

The Portage Curling Club's 2023-2024 Junior Curling Season

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If your son or daughter is interested in curling this season. The **signup day is Saturday, September 30**, at the Portage Curling Club located at 107 W. Albert St., **from 10-Noon**. All curling lessons are held on Saturdays. A list of tentative dates is at the bottom.

Curlers are grouped both by age and ability and often curlers are moved up as they show improvement – if that works with your schedule. The **LITTLE ROCKERS** is primarily for beginners, ages six to eight. They meet from 9:00-10:00 AM.

The **INTERMEDIATE** group is a mix of younger curlers who have been on the ice for several years and can throw the full-size curling stones with good form, plus beginners in grades 3-5. This group meets from 10:00-11:00 AM.

The **DEVELOPMENTAL** group is for all middle school students, plus some younger curlers who are ready to start playing games. This group meets from 11:00-Noon. Beginners are encouraged to also come to the 10:00-11:00 group, if they can, for at least the first few weeks. They will move to the competitive group as soon as they are ready.

The **COMPETITIVE** group meets from Noon to 2:00. This group is for curlers who have played for several years and are ready to compete in developmental bonspiels against teams from other clubs.

Cost: First and second year dues are \$40, and after that it is \$60.

Equipment: Curlers will need a clean pair of shoes that they only wear for curling as sand, salt, gum, and pebbles damage the ice. They will need to dress for the 32°F temperature. Gloves are a must and hats are recommended. We will supply all of the other equipment.

Help: Parents, we can always use help on the ice. Even if you are not a curler, you can help run some of the drills and supervise while curlers are waiting their turn. Other ways you can help are in the kitchen during the junior bonspiel on January 20-21. We will also have calendars to buy and/or sell starting in January.

Dates: November 4 (if ice is ready by then), 11, 25; December 16, 30; January 6, 13, 27; February 3 - end of season party.

If you can't make the signup date, text Dave Lehman at 608-494-0442 or email the club at portagecurlingclub@gmail.com. Information is also available on the club's website: portagecurling.com. under the juniors tab. Forms can be mailed to PO Box 55, Portage, WI.

