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Late Summer League Is On!

There are only a few more opportunities to curl before the Fall season begins here in San Diego. Take advantage of the limited ice time by signing up for the Late Summer Mini-League. You can sign up for the whole four game league or just individual games. All skill levels are welcome.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Tips To Speed Up Play

A typical eight end game should easily be played in two hours. If your team isn't consistently doing that, it's time to concentrate on picking up the pace. Slow play is frustrating to other players and easy to correct with just a little effort. Here are a few tips for quicker play from clubs around the country...

1. Players should stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with opposing players or players on adjacent sheets.
2. While the opposition's stone is in motion, the next shooter should be cleaning their own stone and getting ready to shoot the moment the opponent's shot comes to rest.
3. If you're the Lead throwing the first rock of the end, grab your first stone and get yourself ready to throw. The other players, not including the skips, should clear the house.
3. Skips and Vices should not be discussing every shot. Discussion should be reduced to just odd strategic situations throughout the game.
4. After an end, DO NOT PUT THE STONES IN NUMERICAL ORDER. Sorting stones is arguably the biggest time waster in curling. Simply push the stones to the area behind the hack and let everyone grab



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their own numbered rock when it's their turn to shoot.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: Do not pull "courtesy stones" for your opponents. It creates an additional falling hazard on the ice and not all teams throw their stones in numerical order.

Faster Pre-Game Set-Up

While it's tempting to sit on the sidelines and visit with other players until game time, there's quite a bit of work that needs to be done before the first stones can be thrown.

The more people get involved, the faster everything gets completed and the more time we have to curl.

Don't worry if you don't know exactly what to do. Someone taught us and we're happy to teach you!

Try to arrive 15 minutes prior to game time. Besides getting yourself ready, the hacks need to be pre-heated in hot water. When the Zamboni is finished and the ice becomes available to us, the hacks are warm and can be put down as soon as possible. Setting the hacks should always be the first priority because they take so long to freeze in place. Note: It is not necessary to weigh down the hacks with rocks. It wears down the running surface on the stones and really doesn't make the hacks set any faster. Simply standing on a warm hack for about 30 seconds and then leaving it to freeze is enough.

While the hacks are setting up, the ice needs to be pebbled--the more layers the better in arena curling. We have two watering cans so two people should be pebbling at the same time. Please be careful not to spill any water on the rubber floor near the equipment box. The water seeps through the cracks and raises the glue underneath, creating a mess. We have already been talked to by the Iceoplex about this issue.

While the ice is being pebbled, we need lots of hands to move the stones from the cooler on to the cart and then from the cart to the appropriate sheet of ice. It doesn't matter if you move two stones or twenty stones, every little bit helps.

If you're physically unable to move stones, that's alright. We need the broom barrel wheeled out and the scoreboards hung. We also need numbers, sliders, the cow bell and the measuring devices brought out to the ice. Please be sure to put the two measuring devices off to the side of the ice near the players boxes. This is to protect them from any runaway stones.



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Curl San Diego is looking for fun, new ways to raise money and bolster club infrastructure. Do you have any ideas to share? We'd love to hear from you! Click [here](#) to email Director of Marketing, Brian Walsh directly.

2011-2012 Club Membership

Would you like to pay less for curling and help support Curl San Diego at the same? Consider becoming a member of the club!

Click [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of membership.

Calendar

[Saturday, Aug 13th](#) -- Late Summer League Game One, 6:30pm.

[Saturday, Aug 20th](#) -- Late Summer League Game Two, 6:30pm.

[Saturday, Aug 27th](#) -- Late Summer League Game Three, 4:45pm.
 (Please note the new day and time).

[Saturday, Sept 10th](#) -- Late Summer League Game Four, 6:30pm.

[Saturday, Sept 17th](#) -- Learn-to-Curl clinic, 7:00pm to 9:30pm. New curlers only. This will be our last learn to curl of the year and, in recognition of Fleet Week, active military get in free! Space is limited. Click [here](#) to sign up.

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