

Tri-City Youth Curling Association  
Hurley Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

## 2016 -2017 Youth Curling

Boys and Girls Age 10-18

*Parental or Guardian involvement is required*

Nine weekly sessions of training,  
practice and competition start on  
Saturday, January 7, 2017

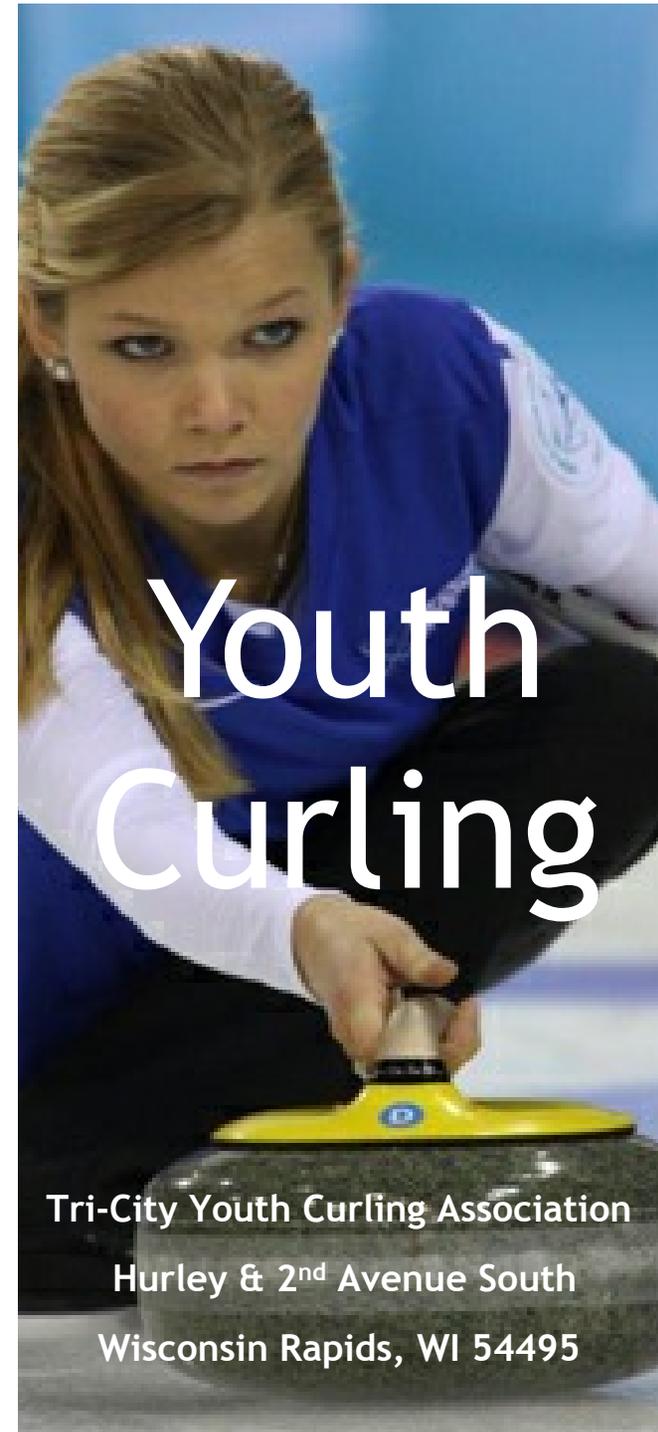
Registration Fee is \$20.  
Registration forms are available at  
our website  
[www.tri-citycurlingclub.com](http://www.tri-citycurlingclub.com)

*Visit our website to view a short video  
"Dare to Curl"*

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# Youth Curling is Sweeping the Nation

## WHAT IS CURLING?

Curling's great tradition began in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Scotland where the game was played outdoors on frozen ponds and lochs. Scottish immigrants brought the game with them to North America in the 1700's where it spread across the northern U.S. and Canada. By 1855 curling clubs flourished in New York City, Detroit, Milwaukee and Portage, Wisconsin. In the U.S. there are over 150 clubs, 27 of which are in Wisconsin.

Curling is a lifetime team sport that can be played by the entire family. Considered by many to be one of winter's most enjoyable sports, curling can be played well by any one regardless of age or physical ability.

The game is played indoors on a sheet of ice 138 feet long by 15 feet wide with the objective to get your "stone" closer to the center of the target, or house, than your opponent. The stone is a 42 lb. polished granite rock that is slid down the ice with a slow spinning motion causing the stone to curl, hence the name "curling."

The competing teams are made up of 4 players - the lead, second, third, or vice-skip, and the skip. Each player delivers 2 stones, beginning with the lead, alternating shots with the opposing team. The skip is the team captain and throws the last 2 stones and calls the strategy of the game. When all 8 players have delivered their stones, the "end" is over. An end is the equivalent of an inning in baseball. Most games are 8-ends and the team with the most points wins.

## OUR MISSION FOR YOUTH CURLING

Our mission is the promotion of amateur youth curling as a sport based on skill, strategic planning, self-discipline, hard work, and determination.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The program is designed for youth ages 10 to 18.

## WHY WOULD I WANT TO CURL?

- Curling is fun, easy to learn and an inexpensive sport.
- You will learn to work effectively as a team member through cooperation, communication, competition and sportsmanship.
- Physical fitness will improve as each player will walk and sweep for almost 2 miles during a 2 hour game.
- The camaraderie among participants often results in friendships that last long after the competition ends.
- Aside from learning and enjoying a unique lifetime sport, there is the opportunity and potential to join the ranks of elite curlers and compete for positions on national and Olympic curling teams.

## HOW AND WHERE WILL THIS HAPPEN?

The Tri-City Curling Club is located at Hurley Street & Second Avenue South in Wisconsin Rapids near the Centrailia Dam. Our goal is to provide a venue for organized games among young curlers, introducing them to curling as a recreational winter sport and

developing the skills of those curlers who want to try for competitive excellence. Activities will include classroom and on-ice instruction and coaching of boys and girls in a safe environment, providing access to the Tri-City Curling Club, practice sites, and competitions.

## WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

A 9 week program of instruction and competition will be held on Saturday mornings beginning on January 7, 2017. The sessions will be held from 9-11:00 a.m. The starting times will be determined based on the number and ages of the participants.

## WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?

The curling club provides the stones, brushes and sliders needed to play the sport. Participants need to bring shoes to change into before going out on the ice. The footwear recommended for the beginner is a pair of shoes with soft rubber soles. Tennis shoes or street shoes with a pair of rubber overshoes work well. The ice area is heated to around 35 degrees and you will be active enough that loose-fitting slacks and a sweater, sweatshirt or light jacket will keep you warm. Gloves, hats and protective head gear are recommended, but optional.

***A waiver/release form must be completed before entering the ice area of the club.***