

Virtual Curling Club Guidelines



Background

New curlers often experience problems finding a suitable club which is willing to take on new members, particularly mid-season when clubs have their fixtures and league games underway.

New curlers who do find a club often lack confidence and many get little assistance within their club to enhance their knowledge of the game.

What is the Virtual Curling Club?

- The Virtual Curling Club is a club open to all new curlers who have recently attended beginners curling lessons
- The Virtual Curling Club provides coaching advice and assistance to allow all members to continue their development; it is suggested to have alternative coaching sessions and curling games (weekly or fortnightly)
- The Virtual Curling Club provides exposure to the rudiments of a fully affiliated Curling Club
- Membership of the club is limited to a period of two full playing seasons plus the remainder of the season in which persons have joined, should the joining period be later than 31st December. This ensures that the Virtual CC will remain a club for beginners and encourages members to join mainstream clubs (Virtual CC members can also be members of another club)

Benefits of the Virtual Curling Club

- Members will receive a 50% discount on their Scottish Curling membership
- Members will receive an 'Guide for New Members'
- Members will have the opportunity to play in each playing position of the team
- Coaching will be in a relaxed atmosphere, and members can ask advice on questions that arise during games
- The club acts as a pathway between beginners classes and joining a mainstream club
- Members have the opportunity to observe mainstream curling clubs and choose which club is most suited to them
- Curlers have the opportunity to develop their own skills with like-minded people
- The Virtual Curling Club members will be eligible to enter the Scottish Curling 'National Virtual Challenge' at the end of the season

Affiliation to Scottish Curling

For a Club to be capable of admission into membership of Scottish Curling, it must:

- have at least eight members
- be situated in Scotland
- have its own Constitution
- be governed by Office-Bearers and/or a Management Committee elected in accordance with its Constitution