

DENEEN CUP CHALLENGE

What is the Deneen Cup Challenge?

The Deneen Cup was donated in 1915 to promote Ladies' curling through interclub play, named after Mrs. Deneen. It helped develop an environment that created more sociability and to renew acquaintances. It was said that it was held on a Saturday morning or afternoon with a light lunch to follow although records to corroborate this have not been located.

The Deneen Cup has not been played for many years. It would be wonderful to bring back the long seeded (and almost forgotten) tradition of having an interclub/interleague challenge to forge new acquaintances and promote good will.

How does the challenge work?

A full set of rules is attached. The basic rules are as follows:

- Challenging Rink supplies ice and hospitality.
- Each club is made up of a double rink (two teams), highest combined scores determines the winner.
- Schedule is made up by Trustees when all applications are in prior to each season.
- The winning team is to contact next Challenger to arrange a date during the week scheduled.

The hosting team is the challenging team. The winning team from the previous challenge travels to the challenging team's club. A curling club or league will need 8 ladies to participate in the challenge for the cup, 2 teams of 4. This group hosts the previous winning team. There are two 4 end games played with a short intermission between games where the hosting team switches and plays the other team of 4. The teams may choose to take 15 to 30 minutes for refreshments between games.

The score of the first 4 end game stays on the board and the second 4 end game continues to play on this score.

At the end of both games the scores are added together. The club/league that has the higher score wins the challenge for that week. This team will be the team that travels to the next challenge.

As part of the hosting duties the challenger will provide a meal to promote socializing between the two clubs/leagues.

How do we know who we play and when?

Depending on the number of teams registered, an email will go out to the club/league contact with a time frame they will be the challenger. The winners of the current challenge will report to

the Deneen Cup Chair or designated trustee, who will then pass on the information to the next challenger. The challenger is responsible for contacting the traveling team and arranging the game within that time frame.

The order of the clubs will be randomly selected unless there are specific requests for times that will not work. The first traveling team will be randomly selected.

How do we keep track of the wins and challenges?

The traveling team will carry a log book. The teams will be recorded for each game, and the score of each end. Players may be listed by each club. Anecdotes are welcome.

How can a club/league participate in the challenge?

Please email a completed copy of the attached application form to deneencupchair@gmail.com by November 30th, 2023.

I look forward to receiving applications from many different clubs/leagues throughout the province. As this is the inaugural year it will be a shortened season for the challenge.

If a member of a participating club/league is interested in sitting on the committee, please send an email to me at deneencupchair@gmail.com.

Best regards,

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Deneen Cup Chair

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