

## Effective Curling Season 2017-2018

### Arena Nationals Team Selection Process

In an effort to select the team most qualified, and provide a fair and equal to all members the Curl Troy Board of Directors has adopted the following policy for the selection of teams to compete.

#### **Qualifications**

Members must meet the following requirements to represent Curl Troy at USCA Arena Nationals:

- Meet all USCA requirements for the event
- Be considered a full member of Curl Troy as defined by the Curl Troy Board of Directors
- Must be regularly competing in leagues with Curl Troy

Skips wishing to skip teams at arena nationals for Curl Troy must meet the following requirements:

- Meet all regular participant requirements above
- Must have experience skipping in 2 bonspiels prior to the closing of the application process

#### **Team Requirements**

Teams that apply must meet the following requirements as a team:

- Must consist of 4 players
- All players must meet eligibility requirements
- All players must commit to being able to participate in Arena Nationals prior to final team selection/playdowns begin.

#### **Application Process**

The President of the Board of Directors will make available to all eligible members an application form for interested teams to apply to Arena Nationals. This application form will be made available no later than November 1 of the current curling year and applications will be accepted through December 1 of the current curling year.

Teams must meet all team, individual, and skip eligibility requirements. The team that applies must be the team that competes at any applicable playdown and at Arena Nationals. Substitutions must be approved by the Curl Troy Board of Directors, and will only be granted in rare instances. Once the team is selected and applications are submitted to USCA, team changes are not permitted.

#### **Team Selection Process**

In the event that more than one qualified team applies to Arena Nationals a playdown will determine the team that represents Curl Troy.

Prior to the curling season the President of the Board of Directors, or his designee, will make every attempt to negotiate with the closest available dedicated curling ice facility to facilitate a playdown that will occur on an evening or weekend in the month of January for that same year's Arena Nationals Competition. The President of the Board of Directors, or his designee, will facilitate and be the final arbitrator of the playdown, including but not limited to selecting the draw, length of games, and rule of the playdown. If the President of the Board of Directors is a member of a team which applied for Arena Nationals, they will designate another Curl Troy member to administer the event.

Those participating in the playdown may be required to pay an entry fee to assist in covering the cost of ice rental.

The winner of playdown will represent Curl Troy in Arena Nationals for that calendar year.

If for any reason a playdown is not possible, the President of the Board of Directors will select a method for determining participants from the following options: League Records from previous season, random draw of members applied, random draw of teams applied, or anticipated head to head results in upcoming leagues. If the President of the Board of Directors is a member of a team who has applied the President shall appoint another USCA Club Officer to select an appropriate method and ensure that the selection is blind.

### **Alternate/5th Player**

The selected team will be allowed to submit an alternate or 5th player to attend the event with them. The alternate requires approval of the Board of Directors, who at their discretion may choose any eligible member as the alternate. Regardless of the alternate selection process at least two people of the group attending the event must meet the skip qualifications listed above.

### **Uniforms**

Teams selected are required to wear matching uniforms per USCA policy, and those uniforms must meet USCA cresting policies. The team selected to represent Curl Troy must be a clear representative of Curl Troy, and their uniform choice should show this representation. Uniforms must be approved by the Board of Directors unless teams choose to use Official Curl Troy jerseys purchased through Curl Troy. Teams attending arena nationals will be given the option to purchase jerseys through Curl Troy at cost in preparation for their competition.