

East Hants Curling Association  
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30 March 2026

East Hants Municipality/All Councillors/CAO/Director of Parks Recreation and Culture/Manager EH Sportsplex  
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**EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION (EHCA)**  
**YEARLY SCHEDULE 2026/2027**

1. EHCA is attaching a copy of the 2026/2027 curling schedule which was approved at EHCA Board of Directors meeting 26 March 2026. Points to be noted are:

a. that with the exorbitant cost of the past three (3) East Hants Curling Association Annual Rising Tides Bonspiels held in November 2023, 2024 and 2025 that there will not be a Bonspiel Scheduled at the East Hants Sportsplex for November 2026. The Bonspiel cost of \$9,301.05 combined with a loss Bonspiel Revenue of approximately \$4,000.00 makes this a deficit event for EHCA in excess of \$13,000.00. EHCA BOD has determined that this is not where fundraising efforts of EHCA is going to be expended in the future under the current rental fees assigned by EHM Council; and

b. this combined with the lack of support to grow the curling game under EHM Council financial decisions will/has also affected the following:

- (1) learn to curl for new curling members;
- (2) the advancement of stick curling by all ages of curlers who use stick to remain, or to begin playing the game. Stick curling has been so successful that they have their own association: The Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association can be viewed on the Nova Scotia Curling Association website;
- (3) home and home with other curling clubs that bring other community members to the East Hants area;
- (4) the ability for curling members to practice to improve their curling game;
- (5) the ability for curling members to progress their game in the strategic sense in a structured learning program as teams representing EHCA at other curling clubs and Nova Scotia Curling Association events. This is also a retention issue for any curling entity.

2. EHM Council has denied several requests for approximately \$500.00 per day rental fee vice the current fee of \$1,079.04. The fee, \$500.00, is consistent with Lakeshore and Tatamagouche for the same purpose. Another point to be made is that when curling ice is below standard there is no reduction in rental fees for EHCA for that specific day.

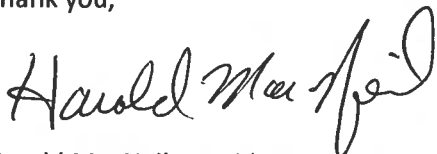
3. The above combined with charging the East Hants Youth Links for one hour of curling ice on Thursday afternoon when there are no other competing entities for the curling ice. Presently EH Sportsplex rents out ice to EHYL for curling, but have no curling equipment to meet the rental needs. The curling equipment and instructors are an EHCA resource which have been provided for free and with three (3) hours of volunteer EHCA curling membership time per week. A more community centric approach is needed for youth opportunities. Below is a cut and paste involving youth curling and EHCA wants to bring this program to East Hants: QUOTE: Curling Canada's Extra End magazine featured Nova Scotia Curling and the momentum behind

our high-performance pathway. The story highlights recent NextGen results, our athlete supports with CSI Atlantic, and the work happening across the province to help more youth get on the ice. Congratulations Kevin and Jill for being recognized for your hard work.

Read it here: <https://nscurl.com/.../2026/01/Nova-Scotia-story-2.pdf> UNQUOTE

4. EHCA ice allocation, following ice preparation time was from 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM prior to EHM taking over operational control and any means to grow curling between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM was open without cost to the community: this agreement provided opportunities for new curlers with curling ice that was not being utilized with the sole benefactor being the citizens/taxpayers of East Hants.
5. EHCA has addressed all of the above issues in email, letters, conversations, etc, and EHCA feels that our message is not being heard.
6. In summary, this letter is to once again:
  - a. raise the issues that are important to EHCA;
  - b. advise the EH Sportsplex, EH Recreation Director and District Councillors that there will be no East Hants Curling Association 4th Annual Rising Tides Bonspiel in November 2026 because of the exorbitant rental costs assigned by EHM Council;
  - c. advise that so much more could be done for community exposure to curling between the hours of 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM being available without cost to the community for growing the games of curling in East Hants. Revenue generation is important, but equally important is the ability to introduce curling to the community and the health and wellness of all East Hants community members.

Thank you,



Harold MacNeil, President East Hants Curling Association

**EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION CURLING SCHEDULE FOR 2026/2027 26 March 2026**

GAME #	DATE	MONTH	COMMENTS	COST	BASED ON	REGISTRATIONS (80% in 2025)
<b>EAST HANTS CURLING REGISTRATION 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 (7 to 8 PM) – ON LINE WILL HANDLE REGISTRATIONS (80% in 2025)</b>						
1	1	October 2026	Recreation survey results – impact?			\$1,000.00 per day
2	8	October			\$270.00=21 Games	\$12.85
3	15	October			\$370.00=21 Games	\$17.61
4	22	October	AGM TBD		\$520.00=42 Games	\$12.38
5	29	October				
6	5	November				
7	12	November				
8	19	November				
9	26	November				
10	3	December				
11	10	December				
12	17	December	24 December Christmas Eve-31 NYs Eve			
	7	January 2027	<b>EH ICE JAM</b>			
13	14	January				
14	21	January				
15	28	January				
16	4	February				
17	11	February				
18	18	February	Playoffs – more teams participation			
19	25	February	Playoffs – more teams participation			
20	4	March	Playoffs – more teams participation			
21	11	March	Playoffs – more teams participation			Morning,afternoon,evening
	12	<b>March FRIDAY</b>	<b>Shooters Bar and Grill Wrap Up</b>			

**Notes: 1.** Approved schedule BOD Meeting 26 March 2026.