

1) Why now?

CurlManitoba formed an Affiliation Fee Committee approximately 2.5 years ago to review the way clubs affiliate with CurlManitoba. That Committee has made a recommendation to the Board last Spring. This recommendation was put forward at our AGM in June of 2010. Since that time Sport Manitoba has come forward with information that we will have to change our affiliation model as well.

2) How much will it cost my club – how much will it cost me?

We will be charging each club \$100 fee to be a member and each individual between \$3 and \$4. We will determine this amount by mid March as we gather a more accurate number of curlers in each club.

3) How did you determine this amount.

We are looking at revenue neutral number. We currently receive \$80,000 in membership fees. We did some preliminary calculations based on information we have received from clubs over the last couple of years. This amount works out to the \$3 to \$4 a person amount we have come up with.

4) When will you determine the final amount?

Once we have contacted all clubs we will determine the amount based on the numbers we receive that allow us to be revenue neutral.

5) Who has to pay?

We are charging anyone that takes part in curling on a regular basis. Adults, youth, club members and rental leagues.

6) How much more money is CurlManitoba going to come up with?

As indicated earlier we are doing this as a revenue neutral amount.

7) Why do you need to build a mailing list – cause that's what you're doing?

We will not be creating a mailing list. The only information we will require from clubs is age, postal code, gender, and official language.

8) How does this make things more equitable?

Currently curlers from across the province pay different amounts if you breakdown the affiliation fees on an individual basis. This ensures all curlers pay the same amount regardless of where they live

9) How is privacy protected?

As indicated earlier we are not collecting names or addresses so the information we collect will not be associated with individuals.

10) What happens if an individual is a member of 2 different clubs.

Because we are not collecting names we have no way knowing if they are paying the fee twice so we expect both clubs to collect the fee. We are still addressing this issue and will monitor it as we go along and see if a solution can be found. In the meantime if an individual would like to be refunding on one of their fees they can provide proof that they have paid the fee in more than one club and we will provide them with a refund.

11) What do curlers get?

They get many of the same benefits they currently receive and we are in the process of reviewing all of our programs and services.

12) What do clubs get?

The same benefits as before at a much reduced price.

13) Will there be more increases?

Yes. As costs increase membership fees will increase as well. When and how much we have not yet determined.

14) Where is the money going?

The money goes to supporting the programs and services of CurlManitoba. It support development programs, and events.

15) How is the fee going to be collected?

We are asking each club to collect the fee on behalf of CurlManitoba as part of the fees they charge to curlers.

16) What do I do as a club – if another club is not telling the truth?

We anticipate clubs will tell the truth. If they are not we would ask that you bring it to our attention and we will perform an audit of that club.

17) How does the audit process work?

We are still in the process of developing the audit process. We are currently gathering best practices form other sports and other provinces and will develop something that is fair and accurate. We will have this done in time for the AGM.

18) What happens if my club doesn't affiliate – then come back later...is there a penalty?

At this point in time we do not charge a penalty fee for clubs that affiliate and then do not and then come back again. There is not a large number of them so we do not anticipate clubs doing this in the future. If we do find it to be a common occurrence we may need to readdress the situation.

19) What will I as a member lose if my club does not affiliate?

The curler would lose the benefits they entitled to receive. The same thing that occurs now.

20) How will you collect the demographic information you need?

We are developing a standard form that clubs can fill out but will work with clubs to see forms that they currently have so that the task is not a burden. We are investigating a number of different online systems as well and will present different options to clubs in the coming month's.

21) What will the CCA's fees be?

The CCA affiliation fees will remain at \$85 per sheet.