

GAY CURLING IN TORONTO



Slide into winter...

Curling is a great way to beat the winter blahs and enjoy some of the social interaction that sets the sport apart from others.

Since 1962!

Toronto's gay curling leagues provide the gay and lesbian community with a unique and friendly way to beat the winter blues.

Since 1962, gay curlers have been enjoying the sport in growing numbers. Last year, Rotators had 14 teams and Riverdale boasted 56 teams.

Whether you're a novice or an established curler, the gay curling leagues welcome you. Both leagues offer a variety of competition ranging from very recreational to fairly competitive.

Each league also hosts an annual bonspiel. Rotators' spiel takes place in November, and Riverdale's spiel is held in March.

What is curling?

Curling is both a cardiovascular workout and a challenging strategy exercise. As well, curlers enjoy an atmosphere of camaraderie which is unmatched in other winter team sports. Integrity, a sense of fair play and friendly competition are all aspects of the sport. It is also one of the few sports where men and women of all ages can compete equally.

Apart from friendly on-ice competition, curlers enjoy a wonderful off-ice tradition. After each game, players retreat to the lounge where they socialize, share curling experiences, discuss strategy or just enjoy friendly conversation over food and/or drinks. Many lasting friendships (even relationships) have started in the curling lounge.



About the club

The Royal Canadian Curling Club is centrally located, near the intersection of Queen and Broadview (see map below). It is easily accessible by public transit or car. A municipal parking lot is available nearby for your convenience.

The club is fully licensed and offers an inhouse kitchen that provides a selection of food, including breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks. The Royal Canadian Curling Club offers a gay-friendly atmosphere away from the usual haunts of Church and Wellesley. The licensed lounge — with its comfortable sofas and chairs, piano, large-screen TV and adjacent dining room — offers an enjoyable place to relax, eat, share a drink or watch a game.



Royal Canadian Curling Club

131 Broadview Ave
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2011-2012 SEASON

General registration info

Pre-registration for existing members:

- Pre-registration for all returning members who played last season is now open and will continue until Aug 31, 2011.
- Pre-registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis and **must be confirmed with payment on or before registration date.**
- **Riverdale:** Register a team, partial team or as an individual. Pre-registration preference will also be determined by the number of returning Riverdale curlers per team.
- **Rotators:** Please indicate whether you are registering for either the A or B division.

New-member registration:

- **Registration night for new curlers** will be held beginning at 6pm on Wed, Sept 7 at Pegasus, 489B Church Street.
- A complimentary clinic for new curlers is being planned for Oct 1. Please check for more details at the registration night and on our [website](#).

Registration details can be sent by regular mail or email to the appropriate league.

Riverdale:

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66 Isabella Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4Y 1N3

Email:
riverdale@gaycurl.ca

Brian Nagle,
President

Rotators:

Rotators Curling League
c/o 1009 -
120 Homewood Ave,
Toronto, Ontario,
M4Y 2J3

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rotators@gaycurl.ca

Murray Leaning,
President

General information:

Website: www.gaycurl.ca

ABOUT THE LEAGUES



Rotators — Wednesdays

League details...

- The oldest gay and lesbian curling league in the country offers two distinct divisions again this year.
- You can sign up for the A division with a standard, fixed-position format.
- Or you can choose the B division where players have an opportunity to rotate through different positions.
- The season is divided into two or three sessions, depending on registration numbers.
- After a session is complete, the teams are dissolved and reformed for the next session.
- You can choose to sign up for a single session or for the whole season, and you can choose to switch divisions at the end of a session..
- The league curls on Wednesday nights at 9pm, with the season running from October to early April.
- Fees (per person) are two instalments of \$150 or one instalment of \$275 paid in full at the beginning of the season.
- Registration is by individual entry only.
- The league can accommodate a maximum of 14 teams (56 members).
- The curling club has a limited selection of brooms, sliders and grippers — or bring your own.



Riverdale — Sundays

League details...

- The largest gay and lesbian curling league in the country offers recreational curling sections for all skill levels.
- The season runs the entire year from Oct 2, 2011 to early April 2012.
- Draw times are 9:45am, 12pm, 2:15pm and 4:30pm on Sundays. Times may be changed depending on final registration numbers and composition.
- Fees (per person) are \$275 paid in full at registration, OR two installments of \$150 (due on Sept 7, 2011 and January 2012).
- Please note that this a full-season commitment. The season is not divided into two halves. Any rebate (if applicable) will be applied to the second fee installment. Late/declined payments will be subject to additional processing fees.
- Registration deadline (if space permits) is Sept 7 to finalize team composition and seeding, and to prepare and post the draw schedule.
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