Jedburgh Curling Club

**About us**

We are a small mixed ability club and play at the Border Ice Rink in Kelso. The club was formed in 1790 by the town-folk of Jedburgh and curled on a purpose-made pond at the top of Lanton Hill. They joined with the Jedforest club in the mid 1930s and moved to an out-door refrigerated rink in Jedburgh. After the war, they curled at Murrayfield and Haymarket ice rinks in Edinburgh until 1964 when the ice rink opened in Kelso.

We welcome members of all ages and abilities. Junior members (those under 18) pay a reduced subscription.

Our games are played on Monday to Friday evenings at 5.45pm or 8.00pm and occasionally at. Our season runs from the end of September to the middle of March and opens with a “get-your-feet-on-the-ice” non-competitive session for all club members.

We run four different club competitions throughout the season:-

Balfour Trophy - a round robin competition skipped by established and more experienced skips.

Dodd Club League - a round robin competition for new vice-skips to gain experience.

Veitch Trophy - a round robin competition.

Spiers Vase - a round robin competition for new skips with a regular skip playing as lead

We also play a Pairs competition in February and a Points competition in conjunction with Lees CC in March. The Pairs is a two-round competition based on the highest aggregate score and the Points competition enables players to test their skills in set exercises. Finally, we hold our annual club bonspiel, followed by a meal, in March involving our club members and invited players from other clubs.

We hold our AGM at the end of the season in March at which the presentations are made to the winners of the club competitions.

Club members are invited to enter as many of our competitions as they wish. Rinks for all the main Jedburgh club competitions are drawn and published in the club fixture card which is circulated to all members before the start of the season. Every effort is made to ensure that members are able to play in positions which suit their ability and that members have a chance to develop their curling skills and experience. Rinks in all competitions include both female and male members.

In addition to our regular club competitions, we enter a rink in various area and Province competitions (Melrose Kettle, Gala Cup, Harry Hogg, Border League and Border Bonspiel)

We encourage all interested members to put their name forward for any of these area and Province competitions. Rinks will be chosen from those who volunteer. This provides club members with an opportunity to increase their experience by playing against other clubs.

We also play in an inter-club league involving four of the other smaller clubs. This competition is used to give experience to newer players.

The annual club subscription for adult members is £40 which covers:

* Annual levy to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.
* Annual levy to the Border Province
* Subsidy for the Pairs competition.
* Trophy engraving
* Club administration

Associate members pay £15 and Junior members pay a £6 subscription.

Membership of the Border Ice Rink Club is obligatory and covers the use of all facilities within the ice rink building. The fee of £28 is paid directly to the BIR club via the Jedburgh club treasurer.

In addition, members pay ice fees for each game played set annually by the Border Ice Rink. Skips collect ice fees for each competition before the start of the competition.