



Coaches & Youth Chairpersons:

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Enclosed are the entry forms for the 2010 Boys & Girls Wisconsin High School Curling Championships. This year's state championships will be held on February 12 & 13 (Friday & Saturday) at the Madison Curling Club. Teams can expect play to begin Friday morning and conclude Saturday evening. With six sheets of ice, we can complete the bonspiel in two days but some teams will play three games on Friday or three games on Saturday.

Entry forms must be filled out in their entirety and postmarked by January 7 or received by January 8 with the \$60 entry fee. We know this is early but we must be able to discuss the competition at the Tietge Bonspiel that weekend. Teams new to the high school championships may request a one-time waiver of the entry fee. Contact either Joel Caulum or Vicki Griepentrog (state co-chairs) to verify that your team qualifies to play in the championships. Late, incomplete, or unpaid entries will not be accepted.

Our goal is for all teams that submit a qualifying entry will participate in the state championships. However, it is possible some "play-in" games will be needed to trim the field to a manageable number. Teams will be placed in pools and will play round robin within their pool. Pool winners will advance to the semi finals. State co-chairs will determine the pool pairings based on preliminary seeding. Structure of play may be altered based on the number of teams entered, which will be discussed at the coaches meeting on January 9 during the Tietge Bonspiel. State assignments will be announced by January 30.

All participants must be full-time Wisconsin high school student. **Each curler on a specific team must attend the same high school or attend high schools in the same school district. Teams are gender specific (boys team or girls team) with no open or mixed teams. Only one team (one girls team and one boys team) may represent a school/school district or club.** Loyalty to high schools is required. Clubs and schools may enter separate teams. Any student reaching his/her 19th birthday before August 1, 2009, is ineligible.

Teams must be under the direct supervision of a high school coach, adult club junior coordinator, or parent at all times. To be eligible, teams must compete in a high school league (Northern Wisconsin League or Columbia County League) or bonspiel/playdowns prior to state championships with the same team roster as entered in the state championships. Approved competitions are listed on the entry forms. Teams are responsible for their own transportation and housing at state championships, if needed.

All games will be governed by the current "Rules of Play" of the United States Curling Association. Games will be eight ends. Ties will be broken by a full extra end. The Free Guard Zone will be used. Each team will be allowed two time outs per game but one must be used prior to the start of the fifth end. Time outs may only be taken between ends.

Questions concerning the Wisconsin High School Curling Championships should be directed to the co-chairs:

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