

Arena Curling Championship Event Rules

Name: Arena Curling National Championships

Eligibility: Teams must be dues paying, league playing members of the same arena club.

Definition: An arena club is defined as a club that is a member in good standing of the United States Curling Association that conducts all of its on ice activities by renting ice time from an arena facility.

Selection Process:

- The Arena Curling Committee will be responsible for selecting the teams for the Arena Curling Championship.
- Each club may nominate one men's team and one women's team for the event.
- Clubs are responsible for determining a selection process for teams within their club. The USCA realizes that clubs face many challenges and difficulties in booking ice time and so will leave it to the discretion of clubs about how they go about this selection process. The only requirement is that any team that wishes to be nominated for the event have a reasonable opportunity to compete for the club's nomination. This can be accomplished either by comparing teams records in ordinary league play, organizing a separate playdown process in the club, or by comparing the performance of different club teams in interclub bonspiels. The selection criteria should be made clear to all club teams in advance of the clubs selection process.
- 32 teams in total will participate in the event, 16 in the men's competition, and 16 in the women's competition.
- The host club will receive 1 entry into both events.
- Each region will receive at least 1 entry in each event.
- Entries are submitted by clubs to the USCA national office.
- Entries in the championship go to a club, not an individual team.
- Priority will be given to applications from clubs that have entries from both a Men's Team and a Women's Team.
- If after the above screen has been applied, a region still has more than one acceptable entry, then that regions entry will be chosen at random from among the clubs that have cleared the first selection criteria.
- Fill policy: Remaining spaces in the events will be allocated by drawing one additional club entry from a region in the order of the total number of entries received until the event is filled.
- If the event cannot be filled from clubs that have submitted nominations for both a men's and a women's team, then the committee will fill the empty spots in events by choosing at random from club entries that only nominated a team for one event.

- If either the Men's or the Women's event receives fewer than 16 applications, the Arena Curling Championship Committee will fill the other event with eligible teams using the above selection process until the total number of entries reaches 32 curling teams.