

2011/2012 Wednesday Men's Club Championship

Welcome to a new season of curling at the K-W Granite Club. For better or worse, Brian Belfry is handling the convening duties this season. Belfry took the job after being told no one would contact him for any reason such as bye requests, makeup games, playoff scheduling issues. If everyone complies with that he'll probably remain as convener for years to come.

For emergency purposes should Belfry take ill during his game his contact information is below.

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Wintek Engineering Ltd. has graciously agreed to sponsor the league yet again this season. Please visit their website at: www.wintek-eng.com

Rules

Standard CCA rules of curling apply. Please note the following:

- All games will be eight (8) ends.
- For the regular season, ties will stand
- Four rock rule: No opponent's rock resting in the free-guard zone may be removed until after the fourth rock has been thrown.
- Hog line rule: Rocks must be clearly released before the near hog line.
- Sweeping: Any one member of the team may sweep behind the tee line.
- Late start: After ten minutes, the non-offending team will count one for the first end and will receive last-rock advantage for the second end.
- After 30 minutes, a default will be declared in favour of the non-offending team.
- Please be ready to play at least five minutes before your regular game time. If you ice is ready (numbers down) start as soon as both teams are available. The first rock is expected to be thrown at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. so get your slides in beforehand.
- Please make every effort to keep your games moving quickly. **For the 7 p.m. draw**, do not begin a new end if there are less than ten minutes remaining (**the clock must read 8:49 or earlier to begin the eighth end**). For the first round at least there will be *no deadline* to finish the 9 p.m. game. Play eight ends or until a team concedes. However if late games are continually a problem a deadline will be introduced. I've pushed for this, don't let me down.

Regular Season

The regular season of curling begins September 28 and runs for 21 weeks ending March Feb. 7. There will be three rounds lasting seven weeks each. The dates for all three rounds are as follows (subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances):

Round One: Sept. 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9
Round Two: Nov. 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21; Jan. 4, 11
Round Three: Jan 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Note that there is no curling on the following Wednesdays:

- November 23 due to the Home Hardware Bonspiel
- December 28 as the club will be closed for the holidays

Teams were seeded into four flights of seven teams at the convener's discretion. The convener takes into consideration last year's final standings and his knowledge of teams entering into the league. Points will be awarded in the regular season based on the following table:

Division	Win	Tie	Loss
A	10	7.5	5
B	9	6.5	4
C	8	5.5	3
D	7	4.5	2

Teams with a bye will receive no (0) points.
Defaulting teams will receive no (0) points.

Teams will be re-seeded after the first round (and each subsequent round) using promotion/relegation system. The top two teams in each flight (based on points for that particular round) will be promoted to the next higher flight, while the bottom two teams in each flight will be relegated to the next lower flight. Ties will be broken as follows:

- head-to-head results
- total points
- if teams are still tied after the above rules have been applied, I will organize a shoot-out (draw to the button) for the tied teams.

Any team defaulting more than four games over the course of the season will not have their accumulated points considered for initial seeding for the following season. Please make every effort to reschedule games or to find spares.

Spares

Open substitution is allowed during the regular season, though all spares must be members of the K-W Granite Club. Limited members, please be aware that you are only allowed to spare up to five times per season. We will be enforcing this rule for Wednesday nights, but we will need to rely on the skips. If you are not sure if the person is a limited member or not, please let me know anyway. The penalty for teams using an illegal spare (either a non-member, or a limited member who has spared five times) will be an **automatic default**.

There must be at least two regular members to be considered a valid team. In other words, three or more spares will be considered a default.

Playoffs

The team seeded first in the playoffs (most points in the regular season) will be presented with the **Grand Aggregate** award. The top eight teams, decided by total aggregate points after the final round, will compete for the **Club Championship** in a double-knockout style draw. The remaining 20 teams will compete in the **Club Consolation**. Rules for the playoffs will be communicated in detail prior to the start of the playoffs.

Playoffs will begin March 14 with the club champion decided April 4.

PLEASE NOTE: DURING PLAYOFFS TEAMS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PLAY BACK TO BACK GAMES AND/OR MAY HAVE TO PLAY ON ANOTHER DAY BESIDES WEDNESDAY.