

Leagues at the Schenectady Curling Club

Men's Leagues

Pletenik. Meets on Monday evenings, at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m. All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Pletenik league is designed for junior skips and curlers of all experience levels. All male curlers are welcome to curl in this league, however, players that are skips in either the Graham or Van de Car leagues may only curl in the lead and second positions in the Pletenik league. Teams in this league are selected by draw. The maximum number of teams is determined by available curlers and the season schedule. This league is open to men in the Regular and Young Adult member categories. The league is named in memory of Andy Pletenik, a devoted and accomplished curler.

Graham. Meets on Wednesday evenings, at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m. All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Graham league is designed for more advanced skips and other curlers with an interest in a higher level of competitive curling from the Pletenik league. All male curlers are welcome to curl in this league. Teams in this league are constructed with skips choosing their vice-skips, and first and seconds being selected in a draw format. The maximum number of teams is determined by available curlers and the season schedule. This league is open to men in the Regular and Young Adult member categories. This league is named after George Graham, a very skilled curler for many years.

Van de Car. This is the men's club championship league. Meets on alternating weeks, rotating between Monday, Tuesday at Wednesday, at 8:15 p.m. All games are scheduled for ten ends. The Van de Car league is for experienced male curlers, who wish to compete at the highest competitive level in the club. Skips create their own teams by inviting curlers to play with them. This league is limited to a maximum of nine teams this season, with automatic bids awarded to the highest five finishers from the previous season. The remaining four positions are open. If more than four teams are vying for these openings there will be a playdown to determine the competitors. This league is open to men in the Regular and Young Adult member categories. This league is named in memory of Hal Van de Car, a former SCC President who was an exceptional curler that devoted many years to the SCC and the sport of curling.

Women's Leagues

All-American. Meets Thursday evenings at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m., for the first half of the curling season (mid-January through late March). All games are scheduled for eight ends. The All-American league is designed for more experienced skip than the Dr. Ack and is welcome to female curlers of all experience levels. Teams in this league are selected by draw. This league is open to women in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Dr. Ack. Meets Thursday evenings at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m., for the second half of the curling season (mid-October through early January). All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Dr. Ack league is designed for junior skips and curlers of all experience levels. All female curlers are welcome to play in this league. Teams in this league are selected by draw. This league is open to women in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Blackhall. This is the women's club championship league. Meets on alternating weeks, rotating between Monday, Tuesday at Wednesday, at 5:55 p.m. All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Blackhall league is for experienced female curlers, who wish to compete at the highest competitive level in the club. Skips create their own teams by inviting curlers to play with them. This league is limited to a maximum of nine teams, with automatic bids awarded to the highest four finishers from the previous season. The remaining five positions are open. If more than five teams are vying for these openings there will be a playdown to determine the competitors. This league is open to women in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Schenectady-Albany League. Meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All games are scheduled for eight ends. This is a combined women's league with the Albany Curling Club. The location of games alternates between weeks at Schenectady Curling Club and Albany Curling Club. This league may or may not be available due to participation levels. This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories.

Mixed Leagues

Bradshaw. Meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m. for the first half of the curling season (mid-October through early January.) All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Bradshaw league is designed for skips and curlers of all experience levels and also provides an excellent opportunity for couples to curl together on the same team. A pair of curlers (one man and one woman) may designate themselves to play together on the same team. This league is open to any member in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Fitzgerald. Meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m. for the second half of the curling season (mid-January through late March). All games are scheduled for eight ends. This league is designed for skips and curlers of all experience levels and also provides an excellent opportunity for couples to curl together on the same team. A pair of curlers (one man and one woman) may designate themselves to play together on the same team. This league is open to any member in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Open Leagues

Stopera. Meets on Friday evenings at 6:20 and 8:35 p.m. This brand-new league for 2010-2011 provides for groups of curlers to enter the league together, whether as a pair, groups of three, or fully-assembled teams of four. (Of course, individual curlers are encouraged to sign up also!) This league provides an excellent opportunity for couples to curl together, as well as an opportunity for teams of four that may be considering entering bonspiels to play together as a team. For its inaugural season, this league may follow a ladder format, in which teams will move between the 'A' Division and 'B' Division at the halfway point and the final point of the season. This league is open to any member in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Sovik. Meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. This brand-new league for 2010-2011 provides an opportunity to curl in a competitive league early on Tuesdays. A pair of curlers (one man and one woman) may designate themselves to play together on the same team. This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories. This new league is sponsored by long-time members, Bob and Bette Sovik.

Thursday prayer meeting. Meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories.

Erdman. Meets on Sunday evenings at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. for the first half of the curling season (mid-October through early January). All games are scheduled for eight ends. The Erdman league is an open format league that is designed for beginning curlers and new skips and provides an entry-level degree of competitiveness. A pair of curlers, regardless of gender, may designate themselves to play together on the same team. This league is open to any member in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Gabel. Meets on Sunday evenings at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. for the second half of the curling season (mid-January through late March). All games are scheduled for eight ends. This is an open format league that is designed for beginning curlers and new skips and provides an entry-level degree of competitiveness. A pair of curlers, regardless of gender, may designate themselves to play together on the same team. This league is open to any member in the Regular and Young Adult member categories.

Friday Social League. Meets on Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. All games are scheduled for eight ends. This is a unique and fun league that, after the games are concluded, holds an hors d'oeuvres party for participants at 6:00 p.m., followed by a \$12 dinner at 7:00 p.m. With the creation of the new Friday evening open league, there will also now be on-ice entertainment! This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories.

Wednesday morning (1st half). Formerly known as the Lydgate league, this meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for the first half of the curling season (mid-October through early January) All games are scheduled for eight ends. This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories.

Griffin. Meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for the second half of the curling season (mid-January through late March). All games are scheduled for eight ends. This league is open to any member in the Regular, Young Adult, or Contributing/Daytime member categories.

General Info

A team is made up of:

- Skip
- Vice-skip / Third
- Second
- Lead / First

The skip and the vice-skip are called the “up-rink”. The second and the lead are called the “down-rink”.

“Mixed” leagues have teams made up of two men and two women. The order of the players may be either of the following:

- Man, woman, man, woman
- Woman, man, woman, man

“Open” leagues have teams made up of any combination of players, such as:

- 4 men
- 4 women
- 3 men, 1 woman
- 3 women, 1 man
- 2 men, 2 women

Our club may sometimes offer “mixed modified” leagues, in which the skip and vice-skip must be of opposite sexes, but the second and the lead may be both male, both female, or one male and one female.