



2025 BC Women's and Men's Curling Championships presented by Best Western

Athlete Welcome and Competition Guide January 20-26, 2025 Langley, BC

BULLETIN 1

WELCOME ADDRESS

Fellow Curlers,

The Langley Curling Club are very excited to welcome you to the Township of Langley! It is our privilege to co-host the **2025 BC Women's and Men's Championship** at the George Preston Arena January 20-January 26, 2026, in conjunction, with Curl BC. We look forward to showing you all that Langley has to offer and wish all of you the best while visiting.

Good luck to all of you!
Langley Curling Club

George Preston Arena

Location 20699 42 Ave, Langley Township, BC V3A 3B1



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairperson- Wayne Moore
 President Langley Curling Club and Vice Chair/ Volunteer Lead- LoriAnn McGowan
 General Manager Langley Curling Club – Robyn Parkes
 Curl BC Event Operations Manager – Sherri Taylor (604-313-6554) staylor@curlbc.ca
 Curl BC Administration and Event Manger – Lindsay Shannon (604-333-3618) lshannon@curlbc.ca
 Chief Ice Maker(s) – Mike Merklinger, Assistant Norm Scott and Ice crew
 Chief Umpire – Patti Caldwell
 Deputy Umpire – Troy Matsumiya
 Committee Members:
 Finance – Gail Ruginis/Scott Braley (Curl BC, CEO)
 Hospitality and Banquet – Robyn Parkes/Gail Olson
 Ceremonies – Catherine Ann Fortier
 Local Sponsorship – Doug Trapp
 Ticket and 50/50 – Nigel Easton, Bob Hayes



	<p>Facilities – Doug O’Bourne Ice Crew – Al McKinnon Media – Bryan Chan bchan@curlbc.ca (Curl BC)</p>
SPONSORS & PARTNERS	<p>Thank you to the following local partners and to all of our sponsors who make this event possible: Langley Curling Club, Township of Langley, Best Western, Ice King, CHEK TV, B.C. Fairs, Festivals and Events (BCFFE) fund, Government of BC, The Lodge Steakhouse</p>
VENUE PARKING	<p>The parking lot for the George Preston Arena is Parking is free and is a large lot.</p>
TEAM BRIEFING INFO	<p>The Team Briefing can be found on the Championship website: https://www.curlbc.ca/bc-mens-womens-championships/</p> <p>Patti Caldwell is your Chief Umpire If you have any questions, 604-328-9066 pcaldwell@shaw.ca</p>
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	<p>Draw and Schedule can be found on the Curl BC website: https://www.curlbc.ca/bc-mens-womens-championships/</p>
STONE COLOUR (CURL BC STONES)	<p>**Due to some technical restrictions in I/O, the draw may look a little different than the actual draw for Women, we apologize in advance) Combined schedule is correct, if your team is listed first then you are assigned dark (RED) stones. Blue stones will be considered light colour stones.</p>
CRESTS	<p>Curl BC will not be providing crests at our championship events this year.</p>
PRACTICE SCHEDULE	<p>https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Mens-and-Womens-Practice-Schedule-.pdf</p> <p>Team photos- all teams are required to have a team photo before or after your practice. Please see Sherri from Curl BC for your photo!</p>
COMPETITOR AGREEMENTS AND ROSTERS	<p>Please make sure you have completed your Competition Agreement and assigned your Curling IO profile to the event so we have the latest roster on file.</p> <p>Competition Agreement – https://curlbc.sidelinelearning.com/forms/43/register</p> <p>Women’s IO - https://bc.curling.io/en/events/19746-2025-bc-women-s-curling-championship/event_curlers</p> <p>Men’s IO - https://bc.curling.io/en/events/19747-2025-bc-men-s-curling-championship/event_curlers</p>
WHATSAPP GROUP	<p>Teams will receive an email on how to join the WhatsApp group chat for latest information sharing. This is for teams only!</p>



OPENING CEREMONIES

JAN 20 @ 6:00 PM

We are excited to welcome all curlers to our opening ceremonies. The opening ceremonies are a chance for us to come together and showcase our teams.

Monday, January 20 at 6:00 PM

Athletes arrival will be 5:45 pm to allow for marshaling before the ceremonies start.

The ceremony itself will be roughly 30 minutes in length.

Order of Proceeding:

- Teams should assemble in alphabetical order in the dressing room hallway area. We will enter through the team entrance. Dignitaries enter the same entrance and go right down carpet to away end. Please try to stay on the carpeting once you have put your curling shoes on. Team leads will be holding the Team signs.
- Women's team will march on the carpet (left) to the home end and go down Beta to the far hog line.
- Men's teams will follow Women's teams and turn down Delta to the far hog line, leaving sheet Charlie blank for Ceremonial stones and Dignitaries will be standing facing sheet Delta on carpet end at Away end.
- After the national anthem and the speeches, the Ceremonial Rock Throwing will occur on sheet Charlie. Please move to the sides of sheet Charlie for the ceremonial first throw, lining the sheet.
- After the Ceremonial Rock Throwing, please assemble on sheet Charlie for a combined group photo.
- Once the combined group photo is taken, please return to your spot on the sides of sheet Charlie where you will be piped off (women's teams, and then men's teams).

PLAYERS ENTRANCE

Everyone will enter through the main entrance and must either have a ticket or athlete/VIP accreditation to get in. Please respect the volunteers if they stop you and ask for your accreditation.

Please stay to the left when entering the arena main doors and enter on the VIP side. The Dressing rooms are located on the left of the arena. The officials office is the last changeroom down the hall.

SOCIAL

Monday, January 20 at 6:45 PM following the Opening Ceremony Hall B/C at the George Preston Arena

The banquet for players, coaches and invited guests. Extra tickets can be purchased through the Pro-Shop at the Langley Curling Club or over the phone with Robyn Parkes 604-530-8218 for \$40.00 each. Deadline: January 15.

If you have any dietary needs, please email Gaby Olson, golson@dominionlending.ca

604-897-0197 deadline: January 15.



ATHLETE PROFILES	<u>We still need your athlete profile please!!!</u> to help promote the curlers, it would be very helpful if you can fill in the athlete profile webform: https://wkf.ms/3v7aN3P The content will potentially be featured on our social media!
DRESSING ROOMS	There will be four dressing rooms in the arena. Two for men (red/blue), and two for women (red/blue). Teams are to use the dressing room colour that matches their assigned rock colour for each game (Red or Blue). No street shoes are to be worn on carpeting in the arena. Please remove and carry your outdoor shoes to the dressing room once the carpet starts.
SCENTS	There are some players participating that are very allergic to scents. Please refrain from any perfume or strong scented products during this event.
LIVE STREAMING	Curling Stadium will be live streaming throughout the week. The feed will be available on the Curl BC YouTube page. The finals will be aired on CHEK TV and cbc.ca.
CHEK TV	<u>Saturday, January 25</u> Women's Semi Final 2:00 pm <u>Saturday, January 25</u> Men's Semi Final 7:00 pm <u>Sunday, January 26</u> Women's Championship FINAL 9:00 am <u>Sunday, January 26</u> Men's Championship FINAL at 2:00 pm
ADMISSIONS	This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bc-mens-womens-curling-championships-2025-tickets-984139777567?aff=oddtcreator
VIP TABLES FOR THE WEEK	Get your family a VIP table, includes entry and same seats the entire week! https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2025-BC-Mens-Womens-Curling-Championships-Sponsorship-Deck-Event-Committee-1.pdf
LIVE SCORING	All results can be found on Curl BC Live Scoring Link: https://www.curlbc.ca/scoreboards/
PRIZE MONEY	The first-place teams in Men's and Women's will each receive \$1000 in Prize Money.
TEAM AND EVENT PHOTOS	Team photos and event photos can be viewed on Curl BC's website and social media. A full online gallery will be available at the end of each day. Curl BC will be taking team photos before or after your practice session (Monday, January 20th) near the Curl BC Large Banner. Please make sure your team is photographed by a Curl BC member. https://photos.app.goo.gl/rfTTVP8KwowFQPX8
RESTURANTS ONSITE	The Horse and Ryder Pub is located on site: https://www.thehorseandryder.com/food-menu Open Daily 11:00 am-10:00 PM The Lodge Steakhouse is located on site: https://www.thelodgesteakhouse.com/



	Open Daily 4:00 PM-10:00 PM *recommend reservations
SOCIAL MEDIA	We encourage you to post on social media, follow and tag us @bccurlingchampionships and use the hashtag #CurlBCMens #CurlBCWomens
HOSPITALITY	The hospitality suite is for players, officials, and volunteers ONLY in the main hall. Outside food and drink are NOT permitted. Please remember to bring yourself a reusable water bottle.
50/50 TICKETS	50/50 tickets will be available on site and online. Curl BC is excited to partner with Langley Curling Centre to raise funds for curling through an online and in venue 50/50 fundraiser! - Grab your tickets now! Funds raised by this raffle will support curling or curling sport related activities in Langley and the surrounding area. The winner will be contacted to claim their prize. Thank you for your support!
2025 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS	2025 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS <i>Operated by Curling Canada</i> February 14-23 Thunder Bay, ON
2025 MONTANA'S BRIER	2025 MONTANA'S BRIER <i>Operated by Curling Canada</i> February 28-March 9 Kelowna, BC The winning teams are asked to head to the Curl BC onsite office for details on your upcoming Nationals, Team briefing and sizing for uniforms, immediately following your win.
CHIEF UMPIRE	Patti Caldwell will be the Chief Umpire for the event. If you have any questions, you may call her at 604-328-9066 or email: pcaldwell@shaw.ca
COMPETITION RULES	Please read and familiarize with the following Curl BC page: https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/documents-forms-athletes/



ICE TECHNICIAN	Mike Merklinger will be the Head Ice technician with the assistance of Norm Scott at this event. They will be providing ice conditions as close to what will be experienced at the Nationals.
FAIRPLAY AWARD NOMINATIONS	<p>Men's and Women's FAIRPLAY awards will be presented on Thursday, January 23 at 1:20 pm, prior to the 2 pm practice. The Fairplay awards are presented by Local 258 BEW BC.</p> <p>Men's Nomination form Kay Giles Women Nomination Form</p> <p>All teams are required to nominate from their discipline.</p>
CURL BC AWARDS	Please take time to nominate for the Curl BC awards here: https://www.curlbc.ca/curlbcawards/
ACCOMODATIONS	<p>Best Western Hotels can be booked using the Curl BC Corporate Rate: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/www/curl-bc.html</p> <p>Best Western Plus Country Meadows Inn – is the preferred stay.</p>
SCHOLARSHIPS REMINDER	<p>Please be reminded the application deadlines for the Gordon Hooey Memorial Scholarship Fund and the PCMCA Scholarship are on January 31, 2025.</p> <p>For more information, please visit curlbc.ca/scholarships-bursaries/</p>
EXTERNAL GROUPS	There may be school groups and other groups that may come and watch. This is a great way to showcase our athletes to the school and general community.
OLD JERSEY DONATION	<p>Don't forget to pack your old gear to donate!</p> <p>Our Rockslide summer camp in July is always a hit for our junior curlers! We are looking for old or new jerseys from you. You can donate your jerseys at this event. Please put your name on a bag and drop them off at the Curl BC designated onsite office, it would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your donations!</p>
VOLUNTEERS	<p>A big thank you to all our Volunteers. You may find a volunteer wearing a designated smock and will have a lanyard to identify them as a volunteer. Feel free to reach out to any of the volunteers, and give them a big thanks!</p> <p>If you have any family or friends interested in volunteering, they can register here: https://www.curlbc.ca/volunteer-for-an-event/ to volunteer. Volunteer orientation will be happening Sunday, January 19 @ 4:00 pm at The George Preston Arena.</p>



TOURISM LANGLEY

Tourism Langley- <https://www.tourism-langley.ca/> Langley is the Fraser Valley's premier wine and libations destination, and home of historical Fort Langley. You'll also discover authentic farm experiences, beautiful parks and trails, trendy restaurants & lounges, exciting sport venues, captivating galleries, unique shopping, and so much more.

Welcome to the Township of Langley!



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