

# Tri-City Youth Curling Association

## 2016-2017 Youth Curling Program

### What is curling?

Curling is one of the oldest of team sports dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is a sport in which size, gender, strength, speed and age are of no particular advantage. The helpful skills are balance, mental focus and “touch.” In general, girls compete on an equal footing with boys. Curling is a game with a strong tradition of etiquette, consideration and courtesy towards opponents.

### What is Tri-City Curling Club’s 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. Our program will primarily target middle and high school age kids or the 10 to 18 age group. As we gain experience with the program younger children will be included, however their program will be unique and structured differently than the youth program.

### Why would I want to participate in the youth curling program?

- Curling is Fun!
- Curling is easy to learn and an inexpensive sport.
- As a member of a curling team you will develop lifetime leadership and socialization skills.
- 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.
- You will set and work toward achievable goals.
- You will learn to manage success and disappointment and to perform under pressure.
- 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 will this mission be accomplished?

Our goal is to provide a venue for organized games between young curlers, introducing young people to curling as a recreational winter sport and developing the skills of curlers who want to try for competitive excellence. Activities will include the instruction and coaching of boys and girls in a safe environment, while providing access to the Tri-City Curling Club, practice sites, and competitions. We will educate children in curling strategy, skills, and health activities, while providing an overall curling program for the Tri-City Curling Club members. The competitive divisions provide for the smallest or largest, shortest or tallest kids to participate and even physically handicapped kids can and do compete successfully.

### Where will the program be held?

The youth curling activities will be held at the Tri-City Curling Club at 131 Hurley Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Those who are interested in competitive curling may wish to participate in an out of town match or participate in a junior bonspiel.

### What is the time schedule for the program?

Registration for youth curlers will be held on Saturday, December 10 and 17, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. There will be a 9 week program held on Saturday mornings beginning January 7, 2016 and concluding on March 18. There are a few Saturdays where youth curling will not be held because of previously scheduled club bonspiels. In order to provide the most efficient use of time for both the participants and the coaches/instructors we may need to break the session into two time slots depending upon the number of participants, ages and skill levels. Each session will include some “classroom” elements with videos, discussion and quizzes. We are looking into the possibility of establishing an after school league for junior high and high school students. Additional information will be released through the area school systems.

**What equipment do I need?**

As a participant in the Youth Curling Program the only required expense is your participation fee. The curling club provides the stones, brushes and sliders. You will need to bring a clean pair of shoes with soft rubber or composition soles, such as athletic or gym shoes, to change into before each session. Wear loose fitting slacks and a sweater, sweatshirt or light jacket. Dressing in layers is advisable.

**How much will it cost?**

The cost for the youth curling program is \$20.

**How to I register my child?**

Advance registration is appreciated. Use the form below or a registration form can be found on the Tri-City Curling Club’s website [www.tri-citycurling.com](http://www.tri-citycurling.com). Registrations will also be accepted on December 10 at the curling club. Please note that a waiver must be completed for anyone entering the ice area of the club. Waiver forms are also available on the website.

**What are the responsibilities of the youth curlers and their parents?**

Tri-City Youth Curling Association is a volunteer organization and the Youth Curling Program is no exception. Our coordinators, instructors, and coaches are all volunteers. Curlers and their parents will be expected to abide the Code of Conduct that will be presented to them during the registration process. We will be looking for helping hands throughout the curling season. If you are a parent curler, help with on-ice instruction and warm room activities would be greatly appreciated.

**What is a Tri-City Curling Club Youth Membership and how is it different from the Youth Curling Program?**

Youth Membership is a classification of membership in the Tri-City Curling Club and entitles the Youth member to play in any of the leagues offered by the club. The cost for a Youth Membership is \$60/year. Participants in the Youth Curling Program are not required to have a Youth Membership unless they wish to play in a league.

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**Tri-City Youth Curling Association – 2016-2017 Youth Curling Program  
Registration Form**

**Participant**

First Name:	Last Name:	Age:
Address:	City:	State:            Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Cell Phone:	Email:

**Parent or Guardian**

First Name:	Last Name:	
Phone Number:	Cell Phone:	Email:

**Program Fee is \$20 – Please make checks payable to the Tri-City Youth Curling Association**

Mail with form to:

Mike and Lynn Swanson - 2821 Shady Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Questions? Call 715-423-4407 or email [wiswani@wctc.net](mailto:wiswani@wctc.net)