

# CHCC Friday Mixed League

(Updated December, 2016)

## League Format

- We have 18 teams in 2016-2017.
- We play a full schedule of 20 games, the same as the Monday and Thursday Open leagues, as we pay the same fees.
- We play a full round-robin, plus three additional games to complete the schedule against teams which are proximate in the standings.
- Games are a maximum of 8 ends (win, lose, or tie).
- The schedule is custom-built (i.e. without using a template): every effort is made to accommodate all bye requests and scheduling preferences, on a first-come, first-served basis, and to communicate that requests can be accommodated within a day.
- Every effort is made to ensure that teams play more 7:05 games than 9:15 games and to minimize back-to-back 9:15 games.
- Standings are updated weekly and are posted on the Friday Mixed page of the club web-site so teams can track how they are progressing throughout the season.
- The schedule is built incrementally throughout the season, but is also updated periodically to display bye requests and scheduling preferences that have been conferred for the entire season.
- The 'Dutch Girl Friday Mixed Championship Trophy' is presented to the overall league winning team. The top three teams receive cash awards (ties in the standings will be left as is).

## Teams

- Each team must be comprised of 2 men and 2 women.
- Teams must alternate gender in delivery of the stones
  - The player delivering last stone and the player acting as vice-skip must be of opposite gender.
- Any player may call the game (i.e. the skip need not throw last stones).
- In exceptional circumstances only (e.g. last-minute injury or illness), a team may play with only 3 curlers:
  - Every effort must be made by the team to find a spare of the appropriate gender.
    - If playing with 3, exceptions to alternating gender for stone delivery are permitted. However, the exception is at the other team's discretion and should be requested/discussed and agreed to by the skips prior to the start of a game.
    - The player delivering last stone and the player acting as vice-skip must still be of opposite gender.

## Social Activities (to subsidize our two banquets and prizes)

- A social fee of \$10 is collected from each member at the beginning of the year.
- We have a weekly 50/50 draw - One ticket for \$1, three tickets for \$2; one winner per evening:
  - Last team with the cash-box on the late draw issues "last call" for ticket purchase, splits the amount collected into two envelopes, picks the number and returns the cash-box to the bartender;
  - If the winner is not present, the winning ticket is attached to the front of the envelope containing the winnings, with the date added, and then placed in the Friday Mixed metal box for pick-up the following week;
  - Any unclaimed winnings become door prizes for those attending the Year-End Banquet.
  - The detailed rules for the 50-50 are listed in the cash-box
- Any player hogging a rock must pay the piggy, which piggy is stored with the 50/50 cash-box. Instead of a flat 25 cents per hogged rock as in the past, if the lead hogs a rock, it is still 25 cents, but for the second it is 50 cents, for the third it is 75 cents, and for the skip, it is a loonie. We will then spread the wealth by giving away the Piggy money via a draw at our year-end banquet.
- The Holiday Banquet will be December 16. A modest gift exchange game is held each year and is always lots of fun.
- The Year-End Awards Banquet will be April 7. The championship trophy will be presented and prizes will be awarded to all who attend.

## **Carleton Heights Curling Club Members' Code of Conduct**

(Approved by the Carleton Heights Curling Club Board on January 20, 2015)

- The Club is committed to offering a safe and friendly environment where everyone (employees, visitors and members) is treated respectfully, free from discrimination or harassment of any kind. Members will:
- Exhibit sportsmanship consistent with the rules and traditions of Curling
- Respect the policies and rules of the Club and its leagues
- Be open and welcoming to visitors
- Strive to maintain a clean and safe facility
- Cooperate with staff and others to ensure that the facility is well maintained, the programs are fun, and the overall environment is supportive of the above.

## **Policies for Competitive Leagues**

(Approved by the Carleton Heights Curling Club Board on November 19, 2014)

### **CHCC 4th Player Policy**

- Each team must be comprised of 4 (or more) curlers.
- Any team of 3 curlers will have a 4th person added to that team, by the league coordinator, if there is another curler wishing to play.

### **CHCC Spares Policy**

- A team shall include a minimum of two players from the original team.
- Any member of the club may act as a spare for another team at any time as required.
- The spare must be playing in place of a paid member.
- A non-member may be invited into the club to curl as a spare on three occasions free of charge during a season. Following the three free games, the individual will be required to obtain a club membership in order to curl in club leagues.
- A spare may only deliver stones in either the Lead or Second positions in the delivery rotation.
- A spare may act as Skip or Vice-Skip while in the Lead or Second positions in the delivery rotation.

### **Speed of Play (CHCC Evening Bell rule)**

- All teams want to play 8 ends. Expeditious play is the solution.
  - Do your handshakes in the lounge and go out onto the ice as soon as the scores have been taken down by the ice crew.
  - Players should not take more than one practice slide.
  - Sweepers should get out their own player's next rock if they are able to get to it faster.
  - With the exception of skip rocks, all players should move quickly into the hack, clean their rock, and be ready to throw as soon as their skip takes control of the house.
  - Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with the opposing skip or players on adjacent sheets.
  - Consultation on the strategy should normally only happen between the third and skip on skip rocks. Consultation on too many shots slows down the game.
  - When the end is finished, the lead due to throw first can move directly to the hack, clean their rock, and be ready to throw. The remaining rocks can be pushed to their respective corners by the other players. There is no need to order rocks in the corners as curlers can select their own rocks from the pile.
- The bell sounds during the 7:05pm games at 8:50pm. Complete the end and the game is over.
  - If the last skip's stone of the end has crossed the first t-line before the bell, you can finish the end and play one more.
  - All sheets are to be vacated by 9:05pm so the ice can be prepared for the 9:15pm games.

(Approved by the Carleton Heights Curling Club Board on October 18, 2016)

### **CHCC Brushing Equipment Position**

- Compliant brushing equipment will not be required for club events and leagues until a date to be determined in the future, with the exception that the use of hair brushes and corn brooms will no longer be permitted starting August 2017.
- Compliant equipment will be required for events hosted at the club where the organizing groups require it.

## **Make Up Games and Practice Ice**

- As free ice at the club is very limited, every effort must be made to play all games as scheduled.
- If a game must be made up, please use the ice reservation system established by the club.
- There is occasionally free ice on Fridays at 9:15: if you would like to make up a game or schedule a practice using this ice, please let Rob know.

## **Good Ice**

- The CHCC ice technicians work hard to keep our ice in good shape. Every member helps keep the playing surface clean by:
  - cleaning your shoes and firmly stepping on the sticky paper before taking the ice;
  - using a gripper in good condition (grippers older than 1-2 years break down and leave debris on the ice);
  - not melting the surface of the ice with hands or knees;
  - cooling your slider down before stepping into the hack (a warm slider can cause the ice to melt resulting in uneven ice on the slide path);
  - using the brushes available throughout the rink to clean your shoes and broom head;
  - picking up any debris that you see on the ice and placing it in a garbage bin.

## **A message from Steve Hall, CHCC Ice Chair**

(September, 2016)

- Over the summer a new contract was negotiated with our ice technician (Richard Haliburton), replacing the expiring three-year agreement. In the new contract a number of changes were made to attempt to improve ice conditions for CHCC members, including:
  - the introduction of a second scrape prior to the late afternoon draws on Monday, Thursday, and Friday (the previous contract called for one scrape per day, done prior to the first draw in the morning);
  - the introduction of performance criteria into the contract (specifically indicating our expectation of 3.5 feet of curl on draw shots regardless of turn and target broom location, and our expectation of hog-to-hog times of 13 seconds for draw shots on newly pebbled and nipped ice, increasing to 14.5 seconds once the ice has been broken in);
  - more frequent rock conditioning (the previous contract called for rock conditioning to be done after each six months of curling, which was proving to be too long with our ever increasing number of draws – the new agreement will see more frequent rock conditioning as necessary to meet the above-mentioned performance criteria); and,
  - a more proactive approach to monitoring ice conditions and addressing issues such as runs and falls.
- The new contract is a one-year contract, and our plan is to issue a request for proposals in the spring of 2017 as part of a competitive process for ice technician services. This will ensure that we are getting good value for our money.
  - I'd also like to remind people that, as Marilyn mentioned in the President's letter, there is now a link on the CHCC website that you can use to provide me with comments on the ice. I encourage you to use it as often as you like – I want to hear what you have to say – good or bad. If you do have complaints, please make them as specific as possible.
  - For example, if you feel you had a bad rock, tell me the sheet, the colour, the rock number, and why you think it was a bad rock.
  - With respect to the ice, it is also important to relay your comments to me as soon as possible after your game (because ice conditions can change rapidly). Obviously, you can also provide your comments to me in person, rather than via the website.
  - To paraphrase an old expression "if you are happy with the ice then tell others, if you're not then tell me".
  - In particular, I'd ask you to refrain from complaining directly to Richard Haliburton or his team. Past experience has shown that it is counter-productive for them to get instructions or complaints from several hundred "bosses" - it works a lot better when communications flow through the ice chair, and, for better or worse, that's me.

Enjoy the season.