



So you want to Curl?

Frequently Asked Questions about the DFW Curling Club

Q: Where do you Curl?

A: We currently curl at the Dr. Pepper/StarCenter in Duncanville at the corner of Hwy 67 and Main Street. The StarCenter has painted our houses (targets) in the ice. We have four sheets (game playing areas) set up on the ice.

Q: How large is the Club?

A: We have room for about 40 players for the 2008-2009 season, we are limited to 32 players on the ice at one time. That is two teams of four playing on each sheet. We are currently going to be running one draw on Sunday afternoons.

Q: Do you plan to grow the Club?

A: Oh yes! As we expand the membership, we need to try to do it in multiples of 32 persons or eight teams at a time. That way, when we rent the ice, we are getting full value and using all of the curling sheets at once. With a large enough response we would like to add another draw this season.

Q: What is your normal curling time?

A: Our Ice time is currently leased for the coming season from 4pm to 6pm on Sunday afternoons. Although the final schedule has not yet been set, a typical 17 week season lasts from November to April with time off for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Super Bowl. We are not stuck in this slot in the future as ice-time at the center is contracted on a seasonal basis.

We are also exploring the possibility of a short, week day mini-season beginning in January. If you are interested in that, please let us know.

Q: What equipment do I need and how expensive is it?

A: The club has limited equipment for you to use but we strongly recommend that you buy your own. Slider's can be purchased for \$10-\$15. Brooms start around \$40. The club will provide you with recommendations on where to buy. We do not currently have a local source so most people order by mail or internet.

Q: How much does it cost to join?

A: The annual dues for curling members are \$425. There is also a one time initiation fee to new members of \$50.

Q: Why is it so expensive?

A: It isn't!

Ice time rental currently runs around \$300 an hour and we play for two hours each week. If we have the full complement of 32 people on the ice, it is \$600 divided by 32 people or about \$18.75 for two hours of playing time. If you add in club dues it comes to about \$25 per week. This is cheaper than golf, comparable to bowling and much cheaper than hockey and other sports. Plus, the equipment costs are minimal!

Q: How can I be sure that I have a Team spot reserved for me?

A. Sign up early and pay early. That is the only way of assuring that you have a spot. With returning members, we expect for there to be a very limited number of places available to fill draw. Demand is heavy and the spots will fill up fast!

A link to our membership application can be found at the home page of our website www.dfwcurling.com. We are accepting application NOW! We will accept payments until our roster is full. If the payment is received afterwards, it will be refunded. We may however, try to set up another draw if the demand is sufficient.

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