

Junior Curling Programs

AGM Report – May 2nd, 2021

Junior Curling

- Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:15am - Lil' Rockets (7 – 9 year olds) – 5 curlers (2 new this year)
 - Down 1 from last year.
- Saturdays from 10:30 – noon - Kidz Rock group (10 – 12 year olds) – 7 curlers (2 new this year)
 - Down 1 from last year.
- **New this year** Used the CurlBC “Skill Awards Program” to test curlers’ skills and award badges for different levels. **ALL curlers earned at least one badge this year** with many earning 2 badges for their skill level/development.
 - Gave curlers their badges in an outdoor “drive by” awards ceremony in early February.
- **HUGE Thanks to Sydney Folz, Thomas Kaiser and Braxton Brown-John for helping out every week!**
- Very enthusiastic. Next year’s volunteers may change due to changing family situations.

Teen Curling

- Tuesdays from 3:45 – 5:15pm – Teens and Tweens (Grades 7 – 12) – 8 curlers (all returning from previous years)
 - Up 3 from last year.
- Two of the curlers also curled on Monday nights on an “as needed” bases
- **New this year** Used the CurlBC “Skill Awards Program” to test curlers’ skills and award badges for different levels. **ALL curlers earned at least one badge this year** with many earning 2 badges for their skill level/development.
 - Gave curlers their badges in an outdoor “drive by” awards ceremony in early February.
- Brad Brown-John helped coach when he wasn’t working ... greatly appreciated his help!!
- Due to lack of practise commitment, and COVID restrictions, we were not able to assemble a travelling team as planned.

School Programs

- Due to COVID restrictions we were not able to host any school programs this year.

Looking Forward To Next Year

- Based on the satisfaction for parents/curlers, my plan is to again go with Saturday morning practises for the Junior programs and Tuesday after school for the Teen program.
 - The only issue is the conflict with bonspiels on Saturdays. In the past the organizing committee has been very accommodating by not starting until 11am.
- I Need to advertise our Junior/Teen Curling programs more with schools.
- **Wanting to formalize a Junior Coaching program as I need the help on Saturdays, especially if this group gets any larger.**
- **New for 2021** - Using the new “Passion Curling” program, which is specifically for junior curlers.
- Having Jim Cotter work with us to form an inter-city league with 100 Mile, Quesnel and PG.
- Having parents of juniors able to spectate and join us for family and skills days is a goal for next season. We couldn’t do this due to COVID restrictions.
- Wish to start school program in October and only go a couple of times per week in the fall and reduce the number of schools significantly in the Spring.
- Inviting only Gr. 5 and above students as they have the most success at this age.
- Want to have a hand-out to give students at the end of lessons promoting Junior Curling.
- Having coffee and goodies for school volunteers afterwards. Did this a few times in 2019 and it worked really well and we all got to know each other better as well Bonus!!!!