

# Memo to all League Representatives and Curlers at the Charleswood Curling Club

## Re: Implementation of Membership Fee and Curling I/O

### Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce that starting in the 2025/26 season, the Charleswood Curling Club will be introducing a Membership Fee and implementing the Curling I/O platform. These changes are designed to help offset various operating expenses, ensure a fair and standardized contribution from all members and make our member database easier to track and manage.

#### Membership Fee Details:

- Applicable to all Charleswood Curling Club members aged 18 and over.
- An annual fee, collected at the beginning of each curling season.
- Members participating in multiple leagues will only be required to pay the fee once.

**Rationale for Introducing the Membership Fee:** Many clubs and activities implement a basic membership fee to support their infrastructure. To maintain the viability and sustainability of our club, we are adopting this practice. The Membership Fee will be allocated towards expenses unique to our club, including but not limited to:

- Operating expenses
- Website maintenance
- Promotional costs and advertising

Given the rising costs of utilities, taxes, and general operating expenses, it is essential for us to ensure that the Charleswood Curling Club remains financially stable and prepared for the future.

### Comparison with Other Clubs:

Other clubs in Winnipeg, approach a membership fee in various ways. Some clubs charge between \$25 - \$55 per year, while other clubs roll it into their respective league fees each year.

#### **Distinction from Other Fees:**

- Building assessment fee (team)
- Food vouchers
- League fee
- Bar renovation fundraiser



Member Benefits: As a member, you will be entitled to:

- Free practice ice when available
- Discounts on club facility rentals

We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement this new fee structure to better serve our curling community.

**Curling I/O Details:** Curling I/O is the leading online registration and league management platform for curling clubs. It is widely used across Canada, including several clubs in Winnipeg. This platform simplifies the registration process. waivers and member list management, offering numerous benefits to league administrators and club database maintenance. League convenors can also use Curling I/O to coordinate league details, draws, and more. One of our CCC leagues has already requested assistance with making draws using this platform.

Switching to Curling I/O will streamline the collection of Curl MB and Curl Canada fees, ensuring members only pay these fees once. Currently, fees are collected at the league level, making it difficult to track when members participate in multiple leagues. Curling I/O will ensure members pay the required fees only once.

When members register on Curling I/O, they can choose to opt in or out of receiving newsletters and updates from the club. This feature helps keep our members informed about events and happenings around the club, making communication easier.

# Supporting You in the Transition Year:

- We will offer training webinars for league coordinators.
- Executive members will be onsite during registration to assist with online registration.
- The Curling I/O website provides excellent tutorials and videos.

Please watch for more details coming soon.

We look forward to your continued support as we work to develop and promote the Charleswood Curling Club today and in many seasons to come.

### Sincerely,

Your Charleswood Curling Club Executive Charleswood Curling Club