

Charlotte Centre Curling Club

Article I Name

Section 1 This club shall be officially called the “Charlotte Centre Curling Club, Inc.”, and informally referred to as the “Charlotte Curling Club”.

Article II Purpose

Section 1 The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized: to teach, develop, promote, and encourage the sport of curling; to develop youth and adult programs that lead to local, national, and international competition; to coordinate and develop interscholastic competition; and to teach the sport to youth organizations as well as to interested adults by creating public awareness and appreciation for the sport.

Article III Location

Section 1 The principle office of the Club is to be located in the Greater Charlotte NC area.

Article IV Membership Classifications

Section 1 Membership in the Charlotte Centre Curling Club shall be open to all that wish to join, participate in, enjoy, teach or watch the sport of Curling. Membership shall be divided into voting and non-voting classes. Voting classes shall consist of Resident Members. Non-voting memberships include the classes of Honorary and Limited Memberships.

Classes of membership shall be unrelated to race, religion, sex or other exclusionary practices. All age requirements are as of June 30th of the preceding year consistent with United States Curling Association rules.

Voting (Resident) members shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club. The privileges and obligations of membership for members of record of all classes may be further defined by the Board of Directors. The current classes of membership are as follows:

Class 1 Honorary Membership shall consist of those persons proposed and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Class 2 Resident Membership shall consist of all duly elected, fully paid members.

- (a) Adult Members are those who are twenty-one (21) to fifty-nine (59) years of age.
- (b) Senior Members are those of the age of sixty (60) and over.

Class 3 Limited Membership shall consist of the following classifications. All have the privilege of participating in Club events as regulated by the Board of Directors.

- (a) Youth Members are those who are under fifteen (15) years of age and have

demonstrated a basic understanding of the sport of curling and proper sport etiquette.
(b) Junior Members are those who are fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years of age.

ARTICLE V Membership

- Section 1 All Applications for membership shall include the appropriate membership fee and be in writing. Membership may be denied or revoked by a vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 All member dues and fees shall be paid according to a table of amounts and due dates as established by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- Section 3 Board of Directors shall determine the limit on the number of members of the Club in each classification.
- Section 4 Every right and all interests of each member in the estate, property and privileges of the Club shall cease upon termination of their membership or death.
- Section 5 Resignation shall be in writing to the Club and may be accepted by the Board of Directors provided the member resigning has discharged all their Club dues and obligations. Members may be considered as having submitted a resignation if dues and other fees have not been paid by the deadline established by the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 In case a member shall be guilty of any violation of the constitution or rules, or in case their conduct may endanger, or tend to endanger the welfare, interest or character of the Club, the Board of Directors, at a regular or special meeting, may censor or suspend, or by a 2/3 majority vote of the Directors, may expel the offending member; but before each member shall be expelled, twenty (20) days notice in writing shall be given to the member, and who shall be furnished with a copy of the charges and shall be given time to be heard by a committee of or the full Board of Directors.
- Section 7 Non-members may be authorized by the Board of Directors to curl at special events or training programs.

ARTICLE VI Dues, Fees and Charges

- Section 1 The annual dues, fees and charges for all classifications of Membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors with at least a 2/3 majority vote.

ARTICLE VII Officers

- Section 1 Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2 The Secretary shall keep the records or the proceedings of the Club, and the official Club seal, and shall duly notify members of their election; to keep a roll of the members of the Club; to issue notices of all meetings; and to make a report to the members of the Club at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 3 The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Club, collect the membership dues, and pay the claims against the Club on approval and order of the Board of Directors. He/She shall keep a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures, and

at the Annual Meeting present a report thereof and of the balance on hand and the amount of unpaid obligations of the Club. He/She shall report to the Board of Directors the names of members who are in default in the payment of dues or fees. The Board of Directors may designate assistants to the Secretary and Treasurer to fill needs as they may arise.

- Section 4 The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) duly elected Directors; all of whom must be Resident members. The Board of Directors shall have charge and supervision of any buildings, equipment or other property and affairs of the Club, and may adopt such rules for playing games and the use of the club facilities and property as shall be deemed advisable, but not in conflict with curling rules of the Grand National Curling Club, the United States Curling Association or the World Curling Federation when applicable.
- Section 5 The Board of Directors shall appoint a representative to the Grand National Curling Club of America as each need arises.
- Section 6 The Board of Directors shall hold such meetings as they deem fit. Such meetings may be held in person or by electronic means.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

- Section 1 The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President: Ice & Draws, Membership, Finance and any such other committees as may be necessary from time to time.
- Section 2 It shall be the duty of the Ice & Draws Committee to designate the dates of all local matches, and keep a record of all match games amongst the members and of the games played by the Club either at home or elsewhere, and of the winners of medals and other prizes.

ARTICLE IX Elections

- Section 1 The election of directors shall be held at the Annual Meeting each year. In case of failure to elect any officers at that time, such election may be held at a special meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give at least ten (10) days' notice by mail to each resident member as to where and when such election shall take place. Members may vote by proxy.
- Section 2 (a) At the Annual Meeting held in the spring of 2011, all of the officer and director seats will be vacated. Each Member will be provided a ballot on which they may vote for up to nine (9) Directors. After the voting is complete, a committee appointed by the Election Committee shall tabulate the votes and report accordingly.
- (i) At the first meeting of the Board after the Spring 2011 meeting, the Directors shall determine through democratic means will divide themselves into three (3) groups of three (3) Directors each and determine which of the groups will serve for one, two, or three years.
- (b) Beginning at the Annual meeting held in the Spring of 2012, and at the Annual Meeting held in the Spring of each year thereafter:

(i)The seats on the Board belonging to the three (3) directors whose terms are expiring shall be vacated and filled through democratic process.

- Section 3 The Board of Directors shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from amongst the Board Members to serve as officers of the Club at the first meeting of the Board held after the Annual Meeting.
- Section 4 In case a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors, with that Director serving only until the next annual meeting.
- Section 5 The election of all directors shall be conducted according to Robert Rules of Order.
- Section 6 Nominations for directors shall be made by the Board of Directors or by any member wishing to do so.

ARTICLE X Annual Meeting

- Section 1 The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on a date, time and at a place designated by the Board of Directors and shall occur during the months of April or May.
- Section 2 The Secretary shall then give notice by postal mail or electronic means to each Resident Member at least five (5) days before the elections. The notice shall include a proxy for those not able to attend.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

The Bylaws of the Charlotte Centre Curling Club may be amended only as follows:

- Section 1 A copy of the proposed amendment, signed by the lesser of either ten (10) members or 10% of the current membership, and shall be served upon the Secretary.
- Section 2 The Secretary will assign the proposal to the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Club that is at least ten (10) days before action shall be taken.
- Section 3 The Secretary shall then give notice by postal mail or electronic means to each Resident Member at least five (5) days before action is to be taken thereon that an amendment to the By-Laws has been proposed, and that action thereon will be taken at the next regular meeting. The notice shall include a proxy for those not able to attend.
- Section 4 Such amendment shall be adopted only by at least two-thirds vote in the affirmative by the members present in person or by proxy at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII Construction of Bylaws

- Section 1 The interpretation of these Bylaws and all that is authorized by them shall rest with the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII Dissolution

- Section 1 Upon the dissolution of the Charlotte Centre Curling Club, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the

corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, or to the Grand National Curling Club of America, Inc., an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Code in such a manner as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, such as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or to the federal government and/or a state or local government, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(3)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and/or for one or more public purposes. Such distribution(s) shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina.