

# Guidelines for Practice Ice

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Granite Curling Club provides the following guidelines for practice ice. The general policy is that if the ice is not being used for ice maintenance, leagues, and rentals then it can be used for practice ice by active GCC members. To ensure the safety of the members/building and to provide equal opportunity to all members, the below conditions must be followed:

- **A host is required for practice ice.** An overview of responsibilities is listed below. Upon volunteering, hosts are emailed a more detailed list and building access info.
- **All practice ice slots MUST be listed on the GCC calendar.** Our calendar managers try to catch all potential slots, but if you see a potential opening and don't see it listed, send a note to [practice@curlingseattle.org](mailto:practice@curlingseattle.org) ( ≥48 hours in advance).
- **All practice ice slots are listed as TENTATIVE until a host is found.** If you are interested in hosting, email [practice@curlingseattle.org](mailto:practice@curlingseattle.org).
- **Interested hosts must reach out by 4 pm the day before the scheduled practice.** Our ice crew requires advanced notice for planning ice maintenance.
- During practice ice, **no one is allowed on the ice unless 2 members on site.**
- If group events are not sold out, you might be able to practice on a sheet during the event. To inquire about practice during rentals, email [practice@curlingseattle.org](mailto:practice@curlingseattle.org)!
- **ALWAYS CHECK THE CALENDAR before arriving,** in case of a cancelation.

## General Practice Ice Courtesy

- Be respectful of other players practicing and share the available sheets.
- Always pull the hacks at the other end of the sheet.
- If you playing a make-up game during practice ice, coordinate with the host.
- Members are welcome to use open sheets during league for practice ice or make-up games, but they are asked to coordinate with the league managers.
- Mop your sheets and return the hacks after you are done with your practice.
- If you are practicing before a league, please vacate the ice 10 minutes prior to the first draw to allow ample time for volunteers to pebble and nip, if needed.

## Practice Host Responsibilities

\*More detailed instructions include building access info will be sent via email upon volunteering as a host

- Ensure the safety of participants and serve as a first responder for any accidents
  - a. RULE: No one is allowed on the ice unless 2 members are in the building
- Open the building for practice ice and respond to the doorbell. Also, certify the security of the building at the end of the session by handing the building over to the next event (e.g., league, group event) or locking the door and arming the alarm.
- Coordinate any sheet requests for your session (e.g., make-up or pick-up games), and ensure that members are sharing the ice appropriately.
- Safeguard the condition of the ice and report issues to [icemaker@curlingseattle.org](mailto:icemaker@curlingseattle.org).
  - a. RULE: Members must remove hacks on the opposite end during practice
  - b. RULE: Members must protect the ice and sweep/mop after their practice
- Ensure the condition of the building and report issues to [house@curlingseattle.org](mailto:house@curlingseattle.org).
  - a. RULE: Make sure all messes are cleaned up and equipment is properly stored.
- If you need to cancel, email [practice@curlingseattle.org](mailto:practice@curlingseattle.org) ASAP.
- REMINDER: Hosting practice ice = volunteering. Don't forget to report your hours via the link at <https://curlingseattle.org/volunteer-opportunities> (log-in required)