

Chicago Curling Club

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Congratulations! You and your rink have qualified for the 71st USWCA National Bonspiel (February 13-17, 2019) at the Chicago Curling Club. Come to "Sweet Home Chicago" to compete, celebrate, and most of all have fun with curlers from across the USA!

Each team must complete and return the documents listed below by **January 20, 2019**. Mail all forms (9 in total) to: Susan Bennett, 257 Lockwood Ave, Northfield, IL 60093.

1. USWCA Banquet Entrée Choice (one form per team)
2. Chicago Curling Club Waiver (per person)
3. USWCA Athlete Agreement (per person)- Release of Image. This form allows us to take pictures, videos and provide live streaming of some games.

Accommodations

The Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 will be the headquarters for the Bonspiel. Rooms have been reserved at a rate, excluding tax, of \$107/single and \$111/double. A breakfast buffet is included in your room rate. Reservations may be made by phoning the hotel at 800-468-3571 and asking for the USWCA block. Hotel reservations must be made by January 21, 2019 in order to get the contracted rate. The Renaissance Hotel offers free Wi-Fi, complimentary parking, pool, and fitness center. They also offer a shuttle service to locations within five miles of the hotel. A hotel hospitality suite will be open evenings from Wednesday through Saturday. See the end of this letter for airport transportation information.

Transportation to and from Airports

There are two airports that service the Chicago area: Midway and O'Hare (closer to the hotel and club). You can rent a car or use one of the airport taxi companies:

American Taxi Ph. 547-673-1000 or 303 Taxicab Ph. 847-303-0303

Taxi service from the airport to the hotel will cost about \$30 from O'Hare and \$60 from Midway.

Schedule of Events and Draw Times (detail attached)

The Kit Party is on Wednesday evening at the Chicago Curling Club from 6:00-9:00 pm, with the Skip's meeting beginning at 8:00. **Opening ceremonies** and **team pictures** will take place during the Kit Party. Please bring or wear your team uniforms for the photos.

The banquet will be held Thursday evening at the Renaissance Hotel. **Brooms Up/Down** is our main fundraiser that evening. Be on the lookout for more information about this event.

On Friday a buffet dinner will be served at the curling club. Saturday evening you are on your own to enjoy what the Chicago area has to offer.

Draws start at 8:00 Thursday morning. This is a 32 team event and all games are timed and will consist of 8 ends. The finals on Sunday will begin at 1:00 with the awards ceremony immediately following. You will be notified of the time of your first game and your opposing team. If you are flying out on Sunday, schedule your flight departure no earlier than 5:30 pm from O'Hare and 6:30 pm from Midway, in order to participate in Finals and Award Ceremonies.

The curling club will be open every morning at 7:00 am with a continental breakfast available each day until 10:00 am. Dutch treat lunches and Sunday brunch are available for purchase. **We will have punch cards for sale for all bar purchases - CASH ONLY please.**

Team Withdrawal or Substitute

If a team withdraws or is in need of a substitute before opening ceremonies, please contact Carol Arakelian, USWCA National Procedure Chair, at carol.arakelian@gmail.com or as a last resort cell phone: 508-826-2471.

Chicago Contact Information

If you have any questions about our club, accommodations, food, etc. please contact us, the On-Site Bonspiel Chairs via email at uswcanb2019@gmail.com or by phone:

Susan Bennett 224-522-5929 or Joby Berman 335-616-0700

The Chicago Curling Club is looking forward to seeing you. Good Curling!!!