



York Curling Club

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An Important Message from your Board of Directors

Dear Members:

The past few months have been particularly hectic and stressful as we attempt to deal with the various issues brought about by the expansion project. We continue to assess the impact it will have on our ongoing curling activities at the club.

Early in the spring, the curling committee of the Board met with all of our league conveners to listen and try and understand everyone's issues and concerns regarding these matters. The intention was to gather feedback necessary to formulate appropriate direction and guidance on such key issues as this coming fall's membership levels, ice allocation and scheduling.

The feedback received has been widespread and passionate and some members have expressed concern that in a variety of ways their curling experience would be diminished in this time of transition.

To this end the board clearly recognizes the importance of the following concepts to members and will use them as a guideline in allocating ice and resolving scheduling issues for the upcoming 2010/2011 season:

- 1) A positive and fair curling experience for all, giving priority in registration to returning members.**
- 2) Eliminating, if possible, spill over games on Sunday nights.**
- 3) Minimizing games on nights other than that which a league usually plays (e.g., a Wednesday vs. Tuesday).**
- 4) Endeavour to provide new curlers with adequate back-end support.**

To facilitate the growth needed to support our expansion, the board believes it is in the best interest of the club not to put a hard cap (i.e., limited number of players/teams permitted to register) on leagues for the 2010/2011 season. However, this may prove unavoidable if demand dictates no other viable option (for example on Friday nights).

In addition, the board anticipates the following will occur over the next 2 seasons:

- 2010/2011 will likely have a large influx of new weekend mixed curlers with a relatively small impact on the non weekend leagues. (as compared to the weekend leagues)

- There will be significant increased capacity (and curling opportunities) for Monday through Thursday leagues in 2010/2011.
- We expect that as the new members gain experience this season that they will begin to impact the Monday through Thursday leagues more significantly in 2011/2012 and the ice allocation issue will need to be revisited thoroughly for the 2011/2012 season.

Since this is a very unusual year, the board does not feel it can formally allocate ice or establish cut off levels for members until we know the intentions of both returning and new curlers in terms of numbers and in what leagues they wish to play.

Registration will be accelerated this year to ensure we have the maximum amount of time possible to try and deal with the issues above once the intentions of both the returning and new members are known. The registration package will go out to members mid June and returning members will have priority registration for league preferences until August 15th. No new members will be officially accepted (and given a firm place in a league) until after this date. There will still be an in person registration in September but we encourage all existing members to indicate their intentions prior to August 1 as requested in the registration package. Note that cheques can be dated Aug 15th. It is not about the money--- it's about the planning.

We thank everyone who has provided feedback, and ask for your continued support as we work through these complex transitional issues. We want to make this coming season with our 50% more ice capacity the best ever!

Don't be afraid to take a drive by the club and see how things are changing.

Enjoy your summer!

Your Board members