

League Over-Subscription

As the Granite Curling Club grows, the problem of over-subscribed leagues will continue to be an issue. The number of available draws is limited and it can be difficult, if not impossible to add additional draws when one factors in the time required to play a game of curling and the problems related to travel and work responsibilities.

A league will be considered to be over-subscribed if the number of teams in the league exceeds the league capacity by 2 teams. In general, a one-draw league (i.e. Thursday 5:00pm draw) has a capacity of 10 teams. A two-draw league (i.e. Monday Night Open) has a capacity of 20 teams.

If the number of teams exceeds the capacity by 2 teams, the League Managers will address this issue by having a bye for 2 teams each week. Byes will be distributed across all teams in the league equally where ever possible. No team should have more than 4 byes during a season, if possible. For leagues that have a first half and a second half, the byes will be spread equally across either half. When in doubt, the league manager should strive for fairness across all teams.

For leagues that maintain standings, the League Manager is responsible for determining and communicating how byes will be scored for the league.

If a league is over-subscribed (i.e. the number of teams exceeds the capacity by 3 or more), the club will resolve this situation by either:

1. Using available/open sheets in other leagues. This option is only available to the following leagues: Sunday Night Mixed, Tuesday Super League, Wednesday Women's, and Thursday Men's. The League Chair will coordinate with the League Managers to identify and allocate these available sheets.
2. Limiting the number of teams in the league. This applies to all leagues. For purposes of registration, an individual/team will be considered registered once all club membership fees are paid in full. In order to give priority to individuals who have played in a league in the prior year, league registration will initially be restricted to those members in the following manner:
 - a. League registration forms will be sent to members (electronically or via post) by Sept 1.
 - b. Members who were registered in a league in the prior year have until Sept 20th to return their registration form to the club. Any registrations received after that date will be placed in the requested leagues on a first-come first-served basis until the league reaches capacity.
 - c. Returning members who register for a league in which they did not play during the previous year will be given priority on a first-come first-served basis provided they register by the Sept 20th deadline. This means that all returning members who sign up for a new league by the Sept 20th deadline will be given the highest priority.
3. Shift Draw-Times to allow an additional draw. This would require that a two-third majority of the league members to approve the adjusted draw times. . Leagues cannot infringe on the draw times for other leagues without the explicit permission of the Leagues chair.

The deadline for determining whether a league is oversubscribed is the first night of league play.

The over-subscription of leagues is a good problem to have and the Granite Curling Club will endeavor to make our best efforts to accommodate all curlers' desires to curl in the league they choose.

Unfortunately, there will be situations where we may need to restrict the number of teams in a league. We will attempt to minimize the impact of these decisions on the members of the club.

Scenarios:

Existing Curler who wants to curl in an additional league:

Jim is a General Member who was registered as a member of the Monday Night League in the previous season. He returns his registration with payment prior to Sept 20th, indicating that he wants to play in two leagues: Monday Night and Friday Night. He was not registered in the Friday Night league in the previous season, so he is placed on the waiting list for Friday. He did play in the Monday League, so he is registered in the Monday League. When league registration is opened to all members on Sept 21st, he is added to the Friday League, assuming there is room.

Novice Curler, new to the club:

Jane is a novice, who has never curled before. She submits her registration with payment prior to Sept 20th, indicating she wants to curl in the Novice League and the Wednesday Women's League. She is registered in the Novice League and placed on a waiting list for the Wednesday Women's league. If, on Sept 20th, the Wednesday Women's league is not full, she is registered for that league.

Existing Curler who does not provide registration payment:

Tom is a General Member who was registered as a member of the Thursday Men's League in the previous season. He submits his registration form, indicating that he wishes to play in the Thursday Men's League, prior to Sept 20th, but does NOT include payment. He would NOT be registered in the league until payment is received. While the club will make good faith efforts to contact him to notify him that his payment is required before he can be registered, it remains the responsibility of Tom to ensure that his payment is included with his registration.

Previous member returning to the club:

Connie has been a member of Granite Curling Club for over ten years, however due to a knee injury; she was a Social Member last year and not registered in any leagues. Connie submits her registration with payment prior to Sept 20th, indicating she wants to curl in the Monday Night and the Friday Night leagues (the two leagues she curled in two seasons ago). She is placed on the waiting list, with priority over Novice Members, until Sept 21st and is registered in the requested leagues (assuming there is room) at that time.

Junior Member moving into regular leagues:

Kevin was a Junior Member last year and only participated in the Junior league. Kevin now wants to step up his game and submits his registration with payment prior to Sept 20th, indicating he wants to curl in the Thursday Men's and the Friday Night leagues. He is placed on the waiting list, with priority over Novice Members, until Sept 21st and is registered in the requested leagues (assuming there is room) at that time.

Registration for Skip's Choice Leagues

Tom, Dick, Harry and George curled as a team in the previous season's Men's League (Skip's Choice). They wish to register as a team for the upcoming season in the Men's League. Tom, Dick and Harry all submit their complete registrations on time (Sept 20th), with payment; but George fails to submit his registration until the first week of October. Since registration in the Men's league was opened to other curlers on Sept 21st, it is possible that George will not be able to register for the Men's league due to space constraints. Tom, Dick and Harry will be allowed to select a fourth player from the pool of currently registered players or be assigned a fourth player by the league manager.