

Pittsburgh Curling Club



Policy Name: Practice Ice

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Overview

This policy covers practice ice use and availability.

Application

This policy applies to all members and guests of the Pittsburgh Curling Club.

For the purposes of this policy, the “club calendar” refers to the official calendar located at www.pittsburghcurlingclub.com.

Policy

General Policy:

- Practice ice availability will be determined by the ice crew in coordination with league draw masters, the events committee, the scheduling committee, and the learn-to-curl planning committee.
- Practice ice may also be available during regularly scheduled league times if extra sheets are available. Members wishing to practice during a league must coordinate with the drawmaster at least 24 hours in advance.
- The ice crew will designate specific times throughout the week as “practice ice” and will have the dates pre-scheduled and listed on the club calendar.
- Members wishing to use practice ice must sign-up at least 24 hours in advance using google scheduling.
- The preparation of practice ice is done at the discretion of the ice crew and members must use the ice as-is on their arrival. Prepping of the ice for practice by club members is not permitted.

- For safety reasons, there must be a minimum of 2 members on the ice. There is absolutely no solo practicing allowed unless the ice time corresponds with a draw.
- There can be no more than 4 members per sheet.
- Playing of games of any format is not permitted during practice ice time.*
- Members may bring their own training aids and equipment for use on the ice, however members may not use aids or materials that will damage the ice or stones and should remove hacks when throwing toward them if no one is controlling the house being thrown to.

Pricing:

- Practice ice is included at no cost for members with a single draw membership level or higher. Those with only a base membership or who are attending as “drop-in” from another club will have a \$10/session fee.**
- Guests with no curling experience or who are not members of the Pittsburgh Curling Club or another GNCC or USCA club are not permitted at practice ice sessions.

Cancellation:

- Practice ice may be cancelled by the ice crew at any time based on ice conditions and maintenance or the availability of the ice in relation to other scheduled commitments.

*Teams wishing to use practice ice for simulated games must receive approval from the board and ice crew. The ice crew will communicate to all club members that game-ready ice will be available on those days.

**Curlers wishing to join the club for the sole purpose of practice-ice utilization may be offered special rates or packages at the discretion of the board of directors and membership committee.

Questions

Questions about this policy should be directed to the ice crew and/or the board of directors.

Resources

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