

# Unionville Curling Club

## Men's Section Draw Curling Rules

1. **Format**
  - a) The Men's Section Committee assigns players to teams and positions based on player ratings in attempt to balance team competitiveness. The teams are redrawn after each schedule. Players earn points during the season to qualify for playoffs to determine the men's draw dub champions.
2. **Definitions**
  - a) **Curling Season** Curling season is from the installation of the ice in September-early October to the removal of the ice in April.
  - b) **Draw Team** Team members and playing positions are determined by the Men's Committee.
3. **Amendment to Men's Draw Curling Rules:**
  - a) These rules may only be changed in one of the two follow ways:
    - i. The rule change is proposed and passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Section.
    - ii. A rule change is proposed and approved by a majority of assigned skips prior to the start of a schedule or in the case of the playoffs a rule change is approved by a majority of the skips who have qualified to participate in the playoffs. Rule changes made in this way are temporary, and apply only to the schedule and/or playoffs in question.
  - b) During a schedule or the playoffs, should a situation not covered by existing rules arise that requires a rule interpretation or a new rule, a rule specific to the situation can be made by a consensus of the Men's Committee Chair and at least two other Men's Committee members. If the situation may reoccur, the rule shall be formally reviewed, amended, if necessary and adopted following the amendment procedures described in 3 (a).
4. **Player Rating**
  - a) The Men's Committee Chair shall appoint a Rating Committee prior to the start of each curling season.
  - b) The Rating Committee shall meet before the first schedule of each new season has been drawn in order to review player ratings.
  - c) Factors influencing player rating are:
    - i. Balancing the number of players at each rated position.
    - ii. Performance of the player in prior season.
    - iii. Prior experience of new members to the dub.
    - iv. Years of experience within dub at current position.
  - d) Player ratings shall be published in the Unionville Curling Roster.
  - e) Changes in Player ratings shall be posted on the Men's Section bulletin board, prior to the start of each curling season.
  - f) Players requesting a review of their rating may submit in writing justification for a rating change. The Rating Committee shall review all submitted requests as part of their annual rating review.
5. **Team Composition**
  - a) The Men's Committee shall assign players to teams and positions.
  - b) Teams will be redrawn each schedule, attempting not to assign the same players together in consecutive schedules.
  - c) A player can be assigned to:
    - i. His rated position;
    - ii. Up or down one rated position.

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- d) Attempts will be made to balance competitiveness of teams within each draw and to assign players to draws on the players preferred night of play.
6. **Drawing Players Out**
- a) Players may be drawn out of a schedule if there is not enough teams/ice time available to accommodate all members who have signed up for the schedule.
- b) A member signed up to play draw curling only, cannot be drawn out.
- c) Priority of selection criteria for drawing players out when necessary:
- Participated in the previous draw.
  - Missed more than two games in previous schedule.
  - Active participant in both Afternoon Men's Section and a declared player on a team entry competitive team.
  - Declared player on a team entry competitive team.
- d) A record of players drawn out shall be maintained by the Men's Committee to ensure consistency of members being drawn out.
7. **Player Substitution**
- a) The following substitution rules apply:
- A team must have one of its assigned players participating for the entire game in scheduled play and two of its assigned players in playoff play.
  - Substitutes cannot play more than one position below their rated position.
  - During regular schedule play, a team must have at least three players participating for the entire game.
  - During playoffs, a team must have four players participating for the entire game.
  - During regular schedule play, the substitute(s) can be any member of either the Men's or Afternoon Men's Section, but cannot be from the same schedule.
  - The Men's Committee will assign substitutes when required for playoff games.
    - Substitutes for the first game will be players who were assigned to a draw team during the season, but did not qualify for the playoffs.
    - Substitutes for subsequent playoff games will be players who have been eliminated from the playoffs.
    - Substitutes rating shall be the same as the position for which they are substituting.
  - Players that may require a substitute during the playoffs is responsible to advise the Men's Committee at least 24 hours in advance that a substitute is required.
- b) Any team unable to comply with the substitution rules defaults the game(s) in which the team failed to comply.
8. **Season Format**
- a) There shall be three schedules each curling season.
- b) The first and second schedules shall be a seven game round robin with each team scheduled to play the other teams within their draw once.
- c) The third schedule should also be seven games, but may be shortened if ice time is insufficient.
- d) Games must be played on or before their scheduled date.
- e) A winner will be declared for each draw within each schedule.
- f) At the conclusion of each schedule teams will be redrawn.
9. **Schedule Game Points**
- a) Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:
- Win = 10 points
  - Tie = 5 points
  - Full Attendance = 1 point.
- b) Ties to determine the winners of each draw at the end of each schedule will be decided as follows:
- Results of games between the teams tied.

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- ii. If not conclusive, the teams will throw one rock each team (any player) with sweeping. Closest to the button – touching the rings wins. Throw off is to occur immediately following the last scheduled game.
  - c) The vice-skips are responsible for entering and initiating game results in the game results binder following each game played.
10. **Playoffs**
- a) At the conclusion of the third series there will be playoffs to determine the Draw Team Club Champion.
  - b) Players will be ranked in their rated positions, based on the number of points the draw teams they were assigned to earn during the season divided by the number of games they were eligible to play.
  - c) A player must sign up for at least two schedules during the curling season in order to qualify for the playoffs.
  - d) The top 16 players in each rated position will qualify for the playoffs.
  - e) Players will be assigned to teams in their rated positions, even if they played at a different position in one or more of the draws.
  - f) The teams will be formed such that the skip with the highest point total is matched with the vice-skip, second and lead each with the highest totals; the skip with the next highest total will be matched with the vice-skip, second, lead having the next highest totals. This matching process will continue in descending order until all sixteen teams have been filled.
  - g) If two or more players of the same rating have the same point total, the Men's Committee shall "blindly" draw and assign the players to teams in the descending range of their point total.
  - h) Teams will be seeded for the playoffs based on their point totals.
  - i) The draw will be initially setup to match the team with the highest seeding against the team with the lowest seeding.
  - j) The playoff shall be a single knock out competition.
  - k) The winning team of the Draw Playoffs shall be eligible to represent the club in the Holiday Inn Challenge.
  - l) Based on ice availability, playoff games shall be scheduled to minimize conflict between playoff games of other Sections or Divisions of the club in which male members are eligible to play.
11. **Rules of Play:**
- i. Unless otherwise noted Ontario Curling Association Rules apply.