

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 was not played for many years. It was reinstated in 2023/2024 and it was 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. (Clubs should set aside 2 sheets of ice for minimum 2 hours of play. Consider booking ice time on the weekend or evenings when time for the challenge.)
- Prior to game start there will be a coin toss to determine rock colour to allow consistency between the two games in play. The winner of the coin toss will choose their rock colour. (This coin toss does not determine hammer. The coin toss for hammer will remain in effect with regular curling play.)
- 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 by the deadline stated on the application form.
- 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 scoreboard.

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 contacts with a time frame when they will be the challenger. This schedule will go out as early in the season as possible to allow time to book ice.

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 the winner of the previous season's last game.

Once a game is complete it is up to the winner to contact the next challenger on the schedule asap so the next game can be scheduled.

How do we keep track of the wins and challenges?

The challenging team will provide a copy of the game record. An email will be sent to clubs when the schedule is finalized with the game record to print or complete electronically. The results of the game are to be sent to the Deneen Cup Chair upon completion of the game.

How can a club/league participate in the challenge?

Please email a completed copy of the attached application form to deneencupchair@gmail.com by September 30th, 2024. Alternatively, it can be mailed to Deneen Cup Chair, c/o Tara Kolisnyk, 116-237A Marcoux Ave, Lorette, MB, R5K 1G1.

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,

Tara Kolisnyk

Deneen Cup Chair

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