

Lakefield Curling Club
Competitive Play Guidelines
(Last Revised: Fall of 2023)

1.0 Purpose/Objective:

This document serves to provide guidance & direction to the evening competitive leagues at the Lakefield Curling Club (**LCC**) as sanctioned by the Executive of the Evening Competitive Division (**ECD**). Leagues will also comply with any operational policies or procedures that pertain to club membership as directed by the Lakefield Curling Club Inc. (**LCCI**) Board of Directors (**BOD**)

1.1 Application:

The Evening Leagues that are covered by this document include:

- Monday Team Entry
- Tuesday Double's
- Wednesday Men's

The ECD is a sanctioned Division and facilitates the Leagues above with oversight set out by the LCC.

1.2 League Executive Leadership Structure:

The LCC ECD is an instrument of LCCI and operates Curling Leagues at the LCC as requested and directed by the LCCI BOD.

The LCC ECD is overseen by an Executive comprised of a Division Chair (**DC**), Division Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Bonspiel and Communications Chair. The BOD Vice President is the bi-directional ECD Executive liaison with the BOD.

The ECD Executive shall be elected by LCC members who curl in one of the ECD Leagues. Members of the ECD Executive shall be elected for a term of two years. Members of the ECD Executive may only be re-elected twice from the date of their original election. After an absence of one full term (2 years), only then may any former Executive member, if elected, re-join.

A vacancy on the Executive shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the Executive or member volunteers until the position is appointed.

Members of the Executive with signing authority for Division bank accounts are the DC, Treasurer and Secretary. The signatures of any two of these members are required for issuing cheques or other financial or legal instruments on behalf of the Division.

1.3 League Member Definition Reference:

Club Member is someone who has paid their annual dues to the LCC.

Division Chair (**DC**) General Supervision of the Division calls and chairs meetings. Forwards an ECD seasonal report to the LCCI Vice President. Presides over the Annual Club Closing Meeting (**ACCM**) at the conclusion of the curling season. Attends BOD meetings when required or requested.

Vice Chair chairs meetings if the DC is unavailable, assists other Executive Chairs when called upon, is the point of contact for ECD members requesting information.

Treasurer Chair deposits monies collected from ECD fundraising initiatives, accounts for outgoing monies, maintains receipts while keeping a ledger of transactions. The chair will be

responsible for collecting/distributing League prize monies and presents an overall financial report for the ACCM at the conclusion of the curling season.

[Secretary Chair](#) takes minutes of called ECD meetings, liaises with the BOD Membership Chair as required.

[Bonspiel and Communication Chair](#) confirms yearly dates for all ECD Bonspiels with the Club Manager. The Chair shall post upcoming League Bonspiels and liaise with bonspiel organizers.

[Drawmaster](#) enters all member names and teams; composes curling schedules, playing times and enters all scoring for the ECD and posts to our website in Curling Manager.

[Volunteers](#) make a positive impact within the LCC Club and ECD. Please visit the LCC website [Lakefield Curling Club :: LCC Volunteer Information Info](#). All volunteers are appreciated and will be treated with respect by all club members.

2.0 Official Rules of Play:

All ECD Leagues will follow the current rules of curling for General Play by Curling Canada. These can be found and reviewed on the Canada Curling website. Unless otherwise announced or posted all leagues will operate under Canada Curling guidelines - A copy of these rules will be posted at the "Curl On" board under the ice hut stairwell bulletin board.

2.1 Local Club Interpretations or Variations:

Any variation of the Curling Canada rules, specific to league play, must be approved by the Club Executive and agreed upon by the specific league Skips, prior to the season or commencing draw. Agreed upon local variations will also be posted on our website in the league member info tab with a reference document.

3.0 League Information:

3.1 Monday Team Entry:

This is an open Team entry competition. Teams shall consist of a minimum of four Club Members. A schedule indicating playing times, team member names and draw times will be posted on Curling Manager at, or before, the beginning of each draw with "Bye" Teams noted. (See 4.0 section 8 for information regarding league play). Teams' short player or if adding a 5th during the season need to notify the Executive and Drawmaster before February 15th to qualify for playoffs.

3.2 Tuesday Doubles:

This is an open Team entry competition. Teams shall consist of a minimum of two Club Members. A schedule indicating playing times, team member names, draw times will be posted on Curling Manager at, or before, the beginning of each draw. Any "Bye" Teams will be noted. (See 4.0 section 8 for information regarding league play)

3.3 Wednesday Mens:

Teams shall be comprised of up to four male Club Members for all those registered to play in this League. To participate in this league members must be a minimum of (19) years of age before December 31st of any registration year. A schedule indicating playing times, Team, member names and draw times will be posted on Curling Manager at, or before, the beginning of each draw with "Bye" Teams noted. (See 4.0 section 8 for information regarding league play)

3.4 League Start Times:

Please review this information in Curling Manager, start times will vary according to the number of members per league and sometimes per draw.

4.0 General ECD Information:

Any non-member curler shall sign a club waiver before entering the ice hut. Blank and signed waivers shall be kept in the spares book.

1. The number of divisions (within a league for regular season play) is dependent on the number of team entries and determined at the beginning of season by consensus of the League Skips. The Drawmaster will then make a playing schedule accordingly.
2. Returning Teams are ranked within Leagues at the beginning of the curling season based on their final standing at the end of the last draw from the previous season – (prior to playoffs).
3. If a Skip returns with three new players, AND the three former team members return as part of another team – the team with the returning Skip will be designated as the returning team and maintain ranking. The other team will be classified as “new” and be seeded accordingly.
4. New teams may start in the lowest division and compete upwards in ranking. If a new team joins and feels that they should start in a higher position, the team may petition the MTE to ask for placement in a higher division. The petition must be made before any League game commences. The petition must be approved by two-thirds majority by the MTE. This provision should only be used in extraordinary circumstances. The MTE reserves the right to refuse to consider any petition.
5. The Drawmaster will draft the draw schedule for each League including playoffs. The schedule will be posted on the LCC website.
6. Depending on which league you are playing in, after each draw, scoring will determine which teams will move up or down in the rankings based on scoring point totals. Each league may have a slightly different point scoring system for Wins, Ties and Losses. This helps to regulate movement between leagues with divisions. This point system ensures that any team needs to win most of its games in a draw to move up. If the schedule is unbalanced, scoring will be based on win percentage.
7. After regular season play, all teams will qualify for playoffs and be seeded accordingly. Playoff schedules and formats will be determined by the number of teams within the league. At the conclusion of the curling season any prize monies collected will be awarded at the annual ECD closing banquet.
8. Official minimum attendance requirement for regular season or playoff games is: four person teams shall have a minimum of two listed members present, two person teams must have a minimum of one member present. If a team does not meet the minimum player requirement, they will forfeit the win.
 - The ice then becomes open and those present can decide how to best make use of the sheet if it does not interfere with adjacent league games being played.

9. Sparing - the ECD adheres to the LCC spares policy posted in Curling Manager [Spare Policy-OCT22.doc \(lakefieldcurlingclub.ca\)](#). In ECD leagues, teams should adhere to a best practice principle of like for like positional players when possible. Spares should never replace positional players already listed. Listed three person teams may only place a “spare” in either the lead or second position.
10. If a Team loses a member during regular season play, recruiting of a permanent replacement player is encouraged and permitted. The MTE and Drawmaster shall be notified of any player replacement to update our website. He/she may curl for the balance of the season including playoffs, subject to the person satisfying the Club's requirement of payment of pro-rated dues.
11. If a Team loses a member during playoffs, LCC and ECD sparing rules apply – the person(s) sparing must come from within the Division and without exception cannot replace a positional player already playing for the team needing a spare.
12. The LCC has a clock usage policy across all Leagues including the ECD - Games played on Monday Team Entry and Wednesday Men's will begin with 1hr and 50mins on the clock, Double's clock will begin with 1hr and 20min. The clock will be started by a player on the Team with hammer closest to the ice hut lounge door.

Teams must play within the times posted; it is the responsibility of all teams to keep pace to ensure games can be completed within the time allotted. Best practice rules apply so everyone can enjoy the game; opposing players should be ready to play once the throwing teams rock has come to rest. Teams that have let the clock expire will stop their game at the conclusion of the end currently in play. Please see any member of the Executive, or our Drawmaster if further clarification is required.

If for some reason the countdown clock is not functional, the standard clock located inside the ice hut will be used with the confirmed times mutually agreed upon with the Teams present and an Executive Member, and or the Drawmaster present.

13. ECD members will pay additional League fees and prize monies will be collected within the curling season. Monies are specific to each league and will vary. An announcement will be made during the curling season for the annual fee for Monday Team Entry and Tuesday Doubles. Wednesday Men's will collect prize money per draw. Fees are not intended to be “large” and are sanctioned by the ECD Executive to be fair. All collected prize monies and awards are disbursed at the ECD Annual Club Closing Banquet (ACCB), traditionally held the first Saturday at the conclusion of the curling season.
14. At the ACCB there will be a call for members in accordance with section 1.2 of these guidelines.

5.0 Exceptions or Protests

All Skips must ensure unnecessary slowdowns do not occur once the game commences. If during play a Team feels an opposing Team has breached any governing rules set by the ECD, first and foremost every effort will be made to resolve the issue amicably between the teams before an official protest can be filed. Teams looking to file a protest must do so, in writing (email is acceptable), with a defined Executive Member within 24hrs of the game in question. A written protest must list the Teams involved, incident in question, infraction that hindered the outcome of the game. The document must be signed by a minimum of (2) players from the protest team including the day and time of the occurrence. The Protest will be reviewed by the Executive and the outcome of the protest will be reviewed with all involved.

6.0 End of Regular Season Play -Scoring & Ranking/Playoffs:

6.1 Procedure

Determining CurlION / OCA Club representation at Events:

The top four ECD Men's and top four Women's teams are determined by their final placement in the Division Leagues (final point totals therein) each will be offered to play in a play down.

Play down games that will take place on available ice during the end-of-season playoff schedule. The two winning Team(s) will determine the Club representative for the OCA Men's and Women's Club Championship held at the beginning of the following season.

In the event one or more of the teams who qualify for the play down play-off declines to participate, said team(s) will not be replaced; of the remaining team(s) a playoff format will be devised by the Executive.

Per eligibility requirements, all qualified teams must be an all men's or women's team of four players having played together regularly for a minimum of 50% of the season together, in a sanctioned club league in the most recent season. Teams are allowed one replacement player for the OCA/CCA Championships. The replacement player must play in the lead, or first, position throwing the first two stones for the team. All other eligibility requirements must also be met.