



## Pacific International Cup 2020

April 15 - 19, 2020



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The Pacific International Cup is pleased to extend this invitation to participate in the **21st** Annual Pacific International Cup on **April 15 - 19, 2020** at the Richmond Curling Centre in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada.

The 2019 Pacific International Cup will consist of 16 men's and 16 women's teams. The teams will compete in two boxes of international and British Columbian teams with two qualifiers advancing out of each box into championship play. Each team is **guaranteed a minimum of seven games**. The men's and women's qualifiers will advance to the semi-finals and medal championship games and presentations concluding on Sunday. Practice ice and registration is on Wednesday morning with both men's and women's draws commencing Wednesday afternoon. The official opening ceremonies, mandatory for all teams, will be held Wednesday evening.

The international nominations will be accepted for the invited associations from outside of British Columbia until **November 30, 2019** at which time successful nominations will be notified. Each association/federation is entitled to nominate one women's and one men's team with the only limitation being available spots at the time of entry. If additional entries become available from these reserved positions after November 30, they will be made available to the associations who have placed other teams on the waiting list. Priority will be given to those associations that enter **both a men's and a women's team and to those associations that hold club team playoffs to declare their representatives**.

While we are aware that specific team members may not be determined until much later in the season, we advise those associations wishing to ensure their teams will have women's and men's entries to register with the Pacific International Cup Committee by **November 30, 2019**. The **\$1,000** (Cdn) per team entry fee, usually paid by the home club or Association, for those teams whose nominations have been accepted must be submitted before **January 1, 2020**. Entry fees and the names of players will be able to be completed online through a link that will be sent to successful applicants. Our host hotel, in addition to its exceptional room and parking rates, has agreed to provide a \$200 refund of entry fee credit for those teams registering at the host hotel for the duration of the event.

Teams nominated to participate by each Association must be in compliance with the attached eligibility rules and the team members must be identified by **March 15, 2020**. Please read the attached eligibility rules – we are attempting to keep the event focused on club curlers and to keep a level playing field. Exceptions, as noted, are by advance permission of the Pacific International Cup Executive Committee only. The Pacific International Cup will provide a spare pool to ensure fielding a full team of four players for each game.



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Associations are reminded that the teams from British Columbia are limited to one player that has participated in a provincial championship in the past three seasons. They must first qualify through their club which allows them to advance to a Curl BC Club Challenge regional event and then a provincial event where they compete to win one of the four men's and four women's spots allocated to BC teams. It is hoped that Associations from outside BC that are participating in the Pacific International Cup will send current Club or Association champions to represent them respecting the focus on club curling teams.

Teams are responsible for their own travel, accommodations and other expenses including meals. A competitors' banquet is held on Thursday evening (included in the entry fee). The Pacific International Cup Committee will assist in making hotel reservations through our **sponsoring hotel, the Pacific Gateway Hotel at Vancouver Airport** and will provide transportation, if required, **to and from the sponsor hotel only**. **We would ask that all teams support this sponsor and book your hotel reservations at the Pacific Gateway Hotel at Vancouver Airport. The reservation form will be provided along with notification of team acceptance.** **We could not host the event without them!** In addition to their excellent rates, the host hotel has agreed to provide a \$200 refund of entry fee credit for those teams registering at the hotel for the duration of the event.

The Richmond Curling Centre and the Pacific International Cup are pleased to provide **practice ice during the daytime on Monday and Tuesday before the start of competition at no cost to registered teams.** **Please advise us in advance** if you wish to take advantage of this offer.

The **21st Annual Pacific International Cup** is a special event for all participants. It will undoubtedly again provide the curling experience of a lifetime with curlers renewing old friendships and meeting new lifelong friends and we look forward to your Association's participation. **Please help us celebrate our 21st anniversary!!!!**

For further information please visit our web site at [www.picup.ca](http://www.picup.ca).

Yours truly,

*Jim Schuman*

Chair, Pacific International Cup