

JASPER PLACE CURLING CLUB

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WHAT THE BRUSH?

Some of you are asking questions about the brush head moratorium. New sweeping rules came into effect for competitive play in June 2016. These rules are important to the integrity of our game at the highest level of play, but we are **not** enforcing these rules in club play.

For the full ruling please visit: http://17962-presscdn-0-57.pagely.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/blogs.dir/58/files/2016/09/2016-18_Sweeping_Moratorium.pdf

For FAQ please visit: <http://www.curling.ca/sweeping-moratorium-faqs/> Here are some highlights:

- 1) Can I use my brush head from last year? **Yes – in club play.**
- 2) Can I use a hair broom in my club? **Yes – in club play.**
- 3) Can we purchase materials / brush heads off the shelf from last season's inventory. **Yes**

And here is the page regarding club play from Curling Canada:

We would also encourage everyone however, to consider the true spirit of the sport of curling, and regardless of the brush head in use, all players should revert to the sweeping techniques in play prior to the 2015-16 season. Most of the 'unusual' sweeping methods encountered last season have been dispelled as demonstrated / verified by the results of the Sweeping Summit and Executive summary of the National Research Council.

- 1) When using compliant material, the sweeping angle (90 degrees or north-to-south or 45 degrees) was determined to be irrelevant in affecting the stone other than taking it farther or keeping it straighter. Or more simply put, sweeping east to west does not make a non-compliant brush head compliant. Conclusion: sweep in any direction you want, but do not leave debris in front of the stone and the last brush stroke should be away and to the side of the path of the stone.
- 2) When using compliant material, having two sweepers on a draw shot will carry a stone further than using one sweeper. Conclusion: return to form from the 2014-15 season with both sweepers brushing on either side or the same side of the delivered stone.
- 3) When using compliant material, sweeping take-outs with one sweeper to either keep it straight or to make it curl more, had little if any effect. Conclusion: using two sweepers for take-outs is better than one sweeper only.

STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

There are teams looking for players to complete their rosters, so if you or someone you know would like to play, we may have a place. We are still in need of one (1) team to complete the Friday night draw. Please call Cathy at 780-489-6428 to register or for more information.

FEES ARE DUE

All league curling fees are due prior to October 31, 2016. Discounts for multi league or bounty hunter are paid only if dues are received prior to November 1, 2016.

If you need to set up an installment payment please arrange this with Cathy now.

WOMEN OF CURLING CALENDAR

Joanne Courtney from Team Homan is featured in the 2017 Women of Curling Calendar. Joanne will be in our club on the evening of Thursday November 17, 2016 to sell calendars and raise money for her charity. Please save the date to come to this meet and greet and purchase a calendar directly from Joanne. We will have more details about this event in the next couple of weeks.

WEBSITE

Registrations can still be made via the website until the end of October. You can access the complete calendar for your game days on the registration page of each league. You can find the current draw sheet for each league. If you have trouble accessing any of these items please make sure that you visit the website, and use the refresh button. Shortcuts from last year do not necessarily work this year.

CASINO – VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

As high as your fees are; they do not cover all of our operating costs. As a not-for-profit we can access Alberta Gaming funds and do so via volunteering at a casino every 21-28 months. The Alberta Gaming Casinos are the very best bang for our buck in fundraising opportunities requiring the least amount of hours and cost to our members. The curling club requires 40 volunteers for Friday January 27 and Saturday January 28, 2017 at the Palace Casino in West Edmonton Mall; the sign-up sheet is in the office window. Please consider signing up now.

DOUBLES CURLING

We have teams registered for Doubles Curling starting Sunday November 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. for a 4 week block. We need a couple more teams to make this a viable league and a better curling experience. If you haven't tried Doubles, now is your chance. This is a perfect way to get some extra curling in.

The cost is \$60 per person. Please call Cathy to register.

SWEET BASIL CATERING

We are thrilled that Chris Gavigan of Sweet Basil Catering will be providing our food services again this season. Sweet Basil Catering is a much in-demand company for breakfast and lunch catering so adding our evening business is great fit for both the curling club and Chris. Please make sure to support his efforts by ordering a pre-game meal or an after game bar snack.