**Edmonton Doctors Curling League (EDCL)**

The EDCL is a longstanding league which we are currently trying to rebuild and are inviting health professionals as well as families to join. This an introduction to the club.

**WHERE and WHEN**

The Granite Curling Club: 8620-107 St NW Edmonton, Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.

**TEAMS**

Skips are chosen for the teams and everyone else is listed with the position they want to play. The skips then select their players from the list, in a rotating-order process. This means that members are often on a different team each year and you get to know each other. Once we know how many teams we have, we will work out the roster. This may not happen until after October 4th.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Oct 4th: A meet and greet, skips choosing teams, and practice and coaching for the rest.

Oct 11th: Start of the season

Dec 20th or 27th: Christmas function

Dec 20/27, or Dec 27/Jan 3, Christmas break

Jan 3 or 10, 2024: Restart the season

Mar 6th: Team finals; awards function to follow

**FEES**

There is a differential system as the working physicians support the medical and resident teams, and there is a reduction for couples. This is last year’s fee structure but fees depend on how many teams we get.

Physicians: $575 Retired physician/non physician: $425

Couples: 2 Physicians: $1050 Physician/non-physician: $950 2 Non-physicians: $850

**NEW PLAYERS**

 **Learning to curl**:

1. As well as the first night training session, there will be ongoing support and training from experienced team members. We were all newbies at one time. Some of us still feel like we are new.

2. We have heard that the Granite Curling Club plans to offer curling lessons but the dates are pending. https://granitecurlingclub.com/

3. Curl Canada has an excellent website, including the rules of curling. <https://www.curling.ca/>

**Equipment**: Curling shoes are recommended for safety and better playing,. If you do not buy curling shoes, then dedicated **clean** footwear is required. The Granite does have brooms and sliding slippers, though they do not provide slip-on grippers for good traction on the ice. Some people are now wearing curling helmets (the ice is slippery and there can be falls). For those of us who have trouble in the hack, delivery sticks are allowed.

**Let us know if you would like to curl. More information will be forthcoming in the latter part of September.**

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