



Raymond Kayser Memorial Bonspiel
February 10 - 13, 2022
Broomstones Curling Club, Wayland MA

Broomstones Curling Club is proud to host the 37th Raymond Kayser Memorial Bonspiel. The Kayser is an annual bonspiel for mixed curling teams with players at least 21 years of age and having 5 or less years of curling experience. For more information on the event, please [click here](#).

The Kayser is governed by the Grand National Curling Club, as described in [this document](#). The GNCC sets eligibility and entry requirements the hosting Club must abide by. Certain additional requirements, such as COVID compliance, are up to the Club's discretion.

Reference documents for review:

- [Description of the Raymond Kayser Memorial Bonspiel](#) (GNCC website)
- [Grand National Curling Club Five-and-Under Bonspiels](#) (GNCC website)
- [Rules and Clarifications to GNCC 5 Year and Under Events](#) (GNCC website)
- [GNCC 5yr Eligibility Rules](#) (GNCC website)
- [2021-22 Broomstones COVID-19 Attestation Form for Non-members](#) (Broomstones website)

Frequently asked questions - updated 17 November 2021

Q: What is the format?

A: Mixed gender teams, eight-end games, three games minimum; Four events (minimum).

Q: Who may play?

A: Participants must be at least 21 years old and do not have to be from the same club.

Q: How is registration handled?

A: Registration is completed through the GNCC host club website. Participants must be GNCC dues-paying members. Registration will begin in late November.

Q: What is the goal of the Kayser?

A: These competitions are sponsored by the GNCC to provide an opportunity for it's curlers with five (5) or fewer years of curling experience to compete against opponents of similar ability. The intention is to include all teams from the GNCC member clubs wishing to participate in the event.

Q: How are teams selected to participate?

A: From the GNCC website and guidance on the Kayser:

At least one rink from each GNCC member club shall be accepted. To the extent that the host club can accept additional teams, one additional team will be accepted from each GNCC club submitting more than one team. If space permits at the host club, one additional team will be selected from each club submitting multiple entries until the maximum number of teams the host club can accommodate is selected. It is the responsibility of the GNCC member club to place their multiple entries in numerical order for selection. ([Link to source](#), Section 4)

Q: Should I rush to sign up? Will that matter?

A: No. The selection as described above will take the first ranked teams from all Clubs that register a team. Then take the second ranked teams from all Clubs who submit two registrations. This will continue for the remainder of the registered teams. The goal is to be as equitable across the GNCC as the event can be. Ideally, all teams that sign up will gain entry to participate.

Q: ~~Why limit registration to 40 teams? (Why can't it be more?)~~

~~A: As of November 15, 2021 we are targeting 40 teams selected using the above method. The "gating factors" include available sheets of ice at Broomstones (4), draws per day (6), number of days available for the event 3 ½). Yes, we have hosted 48 teams over roughly the same time frame in 2017, and that draw will be consulted to see if we can increase the number of teams.~~

~~If additional rink capacity is made available, more teams may be allowed to participate. The Kayser Host Committee is very committed to having as many teams as is practical participate in this event.~~

Q: 48 teams is great, why can't it be more?

A: It's the Committee's thinking that 48 teams is plenty for the 2022 Kayser. We're happy to be proven wrong, and can adjust as we get closer to the event if demand is higher. With COVID and travel for teams, we're thinking this event will fit really well with 48 teams. Our thinking is that we will only increase beyond 48 teams if the demand is more than 54.

Q: With 48 teams, will we be at another facility for some of our games?

A: Yes. The 2022 Kayser will have games at The Country Club in their beautiful curling rink in partnership with Broomstones. (See additional information below.)

Q: How do I know if I'm eligible?

A: The following guidance has been provided by the GNCC as to eligibility. Eligibility is verified by the curler's Club. ([Link to source](#), section 7) [A form to report eligibility is available here](#):

Eligibility:

- Members having curled longer than five (5) curling seasons shall not be eligible to compete.
 - Ten (10) games per season anywhere constitutes a season.
 - The curling season starts on May 1st and ends April 30th.
 - Junior curling (ages 14 - 21), but not youth curling (ages 13 and below), experience counts towards the five (5) curling seasons.
- All substitutes shall be governed by eligibility rule 7(a) above.
- Each participant is responsible for determining his/her eligibility.
- The eligibility of team members shall be certified to the host club, using the official GNCC 5yr and Under Eligibility form, by the president, treasurer or GNCC representative of the team's club with respect rule 7(a) with confirmation that curling experience includes all years of curling.

Q: What about COVID?

A: The Host Club, Broomstones, [has a policy of allowing entry only to fully vaccinated curlers and their guests](#). This is confirmed by their vaccination status with the uploading of vaccination cards. At time of registration, teams must upload images of their vaccination cards. No unvaccinated curlers or guests will be allowed into Broomstones, or any partner curling rink.

If Broomstones partners with local facilities to host Kayser games, this policy will be maintained for any on ice play. The intention of the Host Club is to maintain a safe environment for curlers and their guests at all times, and will work to create that environment for all.

Q: Will TCC also be COVID Compliant like Broomstones? I heard they aren't.

A: Kayser 2022 and The Country Club have worked together to create a "curling bubble" where the rink will be fully COVID compliant for the Kayser. Any and all people who enter the building during the event will be masked up and (likely) vaccinated. The hosts and ice team are Broomstones members, too, so they are compliant with Broomstones policy already.

All participants who play at TCC should rest assured that we have taken COVID sensitivity into account, and have a great agreement with TCC to ensure the highest level of safety for this event.