

Ice Preparation/Breakdown Instructions

We hope you are looking forward to the 2009-2010 curling season as much as we are!

We are reaching out to all of you for help. The Denver Curling Club will be charged with new responsibilities this season per changes in our agreement with the Ice Ranch.

In the past, most ice preparation responsibilities had fallen on the Ice Ranch ice crew. **However, this year the Ice Ranch will ONLY be responsible for the Zamboni.** The Denver Curling Club is now responsible for ice set up. This means we will need to rely on **you** to help set up and break down the ice before and after each league night is completed.

Indicated below are the steps that will need to be followed by ***two designated teams per draw*** on setting up the ice, as well as breaking it down. **After your game is completed, it will be the responsibility of the teams playing on their sheet to break it down, assuming there is not a later draw on your sheet.**

This will require the designated teams to be a minimum of 45 minutes early to their draw, and it won't require but 5 minutes after your particular game is over to 'break down' the sheet. **The draw schedule will include the highlighted teams responsible for setting up the ice that week.** This way each team will likely be responsible for set up only 2-3 times during the season.

Ice Preparation: (6:45 on Thurs and 7:30 on Sat):

1. Place stones on ice to cool them down. Ensure the rocks are placed on plastic (if available) on the ice to avoid 'pitting' the stones (moisture from the melting ice eroding the running surface of the rock).
2. Place hacks in warm water for 10 minutes. Large bucket and warm water spigot found in Zamboni room.
3. Place hacks on specified locations on sheet. (there will be a centering dot on each sheet behind the house).
4. Place scoreboards on plexiglass behind sheets 1-5 (sheet 1 closest to locker rooms, sheet 5 nearest exterior wall).
5. Place broom bucket near board door, and place stabilizers on ice (one on each end of each sheet).
6. Measuring devices – place on ice behind house or hang on the plexiglass so that players know where to find the device and don't waste time.
7. Pebble the ice (initially we will have certain people trained on pebbling. This is the most important part of Ice Prep as it will be the most significant way we can affect the ice conditions from a DCC perspective). Fill two backpack pebbles with water. Include a capful of the water hardening solution in the water. It makes the water harder, making the water freeze colder, and the pebbles lasting longer.
8. Break the pebble with pebble breaking device.
9. Sweep the ice clean with broadcloth broom.
10. Wipe off water droplets on rocks from pebbling - if applicable.

Ice Breakdown, after your game is completed:

1. Remove stones from ice, place on plastic on the side of the arena.
2. Remove hacks, place in storage.
3. Remove scoreboards, place in storage.
4. Place brooms in broom bucket, and place stabilizers in storage.

We will need full cooperation from each team for this season to be a success. We're fully confident we can have another successful curling season! Thank you in advance for your help in contributing to the best curling experience possible.

Denver Curling Club