

Ocean State Curling Club GNCC Arena Club Championship (ACC) Participant Selection Process

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Purpose:

- a. To establish a club policy for the selection of participants and to determine the composition and prioritization of the teams for the annual GNCC Arena Club Championship.
- b. To establish a policy that is equitable and inclusive to all club members.
- c. To extend the eligibility to as many interested club members as possible.
- d. To help ensure that Ocean State Curling Club is represented by teams with curling experience appropriate for competition at the regional championship level.

Rules:

1. ACC Representative:

- a. During the curling season a club board member volunteers, or is nominated by the board of directors (the board), to be the club's Arena Club Championship (ACC) representative for the current curling season.
- b. His/her duties will include communicating with the membership about the ACC, the process and timelines for signing up and ensuring that the club's selection process is followed leading up to the annual event, usually held in the spring.
- c. The club's ACC representative is not guaranteed a spot on any team to be entered for the ACC and, if interested in participating, must enter the draft along with all other interested club members.
- d. To ensure the highest level of impartiality, it would be preferable (but is not required) that the ACC representative be a member not wishing to participate at the ACC.
- e. If the sitting ACC representative is not reelected to the board at the annual general meeting in April, an elected board member will take over the ACC representative responsibilities where the outgoing representative left off. No retroactive changes may be made to any of the selection process that has taken place up to that point except to address any violations of the rules in this document.

2. Member Signup Period:

- a. A specific signup period is selected by the club's ACC representative and communicated well in advance to the entire membership (*ie.* Feb. 1-28 as an example).
- b. The signup period should be early enough in the season to allow for sufficient time to conclude the team selection process.
- c. As members may make a decision to attend the ACC based on location, the signup period must not conclude prior to the GNCC announcement of the location of the ACC host club.
- d. It would be preferable to have the team selection completed by the time the ACC entry form is made available to clubs.
- e. If less than 12 curlers express interest in attending the ACC, the signup period may be extended as needed.
- f. Interested curlers must understand that the GNCC only guarantees one spot per club and additional teams are accepted based on the total number of team entries from all clubs (see rule 13).

3. Eligibility:

- a. Any club member, regardless of experience level, who is interested and able to commit to attending the ACC must submit his/her name to the club's ACC representative during the advertised signup period. That member must also provide payment of the ACC entry fee and GNCC dues to the club Treasurer prior to the end of the signup period. (These dues are paid up front by the club to secure the team spots at the ACC.) Members who are not selected to participate in the ACC will have their check returned or electronic payment refunded. Members will forfeit themselves from the selection process if they have not provided payment prior to the end of the signup period.
- b. The member must be in good standing with the club (all membership, any league dues and all other fees paid in full).
- c. While members are not required to play in a club league, they are expected to have curled with some regularity on our club's ice during the current curling season. Eligibility of members who do not play in a league will be at the discretion of the board.
- d. **Skips:** Those wishing to be a team skip must indicate so. Skip eligibility is at the discretion of the board, however, a member must have as a minimum two years experience as a skip in club league play (at OSCC or another club).
- e. Members must comply with all eligibility requirements imposed by the GNCC.

4. Late Signups:

- a. Once the signup period is over, additional members may still submit their names as interested in attending the ACC but will not be eligible to be selected to play on a team.
- b. At this time members are only eligible to be considered as substitutes if a selected curler later determines that they cannot attend the event (see rule 10).

5. Defending Champions Provision:

- a. Any OSCC team that wins the first event of an ACC and are awarded the GNCC Arena Club Championship and who wish to participate the following year as the defending champions are eligible to enter the next ACC as OSCC 1 provided at least three of the four defending team members, including the skip, participate.
- b. This eligibility is for the year immediately following the ACC win only. If an ACC event is not held the year following the win, the eligibility extends only to the ACC when it is next held.
- c. If all four players wish to participate, the team must be entered as is and the skip may not replace any of the players on the team.
- d. If only three curlers elect to participate, the skip will select the fourth player through the draft process as outlined in rule 7.
 - i. To determine the order of selection during the draft, the selection will be for the specific position being replaced (lead, second or vice) as entered for the team in the previous ACC.
 - ii. The team may then adjust the lineup as seen fit following the selection of the fourth player.
- e. If only two of the winning team members wish to return to the following year's ACC, then they must enter their names in the draft with the other club members.
- f. This team eligibility does not apply to ACC second, third or fourth event winners or any event finalists.

6. Skip Selection:

- a. The names of all members interested in participating as a skip will be drawn randomly and in order, by the ACC representative or his/her appointee at a meeting of two or more members of the board, thus identifying the skip of each team: OSCC 1, OSCC 2 and OSCC 3.

- b. Three team entries from the club will be submitted to the ACC and will be entered in the priority of OSCC 1, OSCC 2 and OSCC 3.
- c. If more than three members submit their name to be a skip, only the first three names randomly drawn will be selected as the skips.
- d. If the club selects team OSCC 1 according to rule 5 (defending champions), the skip selection process is used to select only the skips for OSCC 2 and OSCC 3.

7. Skip's Team Lottery and Draft (Process):

- a. Any remaining curlers not selected to be a skip and all the remaining members having expressed interest in attending the ACC are now eligible, and all must be included, for the "skip's draft".
- b. The names of the remaining eligible members who entered their names for the ACC will be drawn randomly, by the ACC representative at a regular meeting of the board, for the 9 additional positions on the three OSCC team entries. Two rounds of random drawings for these 9 positions will take place:
 - i. All eligible members who did not indicate an interest in Skipping will have their names entered into the drawing.
 - ii. Three (3) members will be randomly chosen from the drawing for 3 of the 9 additional (non-Skip) positions.
 - iii. After the first three (3) names are chosen, the names of those who had indicated an interest in Skipping, but were not selected to Skip, will be added to the drawing.
 - iv. Six (6) more members will be randomly chosen from the drawing for the remaining 6 additional (non-Skip) positions.
- c. Coordinated and facilitated by the club's ACC representative, the skip's draft will take place in the following sequence, from the 9 total members selected in the drawing from section 7b:
 - i. Vice: OSCC 1 selects, OSCC 2 selects, OSCC 3 selects (being mindful of rule 11-a.).
 - ii. Second: OSCC 3 selects, OSCC 1 selects, OSCC 2 selects.
 - iii. Lead: OSCC 2 selects, OSCC 3 selects, OSCC 1 selects.
- d. When selecting, skips must adhere to the GNCC requirement that no more than two members per team may also curl regularly at a club with dedicated curling ice.
- e. If the club selects team OSCC 1 according to rule 5 (defending champions), the skip's draft is used to select the members of teams OSCC 2 and OSCC 3, and:
 - i. If OSCC 1 requires a draft selection due to only three returning members, they will select in the appropriate turn, depending on the position being replaced and all other OSCC 1 picks will be omitted.
 - ii. If OSCC 1 does not require a draft selection (all four members are returning), the draft occurs by simply omitting all the OSCC 1 picks.

8. Skip's Draft (Logistics):

- a. Preferably, the skip's draft will take place as a face-to-face meeting between the club's ACC representative and the three skips involved. (As this is actually a relatively quick process, a coffee shop/restaurant is an ideal place to do this.)
- b. The names of all eligible curlers will be made available to each skip and, in the order outlined in rule 7, the skip's will select teammates from the remaining list of eligible players.
- c. Once a curler from the list has been selected, his/her name is removed from the list and he/she is no longer available to be selected by another skip.

9. Team Confirmation:

- a. Once the skip's draft is complete, the skips then contact their respective teams to inform them that they have been selected to participate in the ACC.

- b. The selected members of each team must then confirm that they remain willing and able to participate.

10. Selection of Substitutes:

- a. Any remaining club members who had expressed interest in attending the ACC but were not selected through the skip's draft process are now eligible to be substitutes on any of the teams should any selected curlers be unable to attend the ACC for any reason.
- b. To select a sub, the team's skip must contact the club's ACC representative and, only once informed of the full list of eligible subs, he/she may select the curler they wish to have as the replacement for their original selection.
- c. Once a selected club member withdraws from a team for any reason and has been replaced by another member following the appropriate substitute selection process, the withdrawn member is no longer eligible to participate in the ACC on any OSCC team.

11. Selection of a Substitute for a Skip:

- a. In the event that a team's skip cannot attend the ACC, the team's vice will assume the role of skip and will select a sub for the vacant position on the team, as described in rule 10.
- b. As the team's new skip (former vice) did not select all the curlers on the team, he/she may adjust the positions of the team lineup as the team thinks is suitable.
- c. The new skip may not, however, replace any of the other originally selected members of the team, unless they too are unable to attend the ACC.
- d. See rule 10-c.

12. Team Submission Process:

- a. The club's ACC representative, in cooperation with the treasurer and/or president, will submit the three team entries to the ACC organizers along with the entry fee as early as possible to ensure the best chance of getting the most teams accepted into the event.
- b. Club members will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transportation and accommodations while attending the ACC.

13. Entries Not Accepted:

- a. In the event that team OSCC 3, or both teams OSCC 2 and OSCC 3, are not accepted by the ACC organizers to participate in the event, all curlers from those teams also become eligible to participate as subs as described in rule 10.
- b. The GNCC guarantees one entry per club (OSCC 1).
- c. Additional teams are accepted based on the total number of entries from all clubs and this decision rests solely with the ACC organizing committee. Our club does not decide whether additional OSCC teams are accepted to the ACC.

14. Dispute Resolution:

- a. Any disputes arising from the selection process which cannot be resolved by adhering to the rules outlined in this document will be resolved by the club's ACC representative in consultation with the board.
- b. The ACC representative will do his/her best to consider all arguments fairly.
- c. The ACC representative will ultimately rule in the best interest of the club.

15. Amendments:

- a. These rules will be evaluated by the board from time to time to determine whether adherence to these regulations continues to fulfill the four objectives set out in the “Purpose” section, in accordance with their original intent.
- b. When agreed to by the board, these rules may be amended from time to time as seen fit to address any deficiencies or errors arising from the implementation of these rules.