



USWCA 42nd Annual Senior Women's National Bonspiel

**Columbus Curling Club
Columbus, OH
January 15th - 19th, 2025**

The 42nd Senior Women's Bonspiel will be held at the **Columbus Curling Club, Jan 15th thru 19th** as a 24 team event on three sheets of ice. The Bonspiel theme will be "Gallery Hop." The Senior Women's Bonspiel Procedure Committee requests this notice and intent form be shared with all eligible women at your club before your 2023-2024 curling season ends. Entry forms may be submitted any time between now and the due date **Sept 4, 2024**. Multiple entry forms from the same club are allowed.

Rink fee checks are not be required with your Intent Form. *Once the 24 teams are selected by random, these teams will have a 14-day time frame to submit their payment electronically as part of a pilot program being tested for future use. Further information regarding electronic payments will follow.*

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. All team members listed on the entry form must be 55 or more years of age before Jan 1, 2025, and must be a USWCA member in good standing with regular curling privileges at a USWCA member club. All team members are required to have curled in a league during the **2023-2024** season.
2. Play downs for team rankings within a club are **not** allowed. All teams will be ranked by the SWBP Committee chair based on a random drawing. Allocation of the selected teams will be assigned by region, based on total membership of the clubs submitting intent forms and the number of forms received per region.
3. Each team must have at least 3 members from the same club, and may include a 4th team member from a different club in the same USWCA region, constituting a composite team.
4. Composite teams will have equal standings in the random draw as that for teams with all 4 members curling out of the same club.
5. Intent forms for individual curlers are allowed. These curlers will be used to complete the selected teams that may need an additional curler.
6. Please keep your team intact even if you are *not* selected in the initial random draw. These team members, as well as individual entry forms, will be placed on a standby list should a team drop out or is short one curler.
7. All completed intent forms must be received by **Wendy Berger, SWBPC Chair, 419 Greenhill Ct, Albany, NY 12203, or wberger@nycap.rr.com** by **Wed Sept. 4th, 2024**. This event is normally oversubscribed so this deadline will be strictly enforced. Selection of teams will take place on **Friday Sept 13th**. An email communicating the selected teams will be sent to all team member contacts on this day (9/13/24).

8. The USWCA Board of Directors recently included a requirement that all teams proceeding into the final event games must be present to complete the entire game. Exceptions for family or medical emergencies, and unforeseen circumstances may be allowed, as deemed by the Bonspiel Chief Official, the On-Site Chair, and the USWCA Rules Committee Chair or her designee. One substitute per team is allowed in the final game if needed, and games starting with 4 curlers may continue with only 3 team members.

If none of the exemptions described above apply, all members of the entire team which does not complete their final game will be barred from curling in the USWCA National, Senior, and Super Senior Bonspiels for the next two consecutive years.