



PITTSBURGH CURLING CLUB POLICY

SECTION: LEAGUE CURLING

TITLE: SPARES POLICY

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002. ALLOCATION OF SPARE PLAYER(S) DURING PCC LEAGUE GAMES

Policy Objective: It is the objective of this policy to ensure that every effort is taken to ensure that there is availability for members to play or practice on a scheduled league playing night. The formation of a full four player team is not guaranteed.

In order to maintain the Spirit of Curling, the spare player must play in good faith, and to the best of their ability for any team that they are assigned to. If you are unwilling to spare for any team playing on the ice, then do not sign up as a spare player.

Definitions:

Legal Team – A legal team is defined as a 4 player team consisting of 2 regular members of the team and one spare or a 3 person team consisting of 1 regular player and 2 spares

Section 1. Assignment Priority of Spares

Spares shall be assigned to the spare pool in the following order of membership type:

1. Members signed up as only permanent spares
2. Members signed up as league playing members including both regular and vampire league. Regular league playing members shall be allocated to teams based on the order in which they notified the scheduling committee of their desire to spare as per Section 2 of this policy.
3. All other regular members with no prior notice to the scheduling committee.

*****Special Provision*****

If for any reason a team who is scheduled to play shows up, but for unknown reasons, the opposing team does not show up, these scheduled full time members are given priority over those regular members who signed up to spare for the scheduled draw, but behind members who are full time permanent spares. Other options may include the creation of a spare team to play against the full team if enough spares are available. This is done at the discretion of the scheduling committee representative or their designee.

Section 2. Sign-up process / Notification of desire to be a spare player

Any player that is eligible to play as a spare player during a regular league game shall notify the scheduling committee prior to 12:00 pm (noon) in advance of the commencement of league play for that week and no earlier than 6 days prior to league play commencing for that given week.

Example 1. If league play begins Saturday at 9:00 pm, then it is the responsibility of the member who wishes to play as a spare player, to notify the scheduling committee prior to 12:00 pm of that day.

Example 2. Members who wish to spare in league games beginning on Saturday at 9:00pm, shall not communicate their desire to spare prior to the preceding Sunday of that week.

Section 3. Teams requiring spares

Teams shall be allocated spare players based on the following priority:

1. Legal teams with two or fewer players in the order that the communication of a need for a spare was received by the scheduling committee.
2. Illegal teams requiring players in order to ensure a game takes place per the objective of this policy. Penalties will be incurred by the illegal team for failing to field a legal team, however per the objective of this policy, this is in the interests of ensuring the legal teams that are scheduled to play are given the opportunity to play as scheduled.
3. Legal teams requiring a single spare in the order that the communication of a need for a spare was received by the scheduling committee.
4. Remaining teams requiring a spare with no notification to the scheduling committee prior to night of the league games commencing.

The spares shall be assigned to all teams in the preceding order until all spares have been exhausted, or all team rosters have been filled.

At no time shall a team with an open position opt out of receiving a spare while there are still spare players available to be assigned.

If it is known in advance of the need for a spare player, it is the responsibility of the team requesting a spare to notify the scheduling committee prior to 12:00pm on the day of play.

Section 4. Random assignment of spares to teams

Spare players shall be assigned to teams based on a random selection policy. It is the responsibility of the scheduling committee representative or their designee to assign spares according to this method.

Section 5. Spare Positions

Spare players shall be assigned to the lead (first throwing) position. In the event that a team has two spare players, then the spare players shall play in the first two throwing positions.