

# From Rocks & Rings to on the ice. We get kids curling!



## Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings presented by Curling Canada Program

- A whopping 200,000 kids per year are introduced to curling via the Egg Farmers Rocks
   & Rings presented by Curling Canada program.
- Over 1.2 million students have had the program since it started in 2010.

#### It's time to get them on the ice! Rocks & Rings – Curling 101

 Students of Rocks & Rings schools are offered the opportunity to try curling at their local rink.

Parental attendance is mandatory, making this a

true family event.



#### **Curling 101 On-Ice Program**

- 1 hour on-ice session (no longer).
- Marketing program....not a learn to curl.
- For all ages, getting families playing together.
- Offers enough information for participants to safely play a game their first time on ice.

#### **Curling 101 On-Ice Program Continued**

- Start without a rock. Makes them believe they are getting better throughout the lesson.
- Use corny jokes "fairy dusting", "rocks at houses".
- Take all technical out. You are teaching them about curling.
- Less is more, some things can be left out.

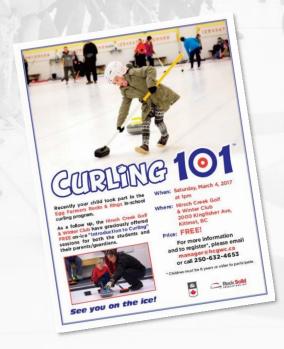
#### **Benefits Rocks & Rings Bring to Curling 101**

- Data collection of participants.
- Give back to local community.
- Certified coaches not required...just fun members!
- Targets both youth and adults.



#### Club's Role in Curling 101

- Pick an Open House date.
- Choose schools to host Rocks & Rings.
- Design Flyer & Print prior to R&R dates.





#### Club's Role in Curling 101....continued

- Have coaches lined up for Open House.
- Handle Registrations/Host Open House.
- Be prepared to recruit. Have quality programs for new members. Send follow up email.





#### **Curling 101 Program Results**

- Largest Curling 101 hosted 174 participants.
- Average is between 35-40 participants (3 schools).







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- Morrisburg Curling Club had so many new curlers sign up they changed their program.
- Glooscap Curling Club has run this program for two seasons and have tripled their youth numbers in less than 12 months.

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- Brant Curling Club had 300% increase in Little Rock members the day after their Curling 101 event.
- Curl PEI most successful provincial organization had 6 clubs run the program in 2016-2017 and combined over 475 on ice participants.

# Be part of the future of curling and getting kids active in Canada!



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