

Huntley Youth Curling

- Qualified Instructors
- Dedicated Ice Time
- Strong Program for Recreational and Competitive curlers alike
- Ontario Curling Association (OCA) Skill Awards and teaching techniques
- Bonspiels for Recreational and Competitive curlers

Strong fundamentals that can take you anywhere: Recreational fun to Provincial Champions

From our first year Little Rockers to the most Competitive Juniors, the Huntley Curling Club (HCC) has something to offer you!

We would like to have every young curler learn the fundamentals and etiquette of this fine sport in a non-competitive environment. We encourage participation, not competition during our program times. The purpose of our youth program is to get the children out having fun, and meeting other young curlers. We continually assess and re-assess all aspects of our program and try to keep up with our quickly developing youth.

All of our instructors are deeply committed to the youth of this program! We want every curler to come away with a strong foundation and respect for this great sport.

In 1999, the youth program at the Huntley Curling Club was rejuvenated and has been steadily growing. We started out with 8 Little Rockers, and about a dozen Bantam/Juniors. At that time we had 5 instructors. In 2008, we enrolled 35 Little Rockers and 22 Bantam/Junior curlers.

QUALIFIED INSTRUCTION

All our young members receive on and off ice instruction from qualified / certified / enthusiastic Volunteers. Currently we have NCCP Level 1, 2 and 3 Instructors that assist with the program. They are available to teach on Sunday, or help coach your child. Every instructor at HCC is deeply committed to the positive development of our youth.

We have also used our experienced Bantam/Juniors to help with the younger curlers. This volunteer time can be used towards their Community Service Hours for their High School Diploma.

If you would like to help, just ask us, we'd be happy to have you on board!

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Our program starts the end of October, and continues till the end of March or early April. It usually runs for 20 weeks. We incorporate the Ontario Skill Awards from the Ontario Curling Association (OCA) as part of our weekly instruction. This excellent Badge Program is available to every youth member in our club and allows the children to progress through the different levels of skill development at their own speed.

Each year, all of our members participate in a Christmas Pot Luck, a "Friendly" or two between different local clubs, and an end of the year Potluck/Awards Day.

BONSPIELS

...For both Competitive and Non-Competitive Curlers

HCC hosts an annual St Patrick's Day "NOVICE" Little Rock Spiel that all our members take part in. It's a fun day with prizes for decorated people / brooms / teams etc.... there are lots of little green

people running around the club that day. Our program Coordinators mix and match all the kids, to ensure everyone plays on a balanced team.

For our older members, we host two Open Spiels.....one for Competitive Curlers and one for Social Curlers. Again, all of our program members take part in this day.

Both Little Rockers and Bantam/Juniors participate in out of club Bonspiels. We strongly encourage each child to participate in at least one or two out of club spiels every year, and more if it's possible.

ZONE PLAYDOWNS

For the competitive curler, we have had several teams this past year compete in all aspects of the zone play downs. From our two Little Rock teams right through to our Juniors Boys and Girls, we had great representation from all our youth!

CLUB COLOURS

..."Black & Gold"

Our members expressed an interest in club jackets, so we held some raffles and ran an extra spiel over the last couple of years and were then able to purchase three sets of Huntley Team Jackets.

With the Club Team Jackets now being available, it enables every young curler to feel that they are part of the Huntley Team when they play in an out of club event.

All BANTAM / JUNIOR and LITTLE ROCK INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS are held on SUNDAYS.

All of our programs start with a 10 minute exercise program. We want all our curlers to be stretched and warmed up properly before heading out onto the ice.

We usually work on a skill or a drill of some kind, and then finish off with a game. Our members rotate positions and play with different players each week.

We stress the fun and participation, not competition during our program time.

We would like each new curler to come equipped with clean indoor running shoes. Brooms are provided by HCC, but we request that each curler provide their own slider, which can be purchased at the club.

LITTLE ROCK

AGES 8-12 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Sunday

The main emphasis is to have fun while teaching the fundamentals and etiquette of curling. It is easy to teach the concepts of curling with our four new sets of Intermediate Lite Rocks. We use the Ontario Skill Awards program for our technical aspect, and have in club bonspiels and potluck spiels for fun.

BANTAM / JUNIOR

AGES 13-15 / 16-20 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Sunday

We work on the fine tuning of skills that were acquired from Little Rocks. Again, participation not competition is encouraged with some inter-club "friendlies" being organized during the season.

TEAM PRACTICE TIME

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Any HCC Youth Teams that would like to use this time to practice with their coach. This ice must be pre-booked through the Junior Coordinator.

OTHER PRACTICE TIME AVAILABLE

We can arrange other practice time after school if the ice is available. The usual time could be from 3:30 to 6:00 on certain days. This ice should be pre-booked with the Junior Coordinator.

STUDENT CURLING

This is for the older experienced members that play in the Adult Evening League. Please consult one of the Coordinators for eligibility.

VOLUNTEERING

The success of any program is a direct result of the people that are involved in it, and **OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AWESOME!!!!**

Our Instructors record an unbelievable amount of time every year, yet we wouldn't have such a complete program if we couldn't rely on our curler's parents and other associated people to do the rest. All of our bonspiels, fundraising, baking etc. couldn't happen if these other people weren't involved and committed as well.

We do not have a set amount of volunteer time required by each related family; we just ask that you happily help out when you can.

HARD WORK and PERSEVERENCE REAP REWARDS at HCC

Our volunteer instructors not only spend countless hours each Sunday throughout the year, but also attend bonspiels with their teams and hold extra practices throughout the week to help them improve. In the past, these teams have been great ambassadors for the Huntley Curling Club Youth Program and their success speaks volumes about the program.

The foundation that the curlers receive provides them with the skills that they need to enjoy the game for many years to come. Whether they have competed as part of a team from Huntley, or have moved on to play as a member of an out of club team, their achievements speak volumes for the quality of the program we have here at Huntley!

2009

OCA Junior Mixed Provincial Champion
OCA Bantam Mixed Provincial Finalist
OCA Bantam Girls Provincial Finalist
OCA Gore Provincial Finalist
OFSAA Provincial Finalist
OCA Junior Boys Regional Finalist
OCA Bantam Boys Regional Finalist
OVCA Little Rock Championship Dupont Event Runner-Up

2008

OCA Bantam Mixed Provincial Champions
OCA Bantam Boys Provincial Finalist
OCA Timbit Elementary School Provincial Main Event Runner-Up
OCA Junior Mixed Regional Finalist
OCA Junior Boys Regional Finalist
OCA Bantam Girls Regional Finalist
OVCA Little Rock Championship Finalist

We hosted the Little Rock Championship.

2007

OCA Bantam Mixed Provincial Finalist
OCA Bantam Boys Regional Finalist
OVCA Little Rock Champions

2006

OVCA Little Rock Championship Dupont Event Winner

2005

OVCA Little Rock Championship Dupont Event Winner

2004

OCA Bantam Mixed Provincial Finalist
Little Rock OVCA Championship Winner
OCA Timbit Elementary School "B" Event Winner

Hosted the Zone 3 Little Rock Play Downs

2003

OVCA Little Rock Champions
OCA Timbit Elementary School Main Event Runner-Up

2002

LCA District 2 Championship Runner-Up

2001

OVCA Little Rock Championship Winner

2000

OCA Bantam Girls Team Provincial Finalist

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you miss registration or have any questions; please contact one of our Coordinators

Bantam / Junior Coordinator: Jill Rivington

Little Rock Coordinators: Ross & Laurie Cotten