



BC INTERIOR MASTER CURLERS ASSOCIATION PACIFIC COAST MASTERS CURLING ASSOCIATION

ZONE WINNERS INFORMATION PACKAGE (2023-2024)

On behalf of the BCIMCA executives and members, congratulations on your victory at the zone playdowns leading to the British Columbia Masters Combined Championship (BCMCC).

BCIMCA teams will compete for the BCIMCA championship while PCMCA teams will compete for the PCMCA championship. All teams will compete for the overall BC Masters Combined Championship in one of the following five categories: 60+ men, 70+ men, 60+ ladies, 60+ mixed and two-person stick.

The games for the 60+ men, 70+ men, 60+ ladies and 60+ mixed will be held at the Vernon curling club while the two-person stick will be held at the Armstrong curling club. The Armstrong curling club is located on the Interior Provincial Exhibition (IPE) grounds approximately 18 minutes north of Vernon.

The event is a joint effort of the PCMCA, the BCIMCA and CurlBC. This year's event will be hosted by the Vernon and Armstrong curling clubs with the generous help of local volunteers and sponsors. The event begins on Sunday, March 24 and continues until Wednesday, March 27, 2020.

The BCMCC contact is Bill Gawiuk, Host Committee Chairperson at (250) 545-6441 (email: info@bcmcc.ca). Information at <http://www.bcmcc.ca/>.

BCIMCA zone representatives can contact either Dave Williams at 1-250-517-8829 or by email at tadcu@shaw.ca or Bill Gawiuk, President of the BCIMCA at 1-250-545-6441 or by email at bgawiuk@telus.net if you need further information or have any questions.

PCMCA zone representatives can contact either Deane Crutch, Secretary of the PCMCA at (604) 824-1596 (email at crutchdk@gmail.com) or Lawrence Woytowich, President of the PCMCA, at 1-250-818-4084 (email at t-bird57@shaw.ca). if you need further information or have any questions.

INFORMATION ABOUT ACCOMMODATION:

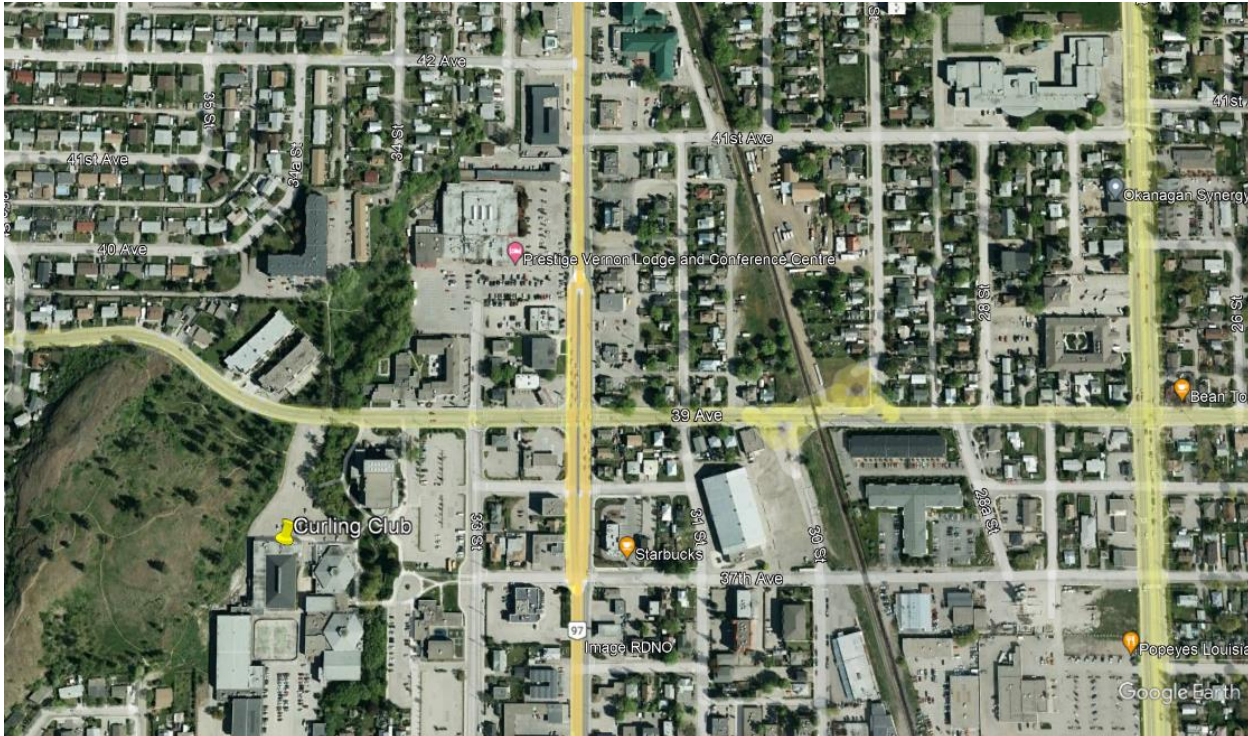
Arrangements for accommodation have been made at the Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre, located at 3914 32 St., Vernon, BC V1T 5P1, phone number (250) 545-3385. When reserving your room(s), ask for the BCIMCA group #7015. A block of 70 assorted rooms has been reserved for the event, first come first serve and a release of the block on February 23, 2024. Rooms come with two (2) queen beds and rates vary from \$134.95 to \$149.95 (taxes NOT included) depending on the location/view of the room. The Combined Championship ends March 27. Teams that opt to checkout early or checkout on March 28 will need to arrange the additional night when making their original reservations. Parking is included. Breakfast is not included.



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TRAVEL DIRECTIONS



If arriving from the south, turn left at 39th avenue, then right on 33rd street. If arriving from the north, turn right on 39th avenue, then right on 33rd street. The Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre is marked with a red pin and the curling club with a yellow pin.

The Vernon Prestige Lodge and Conference Centre is located at 3914 32 St, Vernon, BC V1T 5P1.
The Vernon Curling Club is located at 3400 39th Avenue (three blocks from the hotel).

HOST FACILITIES

The Vernon and Armstrong curling clubs:

A few lockers (men's and ladies) will be available. Bring your own lock.

At the Vernon curling club the Stone Throw Café will be open for breakfast and lunch (cash only). At the Armstrong curling club lunch will be available (cash only).



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PRACTICE TIME and DRAWS

- Refer to <http://www.bcmcc.ca/> then the Schedule tab.

TEAM JACKETS

Teams are required to have team jackets to participate at the BCMCC. Vests may be worn in lieu of jackets, however, the garment beneath the vests needs to be the same.

TEAM PHOTOS

After receiving this letter, please send a .jpg file of your team photo to info@bcmcc.ca. Team pictures will be posted on the BCMCC website at <http://www.bcmcc.ca/>. The images should be from waist up with the SKIP on the left to the LEAD or FIFTH on the right (*as you look at the image*). Please provide the names in left to right order for captioning on the photo.



SKIPS MEETING / MEET and GREET / OPENING CEREMONIES / BANQUET AWARD

Refer to <http://www.bcmcc.ca/>, then the Schedule tab.

Skip's Meeting: Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM in the upstairs lounge at the curling club.



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Meet and Greet: for all participants will take place at 6:30 PM following the skip's meeting. *(Please note, the Meet and Greet is not a meal. It is recommended that curlers have dinner prior to arriving.)*

Opening Ceremonies will take place at the Vernon curling club on Sunday, March 24th at 12:45 PM. Teams must be at the club (upstairs lounge) not later than 12:30 PM wearing curling gear and team jackets.

Banquet and Awards Ceremony sponsored by CurlBC will take place on Wednesday, March 27th at the Vernon curling club (upstairs lounge) with no charge for 4-person teams and 2-person stick curling teams. Banquet tickets for 5th players and guests will be available for \$40.00. (Banquet tickets sales will close on Monday, March 25. Happy Hour will begin on Wednesday at 5:00 PM with a no-host bar. The banquet will begin at 6:00 PM with the awards ceremony to follow (tables will be designated).

RULES:

The rules of the playdowns will be listed in the Official Program and will be covered at the skip's meeting for each category. Significant items include:

- The two-person stick is an open category (i.e., either gender may participate on a team).
- Play will be round robin format. Except for the two-person stick category, each team will play the teams from the other association first before playing the teams in its own association.
- For the 60+men, 70+ men, 60+ ladies and 60+ mixed, during the first six games of round robin play, the team listed first has the hammer and plays the BLUE stones. For the seventh game a coin toss will be used to determine which team has the hammer while the other team will have the choice of stone colour.
- For the two-person stick category, last rock and choice of colour for all games will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- There will be no extra ends during round robin play. A win earns two points, a tie earns one, and a loss earns zero points.
- Pace of play for all categories including two-person stick will be closely monitored. For the 60+ men, 70+ men, 60+ ladies and 60+ mixed, eight end games should be completed within 2 hours 15 minutes. If after the second draw, it is determined that pace of play is not being adequately maintained, a buzzer will be implemented at 1 hour 40 minutes after commencement of play. When the buzzer sounds, teams will complete the end that they are currently playing and play one more end.



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- Immediately after the first game, each player of all teams will throw one rock each to the button with sweeping. **NO SWEEPING BEHIND THE T-LINE BY THE OTHER TEAM.** Rocks short of the house or through the house will receive an automatic 182.9cm (73”) distance. A team’s accumulated distance will be used to break ties within an Association after round-robin play has been completed.

For the Guy Philip, Walter Hobbs, Graham Donaldson, Grand Master, Ladies, Mixed Categories and Two-Person Stick

Immediately after all round-robin games are completed, if there is a tie in points, the head-to-head result will be first used to determine the ranking. If a tie situation remains after the head-to-head, then the draw to the button distance that was completed after the first game will be used to break the ties and determine the finishing rank. The team with the lowest accumulated distance will be declared the winner.

For the Jack McAllister, Dale Gregory, Ladies, Mixed Combined Championship and Two-Person Stick

Immediately after all round-robin games are completed, if there is a tie in points, the head-to-head result will be first used to determine the ranking. If a tie situation remains after the head-to-head, then the draw to the button distance that was competed after the first game will be used to break the ties and determine the finishing rank. The team with the greatest accumulated distance will be ranked 3rd, and the remaining two teams will play an extra tie-breaking game on Wednesday at Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

A) In accordance with the PCMCA and BCIMCA Disciplinary Policy:

- i. Competitors are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the ice, and will avoid any action or conduct that disrupts or interferes with competitions, or that reflects adversely on the PCMCA or BCIMCA;
- ii. The Host Organization is empowered to oversee the competition and resolve disputes, including having the authority to implement necessary disciplinary measures.
- iii. The Host Organization has the power, at any time, to suspend or expel for just cause, any player from competition for such period as the Host Organization sees fit.



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B) Disciplinary Policy:

- i. Depending on the severity of the incident the Host Organization shall issue a verbal warning to the offending player and team. If the violation is flagrant the player may be suspended from the competition.
- ii. If, in the same competition, a subsequent violation is made by the same player or a member of the same offending team the player may be suspended as per section (A) (iii).
- iii. When possible the Host Organization in charge of the competition shall consult with a Director of the non-host association and the Chair of the Organizing Committee before suspending a player.
- iv. Appeals concerning disciplinary decisions shall be made to the Directors of the Host Association.

C) CCA and CurlBC Rules and Code of Ethics:

- i. The Canadian Curling Association Code of Ethics shall be adhered to by members of the Pacific Masters Curling Association and the British Columbia Interior Master Curlers Association. This information is found in the yearbook of CurlBC.
- ii. Rule 10. Conduct and Discipline of CurlBC shall be adhered to by the PCMCA and the BCIMCA. This information is found in the yearbook of CurlBC.

SUBSTITUTES & REPLACEMENTS:

- a) The BCMCC rules allow for a fifth team member to be utilized as a substitute or replacement on regular 4-member teams. If a team's designated fifth player is deployed, then that curler must be the first one of the two substitutes/replacements allowed under the rules. Alternatively, if a fifth is not available there will be a pool of men and women curlers provided by the host club. It will consist of curlers at all levels to act as substitutes or replacements. All team members must be registered at the club level to play. Optionally, teams, except teams in the Mixed category, will be allowed to continue with three members. (*Mixed teams will not be allowed to continue a game, nor play future games, with fewer than four curlers (2 women, 2 men) who are required to deliver the stones in an alternating gender sequence.*). Two-person stick teams must play with two players at all times.
- b) At the club level of playdowns, a substitute shall not have participated in the concurrent club-level playdowns. Beyond the club-level of play, a substitute may have participated at the club-level.
- c) The substitute, replacement, or alternate player having replaced a team member may be replaced by the original team member if the latter is able to return.



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- d) A substitute, replacement, or alternate may play any position.
- e) Each team may carry a fifth player who will be eligible to play in any game, at any position on the team. The BCIMCA and PCMCA will not provide for the expenses of a fifth player.
- f) Mixed teams are not permitted to have a fifth player. The host club will provide a pool of spares if one is necessary.
- g) If three or more players on a team competing at the zone level or higher are not available for play, the runner up rink shall replace the winning team in the playdown. If the runner-up rink is not available, the game shall be forfeited.

Good Curling at the upcoming PCMCA/BCIMCA Combined Championship.

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