



St. Vital Curling Club
286 Regal Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M 0P5
Members League Information Handbook
2026-2027

The St. Vital Curling Club welcomes new and past members.

We ask that you read the information within this handbook to understand league operations and policies.

St. Vital Curling Club Respect and Personal Safety

The St. Vital Curling Club does not tolerate aggressive behavior, verbal abuse, or harassment towards members, staff, volunteers, or visitors.

Inappropriate actions may result in:

- refusal of service
- being asked to leave
- contacting the local authorities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

President's Message

Welcome back to another exciting curling season at the St. Vital Curling Club!

It is an honour to serve as your President for this season. I look forward to welcoming back all our returning members and meeting the many new faces that will be joining our club this season. On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for choosing to be part of the St. Vital Curling Club. Your support and enthusiasm are what make our club such a special place.

Providing the best possible experience for our members remains our highest priority. From the quality of our ice and facilities, to the food, lounge, and welcoming atmosphere, we are continually working to ensure that every visit to SVCC is enjoyable both on and off the ice. We are grateful for your continued support and are committed to making this another outstanding season.

We have an exciting season ahead, with plenty to look forward to. I am pleased to share that all of our member leagues are projected to be full once again, a testament to the continued strength and growth of our club. We are also proud to announce that the St. Vital Curling Club will be hosting the 2027 National Masters Championship from April 4–11, 2027. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our club and our volunteers, and we will be looking for people to help make this event a success.

This year's Capital Improvement Fee is being put towards helping us move forward with one of our most expensive facility projects: replacing the barn roof. This project represents a major investment in our club and ensuring the further success of the club. We sincerely appreciate your

support in helping us maintain and improve the facilities that we all enjoy.

Thank you again for being a valued member of the St. Vital Curling Club. I hope you have a fantastic season filled with great curling, friendly competition, and lasting memories. Enjoy your time at SVCC and I look forward to seeing you on the ice and around the club throughout the season.

Jody Sowiak



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2025-2026 Member Achievements

Club Representatives

Women's Curling Club Provincial Champions

Team Mackie - Kristy Mackie, Ainsley Holowec, Michelle Wadelius, Janelle Kent, Leigh Adams

Mixed Doubles Provincial Champions

Team Arbuckle/MacDonell – Mackenzie Arbuckle, Aaron MacDonell

Team Eagles/Steski - Samantha Eagles, Jack Steski

Pharmasave Senior Women's Provincials

Team Lang – Marlene Lang, Pam Kok, Jacquie Henderson, Patti Ulrich

Strathcona Senior Men's Provincials

Team Muntain – Richard Muntain, Timothy Friesen, Dennis Wiebe, Myron Bowerman, Jim Pratschler

Co-ops of Manitoba Junior Men's Provincials

Team Callewaert – Kieran Callewaert, Cooper Steele, Brady Wiens, Parker Schwab

MB Women's Stick Champions

Kathie Allardyce, Darlene Maywood

U15 Men Manitoba Games Bronze Medal

Team Winnipeg Blue – Atiya Jack, Lizzy Hamblin, Bella Luna Dunbar, Isabella Dziedzic

U15 Women Manitoba Games

Team Winnipeg Gold – Brayden Brown, Lucas Antoniuk, Keaton Locke, Zachary Antoniuk

Club Champions

Open League Club Championship

Sponsored by AVS Law LLP

Team Muntain - Richard Muntain, Joel Newbury, Dennis Wiebe, Jim Pratschler, Myron Bowerman, Jason Plohman, Timothy Friesen

Open League Grand Aggregate

Sponsored by Superior Asphalt

Team Hlatkey – Ryan Hlatkey, Bobby Robidoux, Ryan Schwab, Parker Schwab, Gil Robidoux

Ladies Club Championship

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Ulrich – Patti Ulrich, Derna Hintz, Lisa Friesen, Tracy Igonia, Quinn Allan

Ladies League Grand Aggregate

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Beriault – Susanne Beriault, Zoeline Bonnee, Diann Dunbar, Sarah Paisley Cummings

Open Doubles Champion

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Eagles/Steski - Samantha Eagles, Jack Steski

A Group

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Drews - Tyler Drews, Jordan Johnson, Daryl Evans, Hilary Johnson, Andrew Evans

B Group

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Ulrich – Patti Ulrich, Jodi Soviak, Larry Balak, Carol Anne Reese Parrott, Richard Cleary

C Group

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Boutin – Nathan Boutin, Casey Bresch, Dan Schwartz, Steven Black

D Group

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Callewaert – Kieran Callewaert, Cooper Steele, Brady Wiens, Parker Schwab, Ryan Schwab

Consolation

Sponsored by Dan McDonald

Team Marcus - Wes Marcus, Rheal Normandeau, David Kon, Cameron McLennan

Ladies Consolation

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Coates - Eva Coates, Hayley Cressall, Natalie Coghlan, Sara Guindon

Sportsmanship Award

Sponsored by Play All Awards

Team Souque - Carly Souque, Eric Souque, Chris Olson, Heather Olson

Team Dyck - Jeff Dyck, Alex Salem, Jean-Guy Mercier, Jonathan Franklin

Hardline Junior League Champion

Sponsored by Blunden Electric

Team Lindgren - Skye Ramage, Morgan Lindgren, Avery Lindgren

Rookie of the Year

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Richard Cleary

Gold Challenge Award

Sponsored by St. Vital Curling Club

Team Muntain - Richard Muntain, Joel Newbury, Dennis Wiebe, Jim Pratschler, Myron Bowerman, Jason Plohman, Timothy Friesen

St. Vital in the Digital World

St. Vital Curling Club hosts a website at stvitalcurling.ca

As part of the club's "**Sky Blue**" initiative to reduce waste, the club is attempting to move as many operations as possible to this vehicle. As such, members are asked to consult the website for various league information and news, and to use the website to answer questions and concerns. **As much as possible, club communication will be via the website or email. Additionally follow our Facebook and Instagram accounts or our X for occasional announcements as well.**

Members are also asked to provide missing personal information, as it pertains to club membership, through the website, to help the club manage its obligations to members and Curl Manitoba.

Members without internet access should advise the club, to obtain alternate consideration (a contact phone number or address).



The St. Vital Curling Club

Mission Statement

The St. Vital Curling Club is a family-oriented facility proudly dedicated to promoting affordable recreation in the form of competitive curling, in a friendly traditional environment.

Land Acknowledgement

With respect, we acknowledge that we are here today and every day on the ancestral lands of the First Nations of the Cree, OjiCree, Ojibway, Dakota, and Dene, and home to the Metis Nation. This land is part of Treaty 1 Territory and an important part of our curling club's history.

Club Operation

The St. Vital Curling Club operations are managed by a volunteer board. As such, board representatives are doing their very best to provide for your curling experience, but should anyone have a concern or complaint, they are asked to approach any member of the board for appropriate action. **Any member wishing to participate in club operations is encouraged to contact the current President, Jody Soviak (jody.soviak@stvitalcurling.ca).**

You are encouraged to support our food services and lounge as much as possible, as these services are a necessary part of keeping our club viable. The St. Vital Curling Club encourages all members to enjoy the club facilities responsibly.

Capital Improvement Fee

After careful consideration and review of the club's long-term needs, the board has approved of a capital improvement fee to ensure the financial health and sustainability of our shared infrastructure and assets. This fee is a proactive measure to fund significant upgrades and enhancements that will increase the usability of our club and extend the useful life of our capital assets.

Purpose of the fee

The Capital Improvement Fee is a one-time charge per season collected at the time of curler registration. This fee will be deposited into a restricted capital fund, which will be used exclusively for major, non-recurring capital expenses, including but not limited to:

- Replacement of aging amenities (e.g., appliances, furniture, ice plant, ice equipment)
- Significant infrastructure projects (e.g., roof, flooring, windows, doors, walls)
- Modernization of facilities to improve energy efficiency and safety
- Major exterior and interior renovations

Distinction from regular dues

It is important to differentiate this fee from regular dues. Our existing dues cover routine operating and maintenance costs. The Capital Improvement Fee, however, is designed to cover larger projects that fundamentally improve or extend the life of our assets, rather than simply restoring them.

Club Activities

St. Vital Annual Meeting

In May, the St. Vital Curling Club Constitution dictates a membership meeting to discuss club operations and elect new board members for the following season. Date and time are available on the website. All members are encouraged to attend and discuss their views. Reminder invitations via e-mail.

Past President's Golf Tournament

In early summer, the Past Presidents host a golf tournament. Spots are limited (first come, first served). Open to all members. Reminder invitations via e-mail.

St. Vital Semi-Annual Meeting and Membership Night

In September, the St. Vital Curling Club Constitution dictates a membership meeting to discuss the upcoming season's operations, and to solicit membership dues. Date and time available on the website. Reminder invitations via e-mail.

Past President's New Year's Open House

The Past Presidents of St. Vital Curling Club host an Open House on New Year's Day between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Club members are invited to enjoy an afternoon of free food and refreshment and take in the annual "President vs Ice Maker" bank board challenge. Reminder invitations issued via e-mail.

Manitoba Open Calcutta

On the Wednesday before the Manitoba Open in January, a Calcutta is held to "auction off" the participating teams; an open evening of "gentle sarcasm" for all members. Reminder invitations issued via e-mail.

St. Vital Awards Banquet

In April, St. Vital holds their annual Awards Banquet, to honour and distribute club championship awards including Sportsmanship and Rookie of the Year Awards. As well, awards are given for:

- **Bryan Holt Award** - to the club member most deserving for their efforts to improve or promote club operations.
- **Lafreniere Award** - to the club member most deserving for their efforts in club participation.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award** - to the member most active in helping with club functions

Member League Registration

Each year, our Membership Director invites all teams to return to curl from the previous season. Team spots are held with the payment of 2 fees prior to 10pm on the evening of the AGM.

If 2 fees are not paid by the AGM, these spots will become open, and available to teams on the waiting list. If there are no teams on the waiting list, the spot will become open to the public. If a team has held their spot with 2 fees by the AGM, and notifies the Membership Director prior to August 31st that they are unable to fulfill their commitment to that spot, the Board will consider the issuing of a refund. This refund consideration is done at the Board's discretion on a case-by-case basis.

The final 2 membership payments are required by 10pm on the night of the SAGM in September to finalize all held curling spots. **Unpaid curlers will not be allowed on the ice until payment requirements are met.**

Club Waiver

All participants in activities hosted by the St. Vital Curling Club shall be bound by the **St. Vital Curling Club Waiver**.



Release of Liability Waiver

In consideration of the St. Vital Curling Club allowing me to participate in club activities, I agree:

- a. The sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
- b. To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
- c. To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against St. Vital Curling Club;
- d. To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the activities, events and programs of the St. Vital Curling Club.

To FOREVER RELEASE St. Vital Curling Club from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of St. Vital Curling Club.

I expressly agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law and that if any of its provisions are held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I acknowledge that I have read this Agreement and understand it, that I have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives

Personal Information Clause

All personal information collected by St. Vital Curling Club shall be held in strict confidence, and shall only be used by St. Vital Curling Club for communication purposes with the members of this league, except;

- a) registration of St. Vital Curling Club members to the governing bodies of curling in this Province.
- b) the team Contact Phone Number, which may be distributed by St. Vital Curling Club for team communication in the posting of league schedules.

House Rules

The Executive, shall have charge of the management of the Club. Members shall not fault with or directly reprimand the employees of the Club; cases of complaint shall be reported to an Executive member.

1. The Club shall be closed at 1:00 am, except on special occasions, the closing time shall be 1:30 am. No member shall be permitted to enter or to remain in the club after these hours unless granted special permission by House Chairman or the President. Members are requested to observe these rules and obey their intent.
2. No gambling shall be permitted within the Club premises.
3. Any member found guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Club may, at the discretion of the Executive, be reprimanded or removed from the Club.
4. Liquor will be served in strict accordance with Manitoba liquor regulations. No member or guest shall be allowed to bring liquor into the premises under any circumstances.
5. Any member or guest will be refused service if it is thought

that they are becoming intoxicated or too boisterous.

6. Minors will not be served. If there is any question as to the age of a member or guest, they will be required to produce evidence of age before being served. Proof of age accepted is a birth certificate or a Liquor Control Commission proof of age identification card
7. Only one bottle of beer, one bottle of wine, or two glasses of liquor shall be served to a person at one time, and no further service of liquor shall be made until all liquor before the customer has been consumed.
8. On ice liquor is available and may only be consumed at the home end of the ice barn. Liquor that is purchased in the lounge may be brought directly to ice level via the east stairwell. Only plastic containers are allowed.
9. The Club shall adhere to all sections of the Liquor Control Act. Hours of operations in the lounge shall be posted by the bar manager as deemed appropriate.

Bylaws

Excerpt From the St. Vital Curling Club Constitution

2) Members

2.01 Membership - The membership in the Corporation in any one-year period from October 1 to September 30 shall consist of the following:

- a) **Active Members** of the St. Vital Member's Curling Club League who have paid such annual dues as may be prescribed from time to time by the board in regulation to regular curlers on a curling team for the curling season falling within the particular one year period.
- b) **Associate Members** of the St. Vital Member's Curling League who have paid such annual dues as may be prescribed from time to time by the board in relation to associate curlers or spares who are not assigned as regular curlers on a specific curling team for the curling season falling within the particular one year period.
- c) **Honourary Life Members** as appointed from time to time by the

board. Such members shall not be required to pay dues and shall be entitled to only one vote whether or not they exercise any rights as Active Members or Associate Members.

- d) **Past Presidents** who are not Active Members, Associate Members or Honourary Life Members.
- e) **Clubhouse Members** who have paid such annual dues as may be prescribed from time to time by the board.

2.02 Withdrawal from Membership – Any member wishing to withdraw from membership in the Corporation may do so upon notice in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation.

2.03 Expulsion of Members – the directors may, for good and sufficient cause, request a member to resign, and if he consents the proportion of the year's dues shall be returned, but if he/she does not resign within fourteen days of such request, the directors may,

by resolution, suspend or expel the offending member. The offending member shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the directors, to a meeting of the members and if, at such meeting, by secret ballot, a simple majority of the members present shall vote to reverse the decision of the directors the expulsion or suspension of the member shall be reversed and the member reinstated.

2.04 All members of the Corporation shall have the right and privilege of attending all meetings of the Corporation: to hold office in the Corporation and generally all other rights and privileges usually accorded members of such Corporation.

2.05 The interest of a member of the Corporation shall not be transferable and shall lapse and cease to exist upon death or when a member ceases to be a member of the Corporation by resignation or otherwise howsoever, in accordance with the bylaws from time to time in force.

Member Leagues

Open Leagues

The St. Vital Curling Club Open Leagues play on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Draw times are early only on Monday and alternate (early/late) on Wednesday and Thursday. The league draw covers a period of 20 games throughout the season. Monday hosts a maximum of 12 teams whereas Wednesday and Thursday host a maximum of 24 teams.

Teams begin play seeded into 4, 3 or 2 groups (based on the number of teams in the league) with new teams seeded at the bottom, unless they provide prior experience in which case, they may be seeded higher. There are 4 rounds of 5 games for each team. After each round, team points will be aggregated, and the teams will be realigned.

Ladies League

The St. Vital Curling Club Ladies League plays on Tuesday. Draw times are either early or late (non-alternating). The league draw covers a period of 20 games throughout the season. Each draw time (early/late) hosts a maximum of 12 teams.

For each of the two draw times (early/late) teams begin play seeded into 2 groups with new teams seeded at the bottom, unless they provide prior experience in which case, they may be seeded higher. There are 4 rounds of 5 games for each team. After each round, team points will be aggregated, and the teams will be realigned.

Doubles League

The St. Vital Curling Club Doubles League plays on Monday. Draw times are late only. The league draw covers a total of 20 games during the course of a season. The Doubles League hosts a maximum of 12 teams. After each round, team points will be aggregated, and the teams will be realigned.

St. Vital Junior Leagues

The Juniors Program runs on Saturday and Sunday, with age-appropriate leagues from very young up to competitive curlers. The program has developed several provincial and national champions. The Saturday and Sunday daytime leagues are organized by the Junior Director and Junior Coordinator.

The Competitive Junior League plays on Sunday evenings. The league covers a period of 20 games throughout the season. Teams begin play seeded into 4, 3 or 2 groups (based on the number of teams in the league) with new teams seeded at the bottom, unless they provide prior experience in which case, they may be seeded higher. There are 4 rounds of 5 games for each team. After each round, team points will be aggregated, and the teams will be realigned.

A special rule exclusive to this league is on ice timeouts. This rule is to help ensure continued learning and strategy growth. Each team will be allowed two two-minute timeouts per game, where an adult/coach can come help you with any required strategy decisions. Either the players or the coach can call the time out.

Rules of Play

The St. Vital Curling Club expects that members will abide by the stated rules in good faith.

General rules of play

Consistent with Curling Canada and Curl Manitoba, St. Vital's general rules of play follow the rules set out by the World Curling Federation (WCF), as can be found here:

<https://worldcurling.org/rules/>

Note that although the WCF has instituted a new rule for the 2026-2027 which mandates that all teams must play with four players, the local rules of our club will still allow for teams to play with three players if necessary in all leagues and competitions (including playoffs and the club championship berth bonspiel). A team unable to field at least two listed players must forfeit their game.

Team play

The 5-rock rule with the no tick free guard zone is in play. All games are 8 ends, or to a bell time of 1 hour and 45 minutes. At the bell, the end in progress and one more, if needed, may be played. An end is considered finished when the final rock of the end has crossed the 1st t-line.

A 5th player may play any position on the team. A spare, or replacement player, must play lead or if 2 spares are required, they must play lead and second. A team unable to field 2 or more listed players must forfeit their game. A team may play a game with only 3 players, with the lead and third throwing 3 rocks each.

Doubles

All games are 8 ends, or to a bell time of 1 hour and 25 minutes. At the bell, finish the end in progress. One more end may be played if needed. An end is considered finished when the final rock of the end has crossed the 1st t-line. A team unable to field

at least one listed player must forfeit their game.

Starting times

Teams are asked to be ready to play at the starting bell. Any team causing a delay of 10 minutes or more will be penalized 1 point for every ten minutes late, (and one end will be considered played,) up to a total of 3 points, after which the game is considered forfeit. The team causing the delay must throw first, upon start of play.

Courtesy bell

Following a successful trial of the courtesy bell in Rental leagues last season, all Member leagues will now also use a courtesy bell.

What is a courtesy bell? A courtesy bell will be rung at the end of the scheduled ice time. This bell will be in addition to your regular warning bell that rings which already indicates finishing the end you are on and play one more. The courtesy bell management would be to complete the end you are on, and no new ends can be started after that courtesy bell has rung.

Example: 2-hour time slot league

1. Warning bell rings at 1:45 (finish the end you are on and play one more)
2. Courtesy bell rings at 2:00 (finish the end you are on and do not start any more new ends)

The new bell system will help games start on time because the Icemakers will have enough time to get the ice ready. It will also improve safety by reducing overlap between curlers on the ice and staff preparing the surface. This means all leagues, including yours, will start on schedule and get their full ice time.

Ties after regulation

Ties at the end of regulation must be resolved by skip's rocks. The team to score last throws first. Any member of a team may throw. Sweeping is allowed by the throwing team only.

Skip's rock rule

In the event a game is tied after 8 ends or the last end after the bell, each team will throw one rock each to decide the game winner. The skip does not have to be the thrower of the rock. The team scoring on the last end throws first. Closest to the button wins.

A rock is considered "in play" once it fully crosses and stops between the hogline and the end line (does not go out the back of the house). A rock does not have to be "in the house" to count as its measurable to the pin.

If both rocks stop "in play" (between the hog line and end line), the rock closest to the pin wins. If one rock stops "in play" (between the hogline and end line) and the other rock stops short of the hogline or goes through the house, the rock "in play" wins as it can be measured to the pin. In the event both neither rock is "in play", only then will there be a re-throw of 1 rock per team.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

Provincial Events - When a team wins the right to attend a Provincial event, they will be sponsored by the club \$200 for local events (defined as within 10 km of the Perimeter) and \$300 when travelling further outside of the city to play.

National/World/Olympic Support - When a team wins the right to attend a National (or higher) event, we sponsor them \$500 no matter where it is played.

Definition of St.Vital teams - Teams with 4 fully paid curlers or a minimum of two fully paid SVCC curlers for mixed and must have chosen St. Vital as the club they are officially representing. This includes Renters, Members, Juniors, Associates, HLM's and alternates.

Draws, Scheduling & Points

League draws

Member league draws are posted on the main bulletin board next to the entrance on the main floor. Draws are also posted on the St. Vital Curling Club website (www.stvitalcurling.ca). Teams are asked to consult the website for any changes to draw times; posted at least 3 days before the start of the round.

Contact information for each team is provided with the draws. Should a team be unable to play a game, they are asked to inform their opponent at the earliest possible time. Any makeup games must be played before the final draw of a round, or result in a forfeit to the non-offending team. Possible makeup game times should be coordinated with Ice Rentals as to available sheets of ice.

Round changes

After each round, team points are assessed and teams are realigned to reflect their current status within the league. After each round a group winner and group loser is determined. The group winner must advance at least one group, while the group loser must drop one group. A team cannot move up more than one group in a round, unless they are undefeated and the points allow in which case, they may move up two groups. A team cannot drop more than one group.

After each round, team points are assessed, and teams are realigned to reflect their current status within the league. Each round decides a Group winner, and a Group loser. The Group winner must advance one group (but never more than two groups), while the Group loser must drop one group.

The winner in each group of each round is awarded "*St. Vital Bar Bucks*", for food or refreshment in the club.

League points

Teams in Group A are awarded 13 points for a win and 4 points for a loss. Each subsequent group is awarded one point less. Teams that are not fully paid will not be awarded any points.

Weighted points

When comparing teams between leagues, teams from smaller leagues will have their final point total weighted against a “base” of the largest league.

$$\text{TBase} = \# \text{ Teams}; \text{GBase} = \# \text{ Groups} \\ 1 - (((\text{TBase} - \# \text{ Tm}) / \text{GBase}) / \text{TBase})$$

League results

Teams are asked to record wins as soon as they finish their game on the mark up sheets provided. Mark a “W” for a win and an “L” for a loss across from your team’s name under the name of the team defeated. A defaulted game should be recorded as a win and a loss. If the game is a “cross group” game, mark the results in the box at the end of the group.

If a team does not record a result by the end of a round, they will not be awarded any points. A loss is worth more than no record. Ties are not allowed. **If a team does not record a result by the end of a round, they will not be awarded any points. A loss is worth more than no record.**

Playoffs

Teams playing on different nights are considered separate teams and may hold separate playoff spots.

Rule changes

Any spares must be a registered club member and must play lead. No spares are permitted for Doubles League playoffs. Ties at the end of regulation during the playoffs are to be resolved by an extra end.

Group & consolation playoffs

Group playoff spots will be awarded to the top team from each group in round 1 through 4 in the Open Members’ Leagues. Ladies league teams compete in a separate playoff event.

- In a 3-group league, A group and B group spots will be assigned to their respective group playoffs; the top 2 C group spot holders (based on points) will be assigned to C group and the other 2 teams will be assigned to D group.
- In a 2-group league, the 2 A group spot holders (based on points) will be assigned to A group and the remaining 2 teams will be assigned to B group. The top 2 B group spot holders (based on points) will be assigned to C group and the remaining 2 teams will be assigned to D group.

A team may only hold a group playoff spot for the highest group in which they qualify. Vacated spots are awarded to the next highest team in the group of the vacated round. Each group playoff consists of a **single knockout**.

Any team may sign-up to enter the Consolation playoff (limit 16 teams). Teams who did not secure a Group A, B, C, or D playoff spot but have still qualified for Open club championships are ineligible to compete in Consolation playoffs.

Doubles league playoffs

Doubles playoff spots will be awarded to the top 6 doubles league teams based on points at the end of the season. Playoff games are **single knockout**.

Open club championship

The open club championship consists of 8 teams seeded into a **double knockout** event. The winner will be declared the club champion.

Spots are awarded to the top points team from each of the Open Leagues (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), plus one spot is reserved for the current club champion provided that at least 3 team members return and that they have not qualified for a spot. The remaining spots are wildcards from the remaining highest weighted points teams league wide.

The winner, if willing and eligible, **will be awarded one berth to represent the SVCC in the Curling Club Championships Men's Division for the following season** provided that they return with at least 3 members.

Ladies club championship and consolation playoffs

The ladies league club championship consists of 8 teams, seeded into a **double knockout** event. The winner will be declared the ladies club champion.

Spots are awarded to the top ladies' teams based on weighted points from the Ladies' League or the Open Leagues, plus one spot is reserved for the current club champion provided that at least 3 team members return and that they have not qualified for a spot.

The winner, if willing and eligible, **will be awarded one berth to represent the SVCC in the Curling Club Championships Ladies Division for the following season** provided that they return with at least 3 members. Should the club champions

choose to not participate, the berth will be provided to the runner-up.

The consolation playoffs contain all the remaining ladies' league teams. Any team who does not wish to participate in the Ladies League Consolation have the option to opt out.

Awards

Playoff winners

All playoff winners are awarded a trophy/prize, plus "*St. Vital Bar Buck*" remuneration. Winners must attend the "Awards Banquet" (held in April) to receive their award.

Aggregate champion

The Aggregate champion is awarded to the team with the most wins in regulation play. Should there be a tie for most wins, a single game playoff will be held. There will be a separate award for both the Open League Aggregate and Ladies League Aggregate.

The Gold Challenge

In recognition of Team Jennifer Jones' 11 game undefeated streak at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, the Gold Challenge award will be presented to any team that goes undefeated for 11 straight league games.

Lockers

Members League teams are allowed the use of one locker in the locker room, located in the basement, for the year. Teams are asked to supply their own lock, and keep their locker locked, to ensure continued assignment.

Locker room access is available from the front door, from the ice surface (west end), and via the back stairs. St. Vital Curling Club would appreciate if all curlers, ***once wearing their curling shoes, please exit directly to the ice***, to avoid carrying dirt from the staircase onto the ice.

Access code

Please ask for the locker room access code. This code is to prevent unwarranted access and should not be disclosed except

to teammates.

Locker assignment - returning teams (Men's Locker Room)

A list of last year's locker claimants is posted on the bulletin board at the far end of the locker room. If you wish to retain your locker from before, please write your name beside your desired locker number (over the old listing) as soon as you reclaim. This allows us to find unused lockers for new members.

Locker assignment - new teams (Men's Locker Room)

If a locker is not already designated on the list, you may claim it for use for the year. If there are no unclaimed lockers, please contact **Ice & Draw** to find an open locker for your use.

Locker Availability in the Ladies Locker Room

Any open lockers are available to members for the entire season.

Other Club Leagues

St. Vital Curling Club hosts a number of "rental" leagues, many as St. Vital Curling Club affiliates. A complete listing of the all the leagues associated with St. Vital Curling Club is available on our website stvitalcurling.ca

St. Vital Friday Mixed League

The Friday Mixed League hosts a 24 team evening draw.

St. Vital Seniors Leagues, Stick Leagues, Daytime Ladies Leagues & Daytime Leagues

There are several morning and afternoon leagues, made up of men's and ladies leagues, plus several stick leagues.

Contract Renters Leagues

Several organizations rent ice time for late afternoon or weekend leagues.

Ice Rentals

Occasional ice may be reserved for practice. Visit our website under "Club Info > Ice Rentals" to access the online Ice Rental Portal and get details on current fees. The St. Vital Curling Club does not supply instructors for practice sessions. As well, a member may ask to rent ice for a business or family function at a nominal cost, depending on the date and time requested. Ice rental inquiries must be made through the **Ice Rental** board member (icerental@stvitalcurling.ca).

Practice ice is accessible via a code. Codes will be issued in 10 block increments to streamline access and scheduling.

Members requiring practice ice must contact the **Ice Rental** board member (icerental@stvitalcurling.ca) to obtain their code.

Additional practice ice, beyond the initial 10 block increment will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. All additional ice requests are subject to Board approval prior to issuance. No-show fees may be applied at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The board of Directors reserves the right to review and adjust access based on facility availability, demand and fairness of distribution.

Curling Club Championship Berth Spiel

Teams who sign-up for the curling club berth spiel must be eligible and willing to play the Curling Club Championships. The berth spiel is an open sign-up event open to all club curlers. The berth spiel is be a single knockout event and will be played in the new year, prior to the end of the regular season. Teams will be randomly seeded into the Berth Spiel.

Men's Berth Spiel

The winner will be provided one berth to represent the SVCC in the Curling Club Championships Men's Division. Should the club champions choose not to participate the second club berth will be provided to the runner-up.

Ladies' Berth Spiel

The winner will be provided one berth to represent the SVCC in the Curling Club Championships Ladies Division. Should the club champions choose not to participate a second club berth will be provided to the runner-up.

St. Vital Curling Club History

The St. Vital Curling Club was founded in 1933, and the first rocks, borrowed, were thrown in December 1933, in a building owned by the St. Vital Agricultural Society. The building was used in summer months for agricultural fairs, displays, horse shows and animal exhibits.

The newly formed St. Vital Curling Club arranged to rent the premises during winter months, which allowed three sheets of ice. As the curling club grew, a lean-to addition was added in the 1940's to house an additional sheet of ice. In 1950, the St. Vital Curling Club purchased the building, and added another lean-to, which allowed for six sheets of ice.

In 1954, a large super-market chain purchased the land from the city, and the club was moved to its present location on Regal, with full title to the land. A new clubhouse was added.

In 1958, through fundraising that included an airplane as the prize, complete with flying lessons, artificial ice was added.

In 1965, again through fundraising, this time with an automobile

as the prize, the current pillar free barn was constructed. Finally, in 1972, a second story was added to the club house, with bar facilities and dance floor.

Along with continual improvements, our latest upgrade has been the purchase of new curling rocks in 2012, and an update to the club's interior to reflect the club colours of blue and gold.

To celebrate St. Vital Curling Club members, team Jennifer Jones, who won the Women's Gold medal in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, the club commissioned a mural depicting the ladies' accomplishment on our southern outer wall. As well, the city designated Regal Avenue with the honorary title of "Team Jones Way".

In 2018, Kaitlyn Lawes, with partner John Morris, became the first Gold Medal winners in the inaugural Olympic Mixed Doubles event, during the Winter Olympics held in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. The club commissioned a sign on the west outer wall in honour of this achievement.

Past Presidents

1933-1934	Allan Ramsey*	1968-1969	Vic Rose*	2003-2004	Bob Kirkland*
1934-1935	C.S. Blenkhorn*	1969-1970	Al Lafreniere*	2004-2005	Jim Pratschler
1935-1936	C.S. Blenkhorn*	1970-1971	Lorne Cameron	2005-2006	Richard Muntain
1936-1937	I.G. Dickson*	1971-1972	W. Hems*	2006-2007	Ralph Dooley
1937-1938	A.H. Leech*	1972-1973	S. Sakiyama*	2007-2008	Bill Stewart*
1938-1939	Wm. Todd*	1973-1974	Art Fonseca*	2008-2009	Mike Hebert
1939-1940	H.W. Gore*	1974-1975	J. Pratt*	2009-2010	Annette Giguere
1940-1941	A. Lawrence*	1975-1976	P. Macklem*	2010-2011	Terry Moon
1941-1942	R.S. McClay*	1976-1977	Bob Caughlin*	2011-2012	Darryl Bukoski
1942-1943	W.D. Peters*	1977-1978	Wayne Jones	2012-2013	Neil Denyer
1943-1944	C. Simpson*	1978-1979	Gerry Ducharme	2013-2014	Duane Budnick
1944-1945	F.G. Donaghy*	1979-1980	Augie Haugan	2014-2105	Matt Jaques
1945-1946	P.F. Thompson*	1980-1981	Barry Hewitt*	2015-2016	Greg Keddie
1946-1947	F. Wall*	1981-1982	Stan Osaka*	2016-2017	Al Wingate
1947-1948	J. Watson*	1982-1983	Glenn Brand	2017-2018	Pam Kok
1948-1949	H.C. Kendall*	1983-1984	Larry Jones*	2018-2020	Ken Stevens
1949-1950	A.R. Thorpe*	1984-1985	Bryan Davies*	2020-2022	Jason Pruden
1950-1951	W.G. Rathwell*	1985-1986	Gord Horton	2022-2024	Kevin Blunden
1951-1952	W.G. Greenaway	1986-1987	Greg Milloy	2024-2026	Patti Ulrich
1952-1953	F.A. Bowman*	1987-1988	Robb Finnen*		
1953-1954	H.B. Grant	1988-1989	Denis Lafreniere*		
1954-1955	J. Carter	1989-1990	Al Pilling*		
1955-1956	J.M. Davis*	1990-1991	Bart Jenner*		
1956-1957	J.R. Coxe*	1991-1992	Tom Bellamy*		
1957-1958	L.A. Leech*	1992-1993	Ed Pratschler*		
1958-1959	R. Baker*	1993-1994	Larry Smith		
1959-1960	H.R. Turner	1994-1995	Les Oliver		
1960-1961	H.H. Hood*	1995-1996	Dave Klym		
1961-1962	R.R. Ramsey*	1996-1997	Dan McDonald		
1962-1963	W. Dodds*	1997-1998	Roger Fontaine		
1963-1964	A. Murphy	1998-1999	Lorne Cox*		
1964-1965	I. Plantje*	1999-2000	Mike Ducharme		
1965-1966	B. Mckay*	2000-2001	Jim Coleman		
1966-1967	G. Rayment*	2001-2002	Howard Bloomfield*		
1967-1968	Barry Smith	2002-2003	Ken Stanley		

Honorary Life Members

1946-1947	C.S. Blenkhorn*	1976-1977	M. Pfeffer*	2003-2004	L. Cox*
1948-1949	A.T. Brown*	1976-1977	V. Rose*	2003-2004	A. Erickson*
1951-1952	F. Wall*	1978-1979	A. Lafreniere*	2007-2008	J. Arnott*
1952-1953	W. Anderson	1978-1979	L. Cameron	2007-2008	D. Askin
1954-1955	A.H. Leech*	1979-1980	W. Hems*	2007-2008	J. Clark-Rouire
1955-1956	P.F. Thompson*	1982-1983	P. Macklem*	2007-2008	R. Fontaine
1956-1957	H. Kendall*	1986-1987	G. Ducharme	2007-2008	J. Jones
1961-1962	H. Hood*	1988-1989	R. Tod*	2007-2008	B. Kirkland*
1962-1963	R. Baker*	1990-1991	D. Atkinson*	2007-2008	J. Officer
1962-1963	C. Simpson*	1991-1992	A. Haugen	2007-2008	C. Overton-Clapham
1965-1966	J. Davis*	1991-1992	L. Jones*	2011-2012	T. Moon
1965-1966	D. Dorsett*	1992-1993	W. Jones	2012-2013	K. Lawes
1967-1968	B. Watts	1993-1994	B. Jenner	2018-2019	A. Giguere
1969-1970	A. Williams*	1997-1998	D. Lafreniere*	2023-2024	J. Peterman
1970-1971	L. Leech*	1997-1998	G. Milloy	2023-2024	L. Weagle
1971-1972	R. Cole	1998-1999	R. Finnen	2024-2025	D. McDonald
1972-1973	L. Plantje*	1998-1999	E. Pratschler•		
1973-1974	A. McWilliams*	1999-2000	H. Lemoine*		
1975-1976	D. Regent*	2000-2001	G. Brand		

Bryan Holt Award

This unique and prestigious award is presented annually to the member seen by his fellow curlers as our most outstanding member for that year.

First awarded in 1975 in memory of Bryan Holt, who was a most outstanding member of our club, it was personally awarded that year, and many years after, by the Holt family. Bryan died of cancer in 1974, a young man who had a great love of curling, was a true sportsman, and who contributed both time and effort to the game and the club. These qualities became the criteria upon which this memorial is awarded.

Now sponsored by the St. Vital Curling Club, the award continues to recognize Bryan's legacy.

2025-2026 Recipient — Marlene Lang

1975-1976	Wayne Jones	1992-1993	Larry Smith	2009-2010	Duane Budnick
1976-1977	Hank Lemoine*	1993-1994	Ken Loney	2010-2011	Bill Stewart
1977-1978	Augie Haugan	1994-1995	Dave Smith	2011-2012	Neil Denyer
1978-1979	Dutchy Hems*	1995-1996	Dan McDonald	2012-2013	Al Wingate
1979-1980	Clare Brown	1996-1997	Lorne Cox*	2013-2014	Guy Beaudry
1980-1981	Murray Armstrong	1997-1998	Roger Fontaine	2014-2015	Angela Trombo
1981-1982	Bart Jenner*	1998-1999	Bob Cox	2015-2016	Greg Keddie
1982-1983	Barry Hewitt	1999-2000	Ken Stanley	2016-2017	Warren Johnson
1983-1984	Larry Jones*	2000-2001	Al Erickson*	2017-2018	Les Oliver
1984-1985	Greg Milloy	2001-2002	Jim Coleman	2018-2019	Kevin Blunden
1985-1986	Denis Lafreniere*	2002-2003	Bob Kirkland*	2019-2020	Jeff Keeler
1986-1987	Vic Rose*	2003-2004	Jim Pratschler	2020-2021	Ken Stevens
1987-1988	Al Pilling*	2004-2005	Mike Hebert	2021-2022	Jason Pruden
1988-1989	Steve Gobeil	2005-2006	Annette Giguere	2022-2023	Kelly Vandemosselaer
1989-1990	Robb Finnen*	2006-2007	Jerry Magnusson	2023-2024	Brad Pisiak
1990-1991	Ed Pratschler*	2007-2008	Ralph Dooley	2024-2025	Larry Balak
1991-1992	Henry Enns	2008-2009	John Fenn	2025-2026	Marlene Lang

Volunteer of the Year Award

This award was established as a way of recognizing the dedicated volunteers who help keep the curling club running - whether it be attending to the lunch counter, acting as a drawmaster, or selling tickets.

These people are the heart of the curling club, and the life blood of all sports.

2025-2026 Recipient — Monique Van Osch

2004-2005	Ed Pratschler*	2012-2013	Bob Kirkland*	2020-2021	Joel Bremault
2005-2006	Roger Fontaine	2013-2014	Guy Beaudry	2021-2022	Warren Johnson
2006-2007	Al Erickson*	2014-2105	Ken Stanley	2022-2023	Shawn Georgeson
2007-2008	John Fenn	2015-2016	Peer Allen	2023-2024	Jody Soviak
2008-2009	Mel Martin	2016-2017	Pam Kok	2023-2024	Gary McEwen
2009-2010	Angela Trombo	2017-2018	Nelson Phillips	2024-2025	Richard Cleary
2010-2011	Michelle Pratschler	2018-2019	Quinn Allen	2025-2026	Monique Van Osch
2011-2012	Angela Trombo	2019-2020	Patti Ulrich		

Lafreniere Ambassador Award

This award was introduced in 2009-2010, to be presented to a worthy individual or couple who best act as ambassadors of the St. Vital Curling Club, with a passion for the sport of curling.

The Lafreniere Ambassador Award recognizes the individual or individuals who exhibit the following characteristics.

- individual or couple who has contributed in a volunteer capacity in the St. Vital Curling Club for the sport of curling.
- individual or couple who has made an outstanding contribution in promoting the game of curling with a positive influence and passion for the game.
- individual or couple who has demonstrated leadership, professionalism, integrity and good sportsmanship, both on and off the ice.

2025-2026 Recipient — Clarice Fitzpatrick

2009-2010	Denis* & Annette Lafreniere
2010-2011	Les Oliver
2011-2012	Morris Deveson
2012-2013	Ray Bell
2013-2014	Bob Kirkland*
2014-2015	Pam & Jeff McCannel
2015-2016	Warren Johnson
2016-2017	Gloria Pachet
2017-2018	Staci Brelinski
2017-2018	Jaclyn Henkelman

2017-2018	Lauren Lange
2017-2018	Michelle Wadelius
2018-2019	Patti Ulrich
2019-2020	Bradley Pisiak
2020-2021	Georges Perron
2021-2022	Kelly Van deMosselaer
2022-2023	Marvin Chittick
2023-2024	Jason Pruden
2024-2025	Barry Gorlick
2025-2026	Clarice Fitzpatrick