

The logo for the Westcoast Curling Classic (WCC) features the letters 'WCC' in a stylized, blue, cursive font. A red and white brushstroke-like line arches over the letters. To the right of the logo, the words 'Westcoast Curling Classic' are written in a black, serif font.

WCC Westcoast Curling Classic

Event: 11th Annual Westcoast Curling Classic
Dates: October 7-11, 2010
Location: Royal City Curling Club, New Westminster, BC
Cost: Skins Game, Free; Day Pass, \$15; Weekend Pass, \$30; Early Bird, \$25
Web: www.westcoastcurlingclassic.com

The Westcoast Curling Classic is the most prestigious annual curling event in the Lower Mainland. It takes place October 7-11, 2010 at the Royal City Curling Club in New Westminster, BC, where 32 men's teams vie for a total purse of \$80,000.

Last year's increased purse continues to lure highly skilled teams from coast to coast plus International teams around the world. Teams registered for this year's event need no introduction: World Champions (Kevin Koe and Greg McAulay), Olympic Gold Medalists (Kevin Martin and Brad Gushue), Canadian Provincial Champions (Pat Simmons, Jeff Richards, and Sean Geall) and British Columbian heavy weights including Bob Ursel and Brian Miki. The National teams from Japan, China, Korea, and Russia are registered as well as a team each from Switzerland and the United States.

The event is sanctioned by the World Curling Tour and the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS). In a manner similar to golf and tennis, successful teams are awarded points from this event. These points accumulate towards eligibility to sanctioned world championships and facilitate the ranking for cash spiels and Grand Slam events.

There are 5 draws on Friday and Saturday, 4 draws Sunday and 3 on Monday with the final scheduled for 3pm. Event passes are on sale at the Royal City Curling Club. The best deal for admission is the early-bird pass. Passes purchased before October 8 are available for \$25. This gives the pass holder admission to all four days of draws and the dance on Saturday night. Event passes are also available at the door for \$30, and day passes for \$15.

Extra Excitement ~ Skins Game ~ October 7 at 7:00pm

Team Ursel (last year's event winner) and Team K. Koe (current Canadian & World champion) will square off, each looking to earn some extra cash. Everyone is invited to watch the action as the dollars can be won or carried-over on each end. Entrance is free for this event.

Pro-Am ~ October 7, 4-6pm

Pros from Team K. Koe, Team Simmons and Team Ursel will share their expertise and insight with young curlers. Pros will work with junior curlers throughout the 2 hours. Strategy, best practices, tips, tricks and maybe even a few jokes will be exchanged.

Draw "A" Games have been determined

The first round of games has been determined. Six Draw A games will start at 8:00am Friday, October 8, 2010. This draw sees interesting match-ups between old, new and tweaked teams as well as several international games. Stoughton rink, with Jonathon Mead back in the third position, takes on the solid Team Miki. Local Brent Pierce, stepping out with a new team, will match wits against Calgary's Team Virtue. Last year's event winner, Team Ursel, has lots of experience to draw on for their match against the new Kopf team. Three international matches include Team Gushue, with Randy Ferbey throwing third rocks, against the Swiss Team Michel; the current BC Champion Team Richards takes on the American Romaniuk foursome; and Team Japan meet Team Drozdov from Russia.

Draw B games are scheduled to start at 11am and Draw C at 2:30pm.

The complete draw is posted at westcoastcurling.com Real-time scoring and updates for all draws will be available at Curlingzone.com and playdowns.com

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