

The Portage Curling Club's 2022-2023 Junior Curling Season

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If your son or daughter is interested in curling this season. The signup day is Saturday, September 24th at the Portage Curling Club located at 107 W. Albert St., from 8-11:00 AM. All curling lessons are held on Saturdays. A list of 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 3rd - 5th grade. 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.

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 year dues are \$40. Second year curlers is \$60, but they will receive a \$20 discount from our junior curling fund which was funded by the Lenz Trust, so the cost is \$40 this season, 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.

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 21-22. We will also have calendars to buy and/or sell starting in January.

Dates: November 19, 26; December 17, 31; January 7, 21, 28; February 18, 25 (end of year party).

If you can't make the signup date, contact Vietta Kampen at vkkampen@gmail.com. You can also call or text her at 608-697-6510.

