



Policy Name: Membership

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PURPOSE

This policy identifies dues payable by a Member Club, Affiliated Organization and Participants of the Ontario Curling Association (Curling Ontario).

DEFINITIONS

Member Curling Club

Any Curling Club in Ontario accepted as a member by ordinary resolution of the Board and that has fulfilled its obligations to the Association - as defined in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Club Member

Any individual registered with a Member Curling Club (Member) and/or the Corporation and who has agreed to abide by the Corporation's Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Registered Participant

Any person using the services of Curling Ontario, including athletes and coaches, is required to register as a participant and pay the prescribed fees determined by the Board, prior to being recognized as a participant in any event including any series that uses points as a qualification process.

Affiliated Organization

Any organization recognized by ordinary resolution of the Board as an Affiliated Organization.

1. Member Club Affiliation

Annual affiliation by each Member Curling Club is determined by the Board. Requirements will include:

- a) An amount based on the number of sheets of curling ice in each Member's facility plus applicable taxes.
- b) A Club Safe Sport fee determined by the Board
- c) An amount determined by and collected on behalf of Curling Canada.
- d) Completion of annual membership application, including club demographics, club infrastructural information, and updated communication of club leadership personnel.

Annual dues will be communicated to clubs no later than May 1st and the club affiliation process will be released no later than October 1st.

Dues payable for each fiscal year (from May 1 to April 30) are to be remitted by December 31st of that fiscal year. A late fee of \$50 will be charged for each month after December that dues remain unpaid.

Not in Good Standing

Any club who has not completed their Curling Ontario affiliation requirements by December 31st annually will be considered Not in Good Standing. They will have until April 30th to complete this payment before becoming a Suspended Club. The club and its members will no longer be eligible to receive services, benefits, or compete in competitions during this time.

Suspended Club

Any club who has not completed their Curling Ontario affiliation requirements by the end of any one fiscal year. This club will no longer receive communication from Curling Ontario or any services from Curling Ontario. Reinstatement of a suspended Member Club will require a reinstatement fee determined by the Board following receipt of an application from the Member Club supporting a request for reinstatement.

2. Participant fees

Each participant in a Curling Ontario event and/or service shall remit a fee as determined annually by management of Curling Ontario. A participant must be a Registered Participant of a Member curling club and may include competitors, coaches, course or clinic attendees, etc.

Volunteer opportunities exist to participate in Curling Ontario delivered programs, services and activities. No fees are payable by this group of participants.

3. Affiliated Organization Fees

The Board will determine any fees payable by an Affiliated Organization.