# **Avonair Curling Club News**

What's Happening in the World of Curling?



#### Welcome Back!

It's been a long year without curling, but we are ready to get back to it!

Hello Avonair members. I hope that you all have had a great summer. It's certainly been warm enough to convince me that it's about time to get back in the rink! Please give this newsletter a read for some important information about the season.

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Important Dates to Note

#### **August 23rd**

# Online member account creation opens.

Check out the website and create yourself an account for the 2021/2022 season! You'll need an account for registration this year.

#### **August 27th**

# Online registration opens for Avonair Members

Get on the website and get registered! Members of all leagues - rental leagues included - are asked to register via the website.

#### August 27th -29th

# Alberta Curling Series Mixed Doubles Event Leduc

Itching to get back to it?
Come out and watch some curling in Leduc.



## **Management Update**

Tim's Ice Manufacturing has taken over the management of the Avonair Curling Club this season. They will be responsible for club and ice management.

For those of you who haven't heard, my name is Sarah Brown. I am the new General Manager, and I am excited to be here! I have a real passion for the sport of curling, and I am very excited to share that passion with this club. Here is a little bit about me for those of you who are interested in getting to know me better!

I have spent the majority of my life curling. I love everything about the sport. Throughout the years, I have been fortunate enough to curl competitively at the University Level, the Ladies Provincial Level, and the Doubles Provincial Level.



I have also been fortunate enough to have many chances to meet some of my curling idols. Pictured below are Team Ulsrud, Joanne Courtney, and Marc Kennedy.









Travelling might be the only thing in my life that I have as much passion for as curling. I love seeing different parts of the world, experiencing different cultures, and meeting new people. If you have recommendations on where I should go next, drop by and chat!







Although I have enjoyed my years playing all types of curling, in recent vears my attention has settled on Mixed Doubles curling. I have a passion for this discipline that is unmatched by almost anything else. It certainly helps that two and a half years ago, I was lucky enough to meet the best boyfriend and curling partner

I could ask for.





**Important Dates** to Note Continued

#### September 13th <u>& 15th</u>

#### **In Person Registration**

Unsure about online registration? If you have any questions or require assistance, please stop by the club and see us between 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

#### September 28th <u>& 29th</u>

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#### October 1st - 3rd **Alberta Curling Series** Men's and Ladies' **Event - Avonair**

Get the season rolling with an event at our home club! Visit the Alberta Curling Series Website for more information.



# 2021/22 Avonair Leagues

The leagues that will be offered this season are outlined below. Once registration opens, be sure to register quickly to ensure that you secure your spot!

Monday Night Men's League: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Monday Night Doubles League: 8:45 pm - 10:00

Wednesday Morning Senior Men's League: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday Afternoon Sportsman League: 1:10 pm - 3:10 pm

Wednesday Night Electrical League: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday Night Open Cash League: 8:10 pm - 10:10 pm

Friday Morning Stick League: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Friday Afternoon Master's League: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Friday Night Anything Goes League: 6:30 pm - Saturday Morning Teacher's League: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Saturday Morning Edmonton Rocks League: 10:00 Tuesday Morning Old Timer's: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Tuesday Afternoon Crafty Codgers: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday Afternoon ATCO League: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm\*

Tuesday Night Ladies' League: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday Morning Old Timers: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Thursday Afternoon Police League: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm\*

Thursday Mixed League: 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Sunday Morning A.C.T. League: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday Afternoon Doubles League: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Weekly Open Practice Ice** 

Monday: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\*League is private.\*

Other practice ice times can be booked through the General Manager.

## 2021/22 Membership Fee Information

Curling Alberta has updated their fee structure for the 2021/2022 season. Please take a look at the information sheet below for an explanation of the fee.





# Curling Alberta Membership Fee Information 2021-2022

Curling Alberta has changed their fee structure this season. In the past, curling clubs paid a flat fee for every sheet in the facility to Curling Alberta as well as a \$2/curler fee to Curling Canada. This season, that has changed to a single fee of \$13/curler. Any curler in Alberta who plays more than three games in a season is required to pay this fee to their curling club who will then remit it to Curling Alberta.

A breakdown of the fee is shown below:

Personal Accident Insurance \$1.00
Curling Alberta Fee \$10.00
Curling Canada Fee \$2.00
Total \$13.00

#### **FAQs**

- If I play at more than one curling club, do I have to pay the fee at all of them?
   No. This is a one time fee for every affiliated curler in the province. It is each individual curler's responsibility to provide their secondary curling club with proof that their fee has been paid at another club.
- 2. How do I know whether or not I have to pay the fee? If you curl regularly (more than 3 times) at a curling club in Alberta, you are required to pay this fee. This extends to any rental leagues in a club. The only groups that this fee does not apply to are school groups and learn to curl participants, casual ice rentals, and bonspiels.
- Will the fee be increased in the future? Curling Alberta has expressed that they have no intention of increasing the fee for the 2022/2023 season. Increases will only happen if they are reasonable and necessary.
- 4. I have more questions about the fee. Where can I look? The Curling Alberta website has more information about the fee changes this season. The information page can be found under the "Resources" tab in the "Club Affiliation and Fees" folder. <a href="https://curlingalberta.ca/resources/membership-fees/">https://curlingalberta.ca/resources/membership-fees/</a>
- I have questions/concerns about the fee and can't find the information I need on the website. Who can I talk to? All questions can be directed to Shannon Kleibrink with Curling Alberta. <a href="mailto:shannon.kleibrink@curlingalberta.ca">shannon.kleibrink@curlingalberta.ca</a> (403-461-5498)

The fee will be added to each member's registration fees this season. The Avonair is required to collect these fees and remit them to Curling Alberta.

## 2021/22 Events and Programs

We are planning plenty of new and exciting events for the upcoming season! One of Sarah's favourite things to do is organize and execute a successful curling event. In order for that to happen, we need you to get out and get involved! Take a look at the following events and programs and plan to join us when you can.

#### **Curl Jams**

This is a new concept designed to encourage beginner curlers and recreational curlers to get out and have some fun! Curl Jams will be held monthly on the last Friday of every month. The \$15 entry fee will include 4 ends of dice curling, snacks, and live entertainment. If you have people in your life that are interested in trying the sport of curling, this is a great opportunity to get them out on the ice!

#### Roar of the Rings Viewing Party -November 28th

One of my favourite things is watching curling in a room full of other people who love the sport as much as I do.

Come out and cheer on your favourite men's team as they earn their spot in the Olympics!

The entry fee (TBD) will include a skills competition (for those interested), snacks, and an open lounge to enjoy the game in. Mark this one on your calendar folks! It's going to be a blast!

#### Adult Curling 101 -October 16th, November 13th, & January 22

If you have friends or family interested in learning to curl, be sure to tell them about this! A cost friendly, group lesson designed for people over the age of 18. \$25/person for 2 hours.

#### Doubles Date Night - February 12, 2022

Ever wanted to try the sport of doubles? Have a significant other or best friend that you'd love to spend Valentines Day weekend with? We've got just the thing. Instead of the yearly dinner and a movie, come out and curl!

The fee (TBD) will include a lesson on Doubles Curling, a 6 end game, and dinner.



This event is designed for people who know how to curl, but are interested in giving doubles a shot!

#### Member Lesson #1 - October 16th

A cost effective opportunity for all curlers new and experienced to come out and get some assistance with their **Slide and Delivery**. \$25/person for 2 hours.

#### Member Lesson #2 - November 13th

An opportunity for curlers to come out and get some assistance with their **Sweeping** and **Rock Judgement**. This session is excellent for team building as the drills focus on communication between teams of 4. \$25/person for 2 hours.

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#### Member Lesson #3 - January 22nd

An opportunity for curlers to come out and get some assistance with their **Strategy**. This lesson will include an off ice presentation about strategy as well as on ice drills. \$25/person for 2 hours.

# 2021/22 Bonspiels

Ah bonspiels. Is there a better way to spend a weekend during the winter in Alberta? I think not! Take a look at the upcoming bonspiels for the season and think about the ones you might be interested in being a part of.

Alberta Curling Series Men's and Ladies Season Opening Events - October 1st - 3rd

Register to curl or come out and watch! Either way, this event promises excellent curling.

More information available at <a href="https://www.abcurlseries.ca/">https://www.abcurlseries.ca/</a>

#### Modified Mixed Dayspiel - November 20th

A bonspiel for those who don't have a whole weekend to spare. Come out for the day, indulge in some curling, food, drinks, and company.

Unlike regular mixed, only the back end of the team must alternate. The front end can be made up of any combination of players.

More details to come.

#### Alberta Curling Series Women's Event -December 17th - 19th

Are you part of a competitive ladies team? Do you enjoy watching incredible curling? If you answered yes, you should sign up or at least come out and watch!

More information available at <a href="https://www.abcurlseries.ca/">https://www.abcurlseries.ca/</a>

#### Ladies' Dayspiel - March 12th

Ladies! We know you're busy, but do you have a Saturday free? If so, we'd love to have you come out for a day of curling, drinks, food, and fun!

More details to come.

#### Men's Bonspiel - March 18th & 19th

Keep your schedules open for this one! We have an idea how to throw an excellent men's spiel!

More details to come.

<sup>\*</sup>Bonspiels, programs, and event dates are subject to change if necessary.\*

# 2021/22 Registration Information

The Avonair has made the decision to go online this season! All members will register and pay for leagues, events, and programs through an online platform on the website, streamlining the process for both Avonair staff and members.

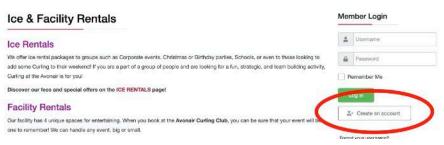
Each individual members will create a unique user profile and password through a "Create an Account" link on the website. This will give everyone an opportunity to register for any leagues, events, and programs that they are interested in.

Although registration for the individual leagues is not quite open yet, individual members are able to create their accounts on the website. We would ask that all members - rental leagues members included - create themselves an account on the website. Once registration is open, we will let you know that you can head to the website and get yourself in the league of your choice!

If you have never used an online platform for registration before, and are concerned about the process, please take a look at the website or the screenshots below for a step-by-step process. If you're still having issues, take a look at the dates on the second page for opportunities for you to come out to the Avonair for assistance!

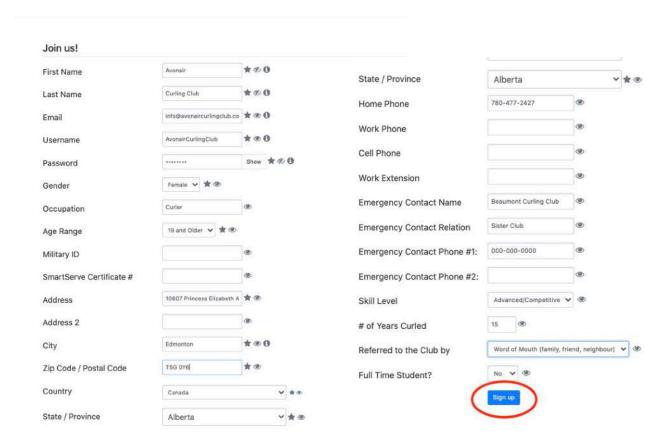
**Step 1:** Click the "Create an Account" button.



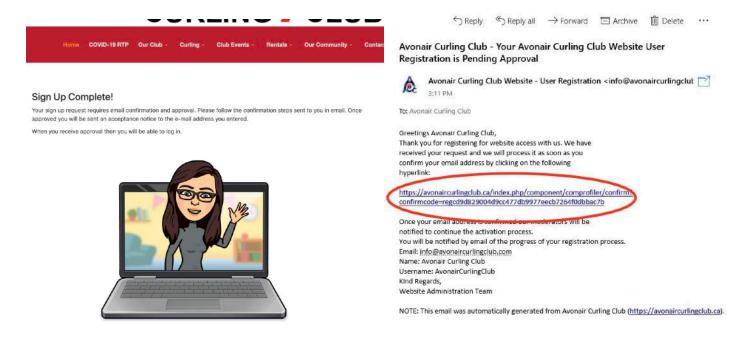




**Step 2:** Fill in personal information and contact information. Please be sure to include an emergency contact. Once the information is complete, click the "Sign Up" button.



**Step 3:** Go to the email provided in your information and click on the provided link to confirm your account. That's it! You're done! Welcome to the 2021/2022 Avonair Curling Season.



### 2021/22 COVID-19 Information

The Avonair Board of Directors has made the decision to continually monitor and abide by the public health measures set forth by Alberta Health Services. At the moment, as there are no official restrictions, the Avonair is open as normal.

That being said... there are a few things that we would request of our members.

- 1) We strongly recommend that all curlers wear a mask in the lobby and stairwells, as they can become quite crowded before and after a draw.
- 2) We recommend that all curlers practice physical distancing on and off the ice.
- 3) We ask that anyone not feeling well avoid coming to the Avonair Curling Club in an effort to safeguard the health and safety of fellow curlers.
- 4) We will continue to provide hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes for the rocks. We ask that all curlers practice good hygiene while in the Curling Club.

# WELCOME BACK! We've missed you

Restrictions may have lifted, but we'd like you to enjoy your ENTIRE 2021/22 season. **PLEASE** consider the following:

- practice good hand hygiene (wash your hands/santizer/wipes)
- practice physical distancing (6 feet/2 metres apart when possible)
- cover your cough/sneeze
- stay home if you are sick
- we respect your choice to wear a mask



5) Vaccines are not required to curl at the Avonair Curling Club, but we recommend receiving two doses of a vaccine if you are eligible.

The Avonair Management will continue to monitor Alberta Health Services updates throughout the season. If the recommendations change, our policies will be updated to reflect those changes.

## 2021/22 Refund Policy

The Avonair Curling Club has been updated for the 2021/2022 Season. Please review this policy thoroughly, as it will guide all payment and refund information for the season.



#### **Refund Policy**

#### 2021-2022 Season

- League fee payments are due at the latest on the first night of league play.
- 50% of fees are non-refundable. This is to cover fixed costs associated with facility start-up and shut-down.
- In the event that the club is forced to close due to public health requirements, the remaining 50% of fees will be prorated based on the number of games played.
- In the event that the club is forced to close due to public health requirements, up to four weeks of games may be rescheduled to alternative weeks during or at the end of the season.
- In the event that the club is forced to close due to public health requirements, refunds will not be processed until the end of the scheduled season.
- No credits or refunds will be offered for rescheduled games, or for games missed by individual players.
- If a player or team chooses to withdraw from a league anytime after the first game of the season has been played, league fees will be non-refundable, subject to Board approval.

Example Refund Calculation: Assuming an AHS mandated closure after 13 weeks of curling and a season of 20 scheduled games.

League Fees = \$400.00/Season (\$20/Game)

Non-Refundable Amount = \$200.00

Potentially Refundable Amount = \$200.00

Games Played: 13 (65% of scheduled season)

Refund Calculation: \$200.00 x 0.65 = \$130.00 → \$200.00 - \$130.00 = \$70.00 refund

If you have any questions about the 2021-2022 Season Refund Policy, please feel free to contact us.

10607 – Princess Elizabeth Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5G OY6 Phone (780) 477-2427 Email info@avonaircurlingclub.com That's it for now! I am extremely excited about the start of the curling season. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of the Avonair members!

Please stay tuned in the coming days for more information about registration.

If you have any questions throughout the remainder of the summer, please feel free to get in touch!



