CALGARY LADIES CURLING CLUB

RULES OF PLAY

Curling Canada rules https://www.curling.ca/rules/ shall apply unless stated otherwise in these rules.

Topic	Summary
Leagues	Monday and Wednesday operate as separate leagues, each with its own standings and winners.
Divisions	Teams play in Division A, Division B, and, when needed on Mondays, Division C.
Points	Points are earned based on the Division played in. Points are awarded based on wins, ties and losses for each round.
Movement	After each Round, teams may move up or down between Divisions, based only on that Round's Points.
Round	The entire year is divided into two or three rounds depending on the number of teams and games.
Playoffs	Each league identifies Division A and B winners, who advance to one-game playoffs.
Total Year Points	Total Points for the entire year, regardless of Division, are used to seed the first round of the following season.

1. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The Calgary Ladies Curling Club (CLCC) shall operate two separate leagues: the Monday League and the Wednesday League.

Each league includes two divisions: Division A and Division B, and when needed a Division C for the Monday League. These divisions are used to determine Round standings and playoff placement. Division C shall be used only in the Monday League when the number of scheduled games cannot be accommodated in two Divisions

The Monday League and Wednesday League shall maintain separate standings, Division movement, and Division winners throughout the regular season.

2. FREE GUARD ZONE

All games shall be played under the 5 Rock Free Guard Zone rule

3. **LENGTH OF GAMES**

All regular games are 8 ends. In the event of a tie no extra ends will be played.

4. TIME ALLOTTED FOR SCHEDULED GAMES

The buzzer will ring 95 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. The Buzzer will ring as follows:

a. Monday morning games: start at 10:30 am and the buzzer sounds at 12:05 pm

b. Monday/Wednesday afternoon games: start at 1:00 pm and the buzzer sounds at 2:35 pm.

5. **BUZZER RULE**

Teams may complete the current end and play one additional end. An end is considered complete when the last rock and all affected rocks come to rest.

The buzzer is deemed to ring at the times specified in Rule 4 above. Teams are responsible for managing their games within these time limits, regardless of when the buzzer sounds.

6. **POINT SYSTEM & RANKING**

a. Scoring

Teams shall earn Points for each game played. Points are awarded according to the game result and the Division in which the game is played.

Round Point Scoring by Division			
Division	**Win**	**Tie**	**Loss**
Division A	4 points	2 points	0 points
Division B	3 points	1.5 points	0 points
Division C	2 points	1 point	0 points

b. Points and Division Movement

After each Round, Division movement shall be determined using only the Points earned in the current round.

The following movement rules apply after each round:

Wednesday: Movement is based on the most recent round points only.

i) The two (2) lowest-scoring teams in Division A, by current Round Total Points, are relegated to Division B.

ii) The two (2) highest-scoring teams in Division B, by current Round Total Points, are promoted to Division A.

Monday: Movement is based on the most recent round points only.

Round Two, teams will be divided into 3 divisions, A, B & C.

Division A: A Division top 8 teams
Division B: A Division bottom 4 teams and B Division top 4 teams
Division C: remaining teams with the possibility of repeat games.

Tie-breaker: If two or more teams are tied for a promotion or relegation spot, the tie is broken in the following order:

i) Head-to-head results

ii) Who had the most wins in the round

iii) The team with most points earliest in the round

iv) If a tie remains, the movement will be decided at the Draw Directors discretion

c. End of Season Division Champions and Playoffs

At the end of the regular season, each league shall rank all teams from highest to lowest by Year Total Points within that Round. This ranking includes all rounds played and all Divisions in which a team participated.

The highest-ranked team in each playoff group shall be named that group's Division Winner:

i) The top Year Total Points team, within Division A, is the Monday A Division Winner and, separately, the Wednesday A Division Winner.
ii) The top Year Total Points team, within Division B, is the Monday B Division Winner and, separately, the Wednesday B Division Winner.

The Monday and Wednesday Division Winners shall then play a single championship game to determine the overall A and B Division Champions:

i) A Division Playoff (one game): Monday A Division Winner vs. Wednesday A Division Winner → Overall A Division Champion

ii) B Division Playoff (one game): Monday B Division Winner vs. Wednesday B Division Winner → Overall B Division Champion

d. Seeding the Following Season

Each team shall maintain season Year Total Points. Year Total Points are calculated by adding together all Rounds played throughout the season.

The following year teams shall be assigned to Division A or Division B or, if applicable, Division C based on Year Total Points.

This seeding applies only to the first round of the new season.

All new teams to the league will start in the lowest Division.

7. Intent to Return / Team Registration and Payment

Teams and curlers can complete various documents and make necessary payment online, including e-transfers. Forms will be available on the Club website at WWW.calgaryladiescurlingclub.com.

a. Intent to Return – Due July 1

This form must be completed by a representative of a team that participated in the previous season to confirm their registration for the upcoming season. At least two players from the previous season are required for the team to be considered a returning team. The information provided will help the Registrar determine whether there will be openings for new teams in the upcoming season.

b. Team Registration

This form provides detailed team registration and payment information and must be completed by a member of the returning team. At least three players must be registered for the team to be officially considered registered.

Full team registration opens August 1st and is ongoing.

8. Rules of Substitution

a. Spares must have paid fee(s) prior to playing a game.
b. As long as one regular member of the team is present a team may play with three spares.
c. All spares may be utilized in any position.

9. Postponement of Games

a. There are no postponed games in the scheduled draws.
   Exception: if all four members of a team are in playdowns, the scheduled game(s) must be played before the end of the round.
b. Teams considering entering in playdowns must inform the Draw Director of their intentions by January 15.

10. Defaulted games

a. If both teams of a regular schedule game default, zero points will be awarded.
b. If one team defaults the other team will be awarded a win for that game.

11. CHANGING TEAMS

a. A paid member dropping off a team can be classified as a Spare until they become a member of a different team.
b. Refund of Fees
   i. A pro-rated refund will be issued if a member resigns prior to October 31st.
   ii. The refund will be pro-rated based on the Club price per player per game and the number of games remaining in the schedule.
   iii. No refund will be issued if a member resigns from the Club after October 31st.
   iv. Members may be added to a team roster up to December 31. Any changes required after December 31 due to extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to the CLCC executive for consideration.

12. OVER SUBSCRIPTION OF RINKS – SEE BYLAWS

In the event of a dispute between players the matter will be referred to the Executive for resolution.

13. TIED STANDINGS

a. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the season (after reviewing total points and win-loss records between those teams), a playoff will be held solely to determine which teams advance to the Championship games.
b. If a playoff game is tied after 8 ends, an extra end will be played to decide the winner.

14. PRACTICE ICE – CALGARY CURLING CLUB POLICY

a. Members can now book practice ice online through the Calgary Curling Club website.
b. Registered SHAREHOLDERS can book up to 7 days in advance.
c. Registered MEMBERS can book up to 3 days in advance.
d. NON-MEMBERS can book 1 day in advance.
e. Practice ice for a regular curler in any league of the Calgary Curling Club or our Associate Leagues is provided free by the CCC.
f. There is a fee for any non-members accessing practice ice. The fee is $15 per person for hour.
g. To book a sheet for 2 contiguous hours, there must be two or more members in your booking.

15. CURLING ALBERTA FEE

a. Every member of the CLCC who curl 3 or more games during the season is required to pay this fee. A member must pay this fee only once. If you only curl in the CLCC

the fee would be paid through the CLCC (CCC). If you curl at other clubs, you may pay the fee through one of those clubs.

b. The Curling Alberta registration includes an information form and payment of the fee. The CLCC will provide a link for players to register through the CCC. The CCC will collet the fee from players who register through the CLCC. The form must be completed before a player plays their first game.

16. Member Queries regarding Policy and Operating/Management Procedures

The Executive Committee will review member inquiries on the above subjects when they are submitted in writing to the Secretary. These inquiries must include detailed questions and the reason for seeking the Executive's consideration.