

Thank you for your interest in renting ice at the Royals. We ask you to review all the information below so that your visit to Royals is an enjoyable one!

I am interested in curling at Royals, but I am not a member of the club. Can I rent ice from you?

Royals rents ice to both members and those who are not members of the club.

My friends and I have never curled before but really want to try it. Can we rent ice from you?

Royals rents ice to non-curlers but for your safety and enjoyment, we will require you to have an instructor(s) who will provide a safety overview, as well as show you how to deliver a curling rock, how to sweep and how to play the game. The current charge for an instructor is \$75 for each instructor, which is payable in cash on the day of your rental. Please note that you do not need to find an instructor yourself, the Royal Canadian Curling Club can book the instructor(s) for you.

How many sheets of ice will I need to book?

While curling is a team sport with teams normally comprised of four members, you can curl with as few as three people per team, or as many as five per team (ie. You can put as few as six, or as many as ten, people on a single sheet of ice).

Is it expensive to rent ice?

Ice is typically rented for a 2-hour period of time. Rates vary depending on the day of the week. Please call the club to confirm the rates for the date on which you are planning to rent. Please note that your rental fee includes all the equipment you will need to curl including grippers, step-on sliders and brooms. In addition to ice rental fees, additional charges apply if you require an instructor(s).

Is there ice available for rental every day?

We will rent ice only on dates/times where our leagues have not scheduled games/events. In general:•

- There is no availability on Sunday through Friday late afternoon/evenings (ie: 4 pm onwards) due to regular league play.
- There is limited availability on Saturdays, particularly from late September through December. From January to April, we have many bonspiels/events scheduled at the club on Saturdays; if you want to book ice on a Saturday during these months, we recommend you book well in advance (usually 8-12 months in advance)
- During the week, we can often accommodate groups Thursday's and Friday's (occasionally on Wednesday) up until 4pm.

Please call the office to confirm if there is ice available on the day you are looking to rent ice.

How do I book the ice?

To book ice, either telephone the club (416-461-0251) or send an email to rentals@rccc.on.ca with the following information:

- date you are looking to rent
- time at which you plan to be out on the ice-
- the number of participants / the number of sheets of ice you want to book
- telephone number at which you can be reached
- whether you require curling instruction.

One of our office staff will confirm your rental details and fees, and then e-mail you a rental agreement. We will ask you to review the accuracy of the rental agreement. Assuming all the information is correct, we will ask you to sign and return the agreement to the office, as well as to provide us with a deposit equal to 50% of the ice rental fee. The balance of your ice rental fee will be payable on the day of your rental.

When we e-mail the rental agreement to you, we will also send you a copy of our "Ice Rental Participant Release" form. This form will need to be reviewed and signed by every member of your group who is not a member of the Royal Canadian Curling Club before he/she goes out onto the ice (a parent/guardian must sign the form on behalf of children who are under the age of majority). Please note that we do not require the release forms to be signed and returned to us before your rental date; it is acceptable if the participants sign the release form when they arrive at the club on your rental date (but they must sign the form before going out onto the ice).

What time do I need to arrive at the club?

Your rental agreement will stipulate the time at which you have access to the ice. Please plan to arrive at the club at least 15 minutes before your indicated start time; for a very large group, you may want to be here as much as 30 minutes earlier. This will ensure that everyone in your group has time to change into the shoes/clothes they plan to wear out onto the ice, as well as to sign the "Ice Rental Participant Release" form before they go out on the ice (if they have not already done so). Please note that if your group is late arriving and only gets out on the ice AFTER the start time stipulated in your contract, the length of your rental will not be extended, and you will not be entitled to a pro-rata refund of your ice rental fees. You must get prior approval from the office if you plan to arrive at the club more than 30 minutes in advance of the start time stipulated in your agreement.

What should I wear to go curling?

It is about 5 degrees in our ice shed. We recommend that you dress in layers so you can easily adjust as required. Loose fitting, stretchy pants are the best option, as these allow you to move easily out on the ice. It is also a good idea to bring a pair of gloves. The most important piece of clothing when it comes to curling is the shoes on your feet. We ask that every participant remove the shoes/boots they are wearing when they walk into the club, and put on a pair of clean, flat-bottom shoes (e.g.: indoor running shoes) to wear out onto the ice. This will limit the amount of debris and salt which is tracked out onto the ice. Outdoor boots, dress shoes or any footwear with a heel more than 1/2" in height are not to be worn on the ice. Unlike a bowling alley, we do not have curling shoes available for you to rent/sign out for use during your game. Protective head gear (such as a helmet), while recommended, is not mandatory for adults. Please note that you are responsible for bringing your own protective head gear to the curling club.

Will we be able to enjoy a drink or snacks/food after our game?

At Royals, we have a licensed lounge area which overlooks this ice. We have a fully stocked bar with a variety of beverage options including 8 taps for draught beer and cider. If you would like to have the bar open for your rental, please let us know ahead of time. No alcoholic beverages may be taken into the arena. Also, you may not, under any conditions, bring your own alcohol to the club. If you are found to be consuming any alcohol which was not purchased at the club, you will be asked to leave immediately. We reserve the right to restrict access to the ice shed to anyone who appears to be intoxicated.

Food services at Royals are provided by On the Rocks Catering. If you are interested in having food service as part of your rental, please let us know when you book; we will put you in touch with Cheryl who will work with you directly to finalize your menu.

Prior approval of the office is required if you plan to bring in your own food.

What happens if I need to cancel?

We will refund any deposit paid with at least 14 days' notice of cancellation; alternatively, we will try to reschedule the date of your rental.