendments must be approved by the Board.

Revision dates:
October 14 / 25
October 21 / 25
November 24 / 25
November 26 / 25