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Wisconsin State Curling Association Board of Directors Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10:00am

Held via Zoom

Minutes

1. Brian Kopp called the meeting to order at 10:39am
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Present:** Clubs: Alpine, Eau Claire, Green Bay, La Crosse, Lodi, Madison, Medford, Milwaukee, Poynette, Stevens Point; Officers and Committee Reps: Kopp (President), Bazley (VP), Hofmann (Secretary), Dunlop (Treasurer), Hewes (Seniors), Russell (Bylaws), Wendling (Juniors and HS)
 - b. **Absent:** Appleton, Arlington, Blackhawk, Centerville, Clintonville, Kettle Moraine, Loch Wissota, Marshfield, Pardeeville, Portage, Racine, Rhinelander, Rice Lake, Superior, Tri-City, Waupaca, Wausau, Wauwatosa; Officers and Committee Chairs: Gleason (Past Pres), Hartman (Website), Maskel (Rules), Wiza (Mixed, Men's, Women's, Arena)
 - c. **Guests:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg Dunlop moved to approve the minutes, 2nd Dave Russell. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** We received the check from USA Curling for playdown fees \$2,366. Income and expenses are about the same as in previous years. Cash reserves of around \$29,000. Reports are attached.
5. **President Report:** Kopp thanked everybody for attending. He provided an update on updating the WSCA articles of incorporation, which may involve dissolving the current articles and organization and creating a new one, and he is still looking for legal counsel to assist with this. In doing this, some modifications of the current bylaws may be needed to streamline this process. More discussion will occur underneath New Business. There were no submissions for Gifts and Grants this cycle, so Kopp would like to remind clubs to apply, since there are funds available. He also indicated a change to the timeline of the WSCA Service Award in that the award recipient(s) will be announced at the Spring meeting, but officially presented at the annual Fall meeting to allow the recipient the opportunity to be present for a more formal and meaningful presentation.
6. **USCA Directors Report:** Kopp reported that elite teams and manufacturers are working on how to adapt to the introduction of newly developed foam for competitive play, and how to ensure fair play. Most recently, elite teams declined to use it while awaiting further discussion. USA Curling has indicated they will not take any action on their transgender policy at this time, until more information is known on the ramifications of federal policy and upcoming Executive Orders. USA Curling is developing a "one day membership" to extend USA Curling's insurance coverage to open house, curling corporate events, etc., participants. Contact Kopp for more information on this if needed.

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6. USCA Directors Report – cont'd: USA Curling is working to lock down host sites for National Championships for the next few years and will announce them as soon as finalized. Recent bids for these events have had stronger financials than previous events, so please consider submitting a bid if this is something your club would be interested in. 2025 Members' Assembly will be held Sept 19-21 in Las Vegas. Training and certification courses will be offered in conjunction with the meeting. More information will be shared with clubs when available. Kopp reported that in two years, there will be a rebalance of seat assignments to the USA Curling Board Of Directors for the regions. There are a couple of regions that are approaching Wisconsin's membership numbers, and we are in danger of no longer being a dedicated, which has implications for playdowns. If you are not a USA Curling member, please consider joining to allow the Wisconsin region to be as strong as possible. Any feedback regarding the regional model can be sent to Kopp to take back to the USA Curling Board of Directors.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Rules** – No report
- b. **Website** – No report
- c. **Bylaws** – David Russell reminded this body that any modification to WSCA Bylaws can only be made during the *Members* meeting, which is only held in the Spring.

8. Competition

- a. **Juniors and High School** – (Submitted electronically by Jim Wendling, read by Hofmann) At the previous meeting, there was some discussion regarding the future of junior bonspiels in the state. Due to the transition to Qualifiers for U21 Nationals, there were less "higher level" teams attending the traditional bonspiels that we were having. Discussion was held about how we could improve that. One of the possibilities was to encourage high school teams (especially those of the younger side) to branch out beyond their school team and participate with either their team or teams that might be thrown together from different schools to see if people might be interested in playing at the U18 or U21 levels. Announcements were made at both the Tietge Bonspiel and at the HS State Championships. Both announcements did not impact participation for the current year but will hopefully impact next year. Coaches and parents of long-time curling travelers were pointed out and parents and curlers were encouraged to ask questions regarding the experience. In addition, various pages were posted on the WSCA junior portion of the website. There is a New Parents Guide, U18 info, U21 info, high school schedules, and some bonspiel flyers on the site. The pipeline of Wisconsin curlers is important to keep encouraging and hopefully we can keep doing that. With all the changes at the National level, we need to find ways to get that information out to young curlers and parents new to the junior curling ways. A tentative schedule related to different events has been thrown out to the group of junior and high school coaches. Hopefully, there will not be changes at the national level. Season's results including as addendum.
- b. **Mixed and Men's and Women's** – (Submitted electronically by Dan Wiza, read by Hofmann) Known sites and dates for the 2025-2026 playdowns are as follows: Men's and Women's State Club Playdowns will be Dec 11-14, 2025 at Stevens Point; State Mixed Playdowns will be Feb 20-22, 2026 at Racine Curling Club; Arena Playdowns are not yet known; 2026-2027 Men's and Women's Club Playdowns will be Dec 10-13, 2026 hosted by the Milwaukee Curling Club. If your club would like to host any of the playdowns let Dan Wiza know and we can get it scheduled. The host club receives \$600/day for hosting. Season's results attached.

Questions/Issues/items that need to be considered:

- Future sites for playdowns (arena, clubs, mixed); minimum # of sheets (clubs – 5 or more sheets; mixed – 3 or more sheets); “permanent” sites vs playdown rotations?
- Break up men's and women's clubs, separate weekends/sites?
- Host Mixed and Arena together?
- Extend Clubs a day if needed...Thursday-Monday?
- What's the budget for playdowns? Would \$600/day still be paid out if more dates/sites needed to host?
- Have a WSCA Ice Guy for playdowns to ensure better/championship ice?
- Official(s) for Club Playdowns because of the number of teams?
- Bucky patches will be close to being gone after next season. I will look into getting more. Cost allowed? Have an added cost (\$10/player) when registering to pay for patches?
- Have a playdown committee? What would that look like?

c. **Seniors** – No report

d. **High School** – Presented with Juniors

e. **Arena** - Presented with Mixed/Men's/Women's

9. **WSCA Service Award** – Kopp indicated that this year's State Service Award will be given to Terri Gleason to honor her years of service to our community. She will be officially recognized at the Fall 2025 WSCA Meeting.

10. **Gifts and Grants** – Kopp again reminded clubs to submit requests to Gifts and Grants, as there were no applications this season. He noted that any funds reserved for distribution this year would be rolled over into next season.

11. **Old Business** - None

12. **New Business** – Kopp presented the slate of candidates to serve as the WSCA representative to the USA Curling Board of Directors, then recused himself, as he was on the slate. Bazley indicated that the only candidate received was Brian Kopp, no other nominations from the floor were received. Dunlop moved to close nominations in the absence of other nominees, Russell seconded. A voice vote was then called. Brian Kopp was elected with a unanimous voice vote, with one abstention (Hofmann). Kopp then returned to the meeting and presented the second new business item which was to request board approval to spend up to \$1,000 on legal fees associated with navigating the updating of the articles of incorporation. Dunlop stated that amount should be increased to \$2,000. Russell made the following motion:

MOTION: *To authorize spending of up to \$2,000 for spending on legal assistance as requested by the President.* Seconded by Doug Anderson. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Russell inquired if the WSCA vote at the Member's Assembly would be proxied to another member, as the WSCA President is the organization's representative to the USA Curling Board of Directors. Kopp indicated he does plan to find a proxy.

13. **Fall Meeting Date and Location** – Fall meeting will be held October 11, location TBD.

14. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by Doug Anderson, 2nd by John Bazley.
Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Miranda Hofmann
WSCA Secretary

Wisconsin State Curling Association

Reported WSCA Membership Levels

For the Ten Seasons 2015-2025 (2021 Excluded)

As of March 12, 2025

#	Club Name	2025	2024	2023	2022	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
1	Alpine	95	84	54	0	76	68	61	56	0	0
2	Appleton	240	225	234	215	265	220	231	219	197	190
3	Arlington	215	220	193	171	141	165	147	152	135	133
4	Blackhawk	133	131	124	119	141	143	123	154	156	136
5	Centerville	240	230	201	181	189	190	195	207	214	229
6	Clintonville	80	72	70	48	88	90	103	107	100	93
7	Eau Claire	220	243	310	290	282	267	235	224	292	286
8	Green Bay	250	256	244	230	181	196	200	168	164	142
9	Hayward	8									
10	Kettle Moraine	258	234	229	172	308	291	257	269	264	264
11	La Crosse	60	71	47	51	66	63	53	51	53	53
12	Loch Wissota	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
13	Lodi	140	180	175	143	30	30	30	30	30	30
14	Madison	589	570	555	505	589	608	569	547	547	557
15	Marshfield	83	80	83	60	92	81	81	85	81	68
16	Medford	148	154	145	140	116	126	137	155	154	130
17	Milwaukee	350	331	319	259	292	308	281	308	267	247
18	Pardeeville	40	54	43	67	86	100	94	84	84	83
19	Portage	137	162	135	152	145	160	170	172	161	175
20	Poynette	77	54	63	38	64	77	70	49	54	124
21	Racine	157	152	162	107	126	133	137	128	142	158
22	Rhineland	30	43	8							
23	Rice Lake	173	193	200	170	233	203	203	214	208	215
24	Stevens Point	236	203	205	167	194	177	150	149	161	155
25	Superior	143	155	124	124	140	132	120	111	109	104
26	Tri City	55	54	60	55	66	77	76	83	71	60
27	Waukesha	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	12	12	13
28	Waupaca	110	108	114	130	119	111	112	133	132	152
29	Wausau	351	383	392	356	483	474	473	492	474	472
30	Wauwatosa	295	276	220	208	216	207	192	187	185	177
	Totals	4,921	4,926	4,717	4,166	4,736	4,715	4,518	4,554	4,455	4,454

Notes:

Loch Wissota doesn't have an ice facility or regularly scheduled games ("Paper club").

LaCrosse & Rhineland play in arena facilities.

WSCA membership data does not include curlers under age 14.

WSCA dues are \$1.50 per member, \$25 minimum per club, 1993 to present.

No dues were collected for the 2021 season due to the COVID closures.

The Waukesha CC closed after FY2019 and gave their remaining cash assets to Pardeeville.

Rhineland CC began operating in 2023.

Hayward CC began operating in 2025.

Wisconsin State Curling Association
Statement of Revenue and Expense
For The Ten Fiscal Years Ending April 30,

	Account Number	2025 Estimated	2024 Actual	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	2016 Actual
REVENUE											
Dues	41	7,407.50	7,619.50	7,857.00	5,289.00	0.00	7,238.50	6,976.00	6,800.00	6,837.50	6,702.50
Entry Fees	42	2,366.91	2,351.49	883.50	1,230.00	0.00	1,605.00	1,740.00	1,000.00	905.00	925.00
Other Income	43	0.00	0.00	119.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255.00	75.00	0.00	375.00
		<u>9,774.41</u>	<u>9,970.99</u>	<u>8,859.50</u>	<u>6,519.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,843.50</u>	<u>8,971.00</u>	<u>7,875.00</u>	<u>7,742.50</u>	<u>8,002.50</u>
EXPENSE											
Championships											
Host Site Expenses	52	6,600.00	6,000.00	4,500.00	4,950.00	0.00	4,986.81	4,950.00	5,550.00	3,034.56	3,300.00
Awards	53	0.00	472.01	158.04	250.50	0.00	209.68	52.17	222.39	372.39	2,878.60
		<u>6,600.00</u>	<u>6,472.01</u>	<u>4,658.04</u>	<u>5,200.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,196.49</u>	<u>5,002.17</u>	<u>5,772.39</u>	<u>3,406.95</u>	<u>6,178.60</u>
Operating Expenses											
Advertising Exp	5404	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Pin & Awards Exp	5405	0.00	209.13	0.00	1,168.18	0.00	36.96	0.00	42.24	0.00	570.24
Printing Exp	5406	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.48	32.95	0.00	30.41
Postage Exp	5407	68.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00	22.17	9.80	0.00	3.54
Meeting Exp	5409	433.04	941.17	1,473.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.65	0.00	82.39
Bank Charges	5410	73.50	72.00	63.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	59.34	64.17	0.00
Club Development	5414	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site Expense	5413	0.00	0.00	1,191.77	378.88	107.40	107.40	124.35	283.40	283.40	1,752.00
Miscellaneous Exp	5419	25.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>3,599.54</u>	<u>4,307.30</u>	<u>5,752.83</u>	<u>1,617.06</u>	<u>188.40</u>	<u>214.36</u>	<u>233.00</u>	<u>572.38</u>	<u>347.57</u>	<u>2,588.58</u>
Total Expense		<u>10,199.54</u>	<u>10,779.31</u>	<u>10,410.87</u>	<u>6,817.56</u>	<u>188.40</u>	<u>5,410.85</u>	<u>5,235.17</u>	<u>6,344.77</u>	<u>3,754.52</u>	<u>8,767.18</u>
Net Income (Loss)		<u>(425.13)</u>	<u>(808.32)</u>	<u>(1,551.37)</u>	<u>(298.56)</u>	<u>(188.40)</u>	<u>3,432.65</u>	<u>3,735.83</u>	<u>1,530.23</u>	<u>3,987.98</u>	<u>(764.68)</u>
Less Last Year's Dues Paid This Year		0.00	(217.50)	(972.50)	0.00	0.00	(121.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plus This Year's Dues Paid Next Year		0.00	0.00	217.50	972.50	0.00	0.00	121.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income (Loss) - Accrual Basis		<u>(425.13)</u>	<u>(1,025.82)</u>	<u>(2,306.37)</u>	<u>673.94</u>	<u>(188.40)</u>	<u>3,311.15</u>	<u>3,857.33</u>	<u>1,530.23</u>	<u>3,987.98</u>	<u>(764.68)</u>

Submitted By:
Greg Dunlop
May 17, 2025

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DUES	41										
Current Year	4101	7,407.50	7,402.00	6,884.50	5,289.00	0.00	7,117.00	6,976.00	6,800.00	6,837.50	6,702.50
Prior Years	4102	0.00	217.50	972.50	0.00	0.00	121.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>7,407.50</u>	<u>7,619.50</u>	<u>7,857.00</u>	<u>5,289.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,238.50</u>	<u>6,976.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,837.50</u>	<u>6,702.50</u>
PLAYDOWN FEES	42										
Men's	4201	1,463.61	1,357.00	490.00	560.00	0.00	980.00	880.00	610.00	320.00	490.00
Women's	4202	415.79	418.00	50.00	90.00	0.00	80.00	180.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
Mixed	4203	600.00	500.00	160.00	400.00	0.00	320.00	240.00	80.00	90.00	80.00
Junior Men's	4204	0.00	116.00	135.00	100.00	0.00	145.00	380.00	105.00	410.00	130.00
Junior Women's	4205	0.00	69.00	85.00	80.00	0.00	80.00	60.00	85.00	85.00	105.00
Credit Card Fees	4208	(112.49)	(108.51)	(36.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>2,366.91</u>	<u>2,351.49</u>	<u>883.50</u>	<u>1,230.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,605.00</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>905.00</u>	<u>925.00</u>
OTHER INCOME	43										
Pin Sales	4302	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255.00	75.00	0.00	375.00
Miscellaneous	4309	0.00	0.00	119.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>119.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>255.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>
HOST SITE EXPENSES	52										
Men	5201	1,895.00	1,835.00	1,472.73	1,560.00	0.00	1,662.00	1,523.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	960.00
Women	5202	505.00	565.00	327.27	240.00	0.00	156.41	277.00	1,050.00	0.00	240.00
Mixed	5203	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	900.00	900.00
Juniors	5204	1,200.00	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,818.40	1,800.00	2,100.00	934.56	1,200.00
Arena Clubs	5205	1,200.00									
		<u>6,600.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,950.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,986.81</u>	<u>4,950.00</u>	<u>5,550.00</u>	<u>3,034.56</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>
AWARDS	53										
Patches	5301	0.00	0.00	158.04	250.50	0.00	209.68	52.17	222.39	222.39	2,878.60
Bonspiels	5302	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trophy Expense	5303	0.00	472.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>472.01</u>	<u>158.04</u>	<u>250.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>209.68</u>	<u>52.17</u>	<u>222.39</u>	<u>372.39</u>	<u>2,878.60</u>

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WSCA Junior Curling for the 2024-25 Season:

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Camps:

- Traverse City, MI – May 2-4 (US Jr Curling Assoc)
- Arizona – June 19-22 (US Jr Curling Assoc)
- Minnesota – July 16-18 (US Jr Curling Assoc)
- Minnesota – July 28-31 (USA CURLING)
- Rice Lake – Aug 8-10 (Rice Lake CC)

Events:

- Oct 17-19 – Madison (U21 Qualifier for U21 Nationals)
- Oct 31-Nov 2 – Eau Claire (Open Junior Bonspiel – 2 divisions)
- Nov 7-8 – Pardeeville (Jr Doubles Bonspiel)
- Nov 15-17 – Broomstones, MASS (U21 Qualifier for U21 Nationals)
- Dec 6-7 – Site TBD (U18 WI Qualifier for U18 Nationals in CO)
- Dec 13-15 – Vegas? (U21 Qualifier for U21 Nationals)
- Dec 27-28 – Wausau (Jr Mixed Doubles + Traditional Developmental Div)
- Jan 3-5 – Fargo, ND (U21 Qualifier for U21 Nationals)
- Jan 16-17 – Wausau (Tietge HS Bonspiel)
- Jan 23-25 – Portage (Open Jr Bonspiel – 2 divisions)
- Feb 6-7 – Appleton (Open Jr Bonspiel - 2 divisions)
- Feb 20-21 – Pardeeville (State MD Championships)
- Feb 27-28 – Wausau (Traditional State Championships)
- Mar 7-9 – Blaine, MN (U21 Qualifier for U21 Nationals)
- Centerville, Kettle, Green Bay?

2024-25 Events and Results

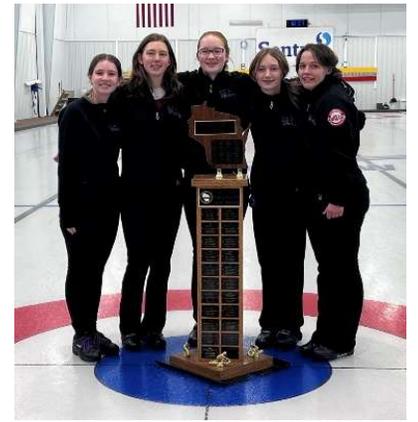
November 2024: Junior Mixed Doubles Nationals - Duluth

- Ella Wendling (Wausau) and Benji Paral (Eau Claire) finished third



December 2024: WISCONSIN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Also the U18 Qualifier for Nationals)
Event held in Stevens Point

- 3 boys teams (Kadlec, Koch, and McMullin) and 2 girls teams (Nelson and Pichelman)
- Girls – Team Nelson (Madison & Portage) won and advanced to U18 Nationals in Colorado
 - Anika Nelson, Olivia Goldthorpe, Katie Charles, Audrey Ivey, and Lexie Birchler
- Boys – Team Kadlec (Rice Lake) won and advanced to U18 Nationals in Colorado
 - Austin Kadlec, Zac Hess, Kyler Warring, and Davin Britton



January 2025: U18 Nationals in Colorado (Rock Creek)

- Team Nelson finished 2-3 in pool play and 8th overall out of 12 teams
- Team Kadlec finished 4-1 in pool play and qualified for the playoffs.
 - In the quarter finals, Kadlec defeated Team Dial
 - In the semifinals, Kadlec lost to Team Guentzel
 - In bronze game, Kadlec defeated Team Rokke and claimed the bronze medal
- Also curling in the U18s – Ella Wendling (Wausau) skipped the Midwest Team
 - Finished 5-0 in round robin
 - Defeated Team Petrova in the Semifinals
 - Lost to Team Johnson in the Finals and claimed the silver medal



January 2025: Tietge Bonspiel (Wausau) – High School Bonspiel

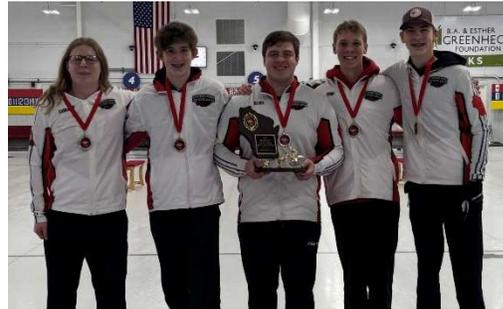
- 24 boys teams participated
 - 1ST EVENT: Wausau West (McCallum) defeated Portage (Macomber)
- 20 girls teams participated
 - 1ST EVENT: Stevens Point (Pichelman) defeated Wausau East (Sewall)



February 2025: Traditional State High School Championships – Wausau

- 16 boys teams and 16 girls teams participated

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP: Portage (Macomber) defeated Stevens Point (Brooks)



Portage: Ethan Macomber, Adam Hein, Jack Huebner, Charley Murphy

Stevens Point: Derek Brooks, Lukasz Dobbs, Ian Ekstrand, Samuel Enders, Evan Rust

GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Portage (Youra) defeated Wausau West (Wendling)



Portage: Elizabeth Youra, Sophia Brom, Olivia Goldthorpe, Katie Charles

Wausau West: Ella Wendling, Maggie Hintz, Caroline Kurth, Kenna McFadden

February 2025: Mixed Doubles State High School Championships – Pardeeville

- 10 teams participated

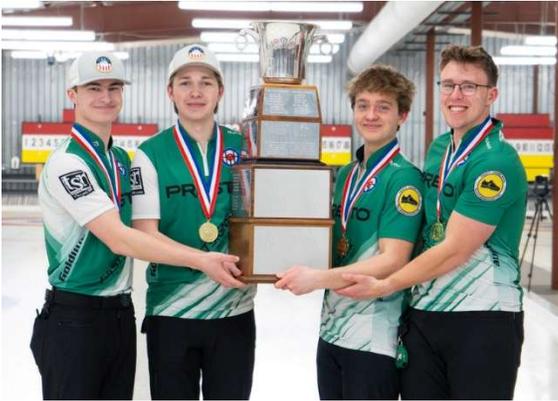
CHAMPIONSHIP:

Portage (Charles-Hein) defeated Poynette (Serwe-Koch)



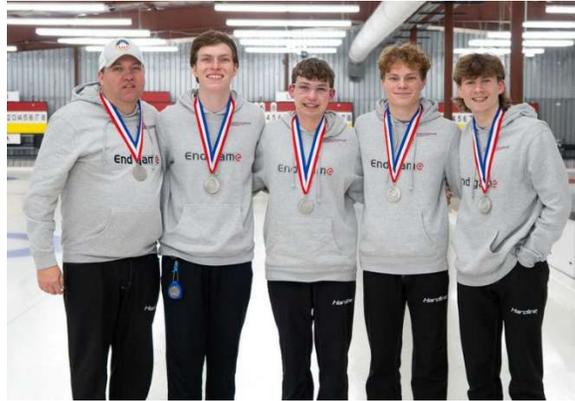
April 2025: U21 National Championships – Bowling Green Ohio

Boys National Champions: Team Hebert



Caden Hebert (Eau Claire), Jackson Bestland (Eau Claire)
Benji Paral (Eau Claire), Jack Wendtland (Eau Claire)

Boys National Silver Medalists: Team Lannoye



Matthew Lannoye (Poynette), Sawyer Koch (Poynette)
Ryan McCallum (Wausau), Joseph Dobbs (Stevens Point)

Girls National Silver Medalists: Team Stopera



Addison Neill (Broomstones), Megan Stopera (New York)
Ella Fleming (Bismarck), Savannah Koch (Poynette)

Girls National Bronze Medalists: Team Hagenbuch



Bella Hagenbuch (Illinois), Ella Wendling (Wausau)
Rilee Kraft (Bismarck), Mae Hagenbuch (Illinois)

April 2025: Junior World Championships – Cortina Italy



Coach Swisshelm, Dylan Ciapka (Alt – New Jersey), Sha Basari (Lead – Philadelphia), Nick Cenzalli (2nd – Massachusetts),
Daniel Laufer (3rd - Philadelphia), Wes Wendling (skip – Wausau)



Wisconsin Playdown results

The 2nd annual Wisconsin Arena playdowns were hosted by the Eau Claire Curling Club. The Rhinelander and La Crosse curling clubs each sent one men's and one women's team.

Winning the Women's Championships from the Rhinelander Curling Club were:

Jean Rice, skip (left) Tykie Wescott, (back) Judy Lehman, lead (front) Hanah Beeler, second (right)



Men's Arena (hosted by Eau Claire)

Winning the Men's Championship from the Rhinelander Curling Club were:

(from left to right) - Joe Ross, second; Randy Louis, vice; Pete Chadil, skip; Rick Peterson, lead



Women's Clubs (hosted by Medford)

In a field of 4 women's teams, Team Schroeder of Madison defended their state championship and also their national championship at Club Nationals in Milwaukee! The members of the Schroeder Team are Sidney Schroeder, Joanna Seboth, Celeste Taylor Marlow and Lois Buckingham.



Men's Clubs (hosted by Medford)

In a field of 14 men's teams, the Dave Nelson rink from Madison won the championship and went on to win the bronze medal at Club Nationals. Curling with Dave Nelson were Patrick Roe, Will Buckingham and Erich Inglin.



Mixed (hosted by Marshfield)

The winning team was skipped by Nina Roth from the Madison Curling Club. Curling with Nina were Shalon Holbeck, Tony Roth and Kroy Nernberger. The team compiled a perfect 5-0 record while successfully defending their championship in 2024 earned in Clintonville. The team earned the silver medal at the National Mixed Championship in Denver.



Known sites and dates for the 2025-2026 playdowns are as follows.

Men's and Women's State Club Playdowns will be Dec 11-14, 2025 at Stevens Point.

State Mixed Playdowns will be Feb 20-22, 2026 at Racine Curling Club.

Arena Playdowns are not yet known.

2026-2027 Men's and Women's Club Playdowns will be Dec 10-13, 2026 hosted by the Milwaukee Curling Club.

If your club would like to host any of the playdowns let me know and we can get it scheduled. The host club receives \$600/day for hosting.

Questions/Issues/items that I am/will be working on over the summer:

- Future sites for playdowns (arena, clubs, mixed)...minimum # of sheets (clubs 5+, mixed 3+)...permanent sites, playdown rotations?
 - Break up men's and women's clubs, separate weekends/sites?
 - Host Mixed and Arena together?
 - Extend Clubs a day if needed...Thursday-Monday?
- What's the budget for playdowns? Would \$600/day still be paid out if more dates/sites needed to host?
- Have a WSCA Ice Guy for playdowns to ensure better/championship ice (Jeff Schleisman)?
- Official(s) for Club Playdowns because of the number of teams?
- Bucky patches will be close to being gone after next season. I will look into getting more. Cost allowed? Have an added cost (\$10/player) when registering to pay for patches?
- Have a playdown committee? What would that look like?