

Hello,

We have been making very good progress on developing detailed plans for our Phase 1 reopening. We would like to share with you that **registration for 2020-21 will begin on August 24**. We know this is a tight turnaround but we have worked very diligently to get this membership registration out to you as soon as possible. Leagues will begin on October 1. Please read on for more details and bear with us during these volatile times.

All members wishing to curl in 2020-21 need to register and pay for a full DCC membership fee. The full curling membership is \$250 and includes subbing and practice ice privileges for the season. This membership will also hold your spot in the leagues you played in for 2019-20, even if you decide not to curl in 2020-21. That is, upon registration for the 2021-22 season, you will have first priority to return to the same 2019-20 league(s), whether or not you played in 2020-21.

A social (non-curling) membership for the 2020-21 season will cost \$100. Social members will not be able to participate in any on-ice events (besides potential club bonspiels in the spring still to be determined), but will have priority back into their 2019-20 leagues upon full registration in 2021-22, if space is available after registration for members who paid for a full membership in 2020-21.

Saturday morning junior curling is \$60 per 6 week session - a junior member playing in adult leagues will be responsible for the league fee but not the \$250 membership fee.

If you choose not to register for any kind of membership in 2020-21, then upon return to the club in 2021-22 or beyond, you will be treated as a new member (i.e. no retention of any league priority).

Also on August 24, we will open pre-registration for folks wishing to return to the leagues in which they played in 2019-20, two leagues maximum. Please note that while you will gain access to pre-registration on August 24, you will not be placed in your preferred returning leagues until you have paid your membership fee. So, make sure to pay that early (deadline September 15) to ensure you do not lose your priority slot. Remember, this first league window is **ONLY** for members wishing to return to the same league. (You may elect to return to either the fall session, or the winter session, or both.)

The fall league session will run from October 1 through December 23. All fall leagues (weeknights, days and weekends) will cost \$150.

The winter league session will begin on January 3. Weekday (Mon-Thu) leagues will be scheduled until April 8, and weekend (Fri-Sun) leagues will initially be scheduled until May 2,

pending the scheduling of winter/spring events. All winter leagues (weeknights, days and weekends) will cost \$185.

The fall session will include a new Saturday afternoon "triples" league, which is a six-end format with teams of three. Players from the Saturday afternoon mini league last season will have priority access to this league. All other leagues are staying largely/exactly the same. More details of each membership type and of each league will be sent when registration opens tomorrow.

The registration and return to play timeline is as follows:

- August 24: Membership registration opens. Anyone wishing to register for leagues must pay for a full membership first.
- August 24: League registration for members returning to their 2019-20 leagues begins. Two leagues maximum in each session.
- August 30: League registration opens for members wanting to switch leagues. Total two leagues maximum in each session to this point.
- September 7 : League registration opens for new members who have previously completed a mini league* or are moving from another curling club, or juniors wishing to curling in a new adult league. Two leagues maximum in each session.
 - * - Anyone who played in the Saturday afternoon mini league (10 weeks) during winter of the 2019-20 season will have priority registration to a new Triples league starting on August 24, but must wait until September 7 to register for other leagues.
- September 11: League registration opens for members wishing to play in three or more leagues in either session, if space allows.
- September 15: Membership dues and fall league session payment are due.
- September 15 - 18: Member practice ice available in the evenings. Reservation is required (no drop-in practice).
- September 19 - 20: Tuesday Night Competitive league playdown.
- September 21: League rosters set.
- September 21 - 23, and 28 - 30: Trial run games in the evenings. Reservation is required (no pick-up games).
- October 1 - December 23: Fall league session.
- December 15: Winter league session payment due.
- January 3 - April 8 (weekday)/May 2 (weekend): Winter league session.

Other Notes and Reminders:

- You are allowed to register for EITHER the fall session, OR the winter session, OR both. You do not need to register in the fall to play in the winter, or vice versa.
- If you plan to sit out the fall but aren't sure about playing in the winter, you should still register for your winter session league during this August/September registration period.

Winter session payments are not due until December 15, and you may back out of the winter league at any time leading up to that.

- Draw times for weeknight leagues will be **6:00pm and 8:45pm**, with a hard stop after 2 hours. Weekend draw times and practice ice times have also been adjusted to increase the changeover period. (Purpose: to give everyone ample time to gather their things and exit the building before the next draw begins.) Be sure to check the new league times carefully.
- Sheets B and D will start each game at the home (glass) end, and sheets A and C will start each game at the far (scoreboard) end. Upon conclusion of your game, please return the rocks to the end of the ice at which you started the game and clean the handles of each rock you used with the provided wipes. (Purpose: to maintain social distancing between sheets and avoid bunching up on the backboards.)
- Face coverings are required at all times inside the building. Per guidance from the State of Colorado, you may briefly remove your face covering to catch your breath from sweeping, provided that you are giving at least six feet (preferably more) of social distance when you do. However, you **MUST** be wearing a mask **DURING** sweeping, and at all other times when feasible. Penalty for not wearing a mask while sweeping is that the rock will be considered burned.
- One sweeper per delivered stone. Any stone swept by more than one person will be considered burned.
- No indoor socialization - please follow marked traffic patterns while inside the building. We are still exploring the possibility of outdoor socialization and plan to have the bar open in a limited capacity - please stay tuned for updates on this.
- You will be asked to sign the COVID-19 waiver before curling this season, along with the normal participant waiver and other agreements. More details on screening procedures before each game are being finalized and will be communicated in the near future.

Refund Policy:

- While we are excited about the prospect of returning to curling this season, we cannot rule out the potential of a club closure due to state/local orders or a viral outbreak among the club. Therefore we have developed a refund policy which will be in place for this season.
- **After September 15, membership dues (full or social) are non-refundable, even in the event of a full season club closure.**
- In the event that a full session (fall or winter) of curling is lost due to a club closure, all **league fees** (not member dues) for that session will be refunded in full.
- League fee refund amounts after returning to play will be scaled down by 10% for each league session that has been played. For example, one week played = 90% refund, two weeks played = 80%, and so on, up to five weeks (50%). After the sixth league session is played, league fees will no longer be refunded in the event of a club closure.
 - A member being unable to play during a scheduled league session does not constitute a “missed” week, i.e. if you needed to get a sub or your team

forfeited/didn't show. Any refunds will be calculated based on the number of weeks that the league as a whole was able to curl.

- In the event of a need to close the club, it will be difficult to assess the expected or actual length of the closure. Therefore, league fee refunds will be processed only after the closure has ended, or the season is deemed completed/cancelled.
- We plan to do everything possible to keep the club open, but the safety of our members, volunteers, and employees will always be our first priority.

Additional Information:

- You may notice that the total cost of curling for someone playing in one league for both sessions will be \$585 (\$250 + \$150 + \$185). This is on average a modest increase over the prior season. A number of factors went into this pricing, including the extra sanitation expenses expected to be incurred by the club alongside an expected reduction in revenue from fewer corporate events and bonspiels. Weekend league players will see a larger increase than most, due to the longer length of the leagues and all leagues having the same number of sessions.
- The \$100 membership option is geared toward members who would like to continue their support of the curling club, but are confident that they won't play at all in 2020-21. (This can be for any reason.) It is meant to be a temporary option geared toward members who plan to return to curling in the future and don't want to completely give up their league priority. This option affords to you USCA membership, the ability to volunteer and play in club bonspiels, and retention of priority for your 2019-20 leagues through 2020-21 and into 2021-22. Your spot in the priority order will come in behind returning members who pay for a full membership fee in 2020-21, and ahead of everyone else (including those wanting to switch leagues). Please contact curldenver@denvercurlingclub.com if you have any questions or need more clarification on this option.
- Anyone wishing to curl but in need of financial assistance should contact curldenver@denvercurlingclub.com to work out a solution.

Thank you,

Board of Directors