



Legacy and Tradition

The International Tankard is a legacy event from the old Pacific Coast Curling Association (PCCA) and was passed onto Curl BC's Region 11. It started in 1962 and was an unwritten agreement between the PCCA and the Washington State Curling Association (WSCA). The first Tankard was held in Victoria, BC. The agreement was to honour club volunteers by sending them to this event. Six teams from each Association meet in a friendly competition with Canadian teams meeting only American teams. Each team plays 3 games. That tradition continues to present day.

The rotation of the event is two years in BC and one year at the Seattle Granite Club. The BC selection of host club is awarded by Region 11's International Tankard Committee while WSCA is responsible for the event when held in the United States. (To view current Committee Members, please see the latest International Tankard Poster).

The program for the weekend generally follows these traditions:

- * Friday night there is no competition, but registration and a meet and greet at the host curling facility.
- * Saturday has the opening ceremonies with anthems, speeches, first rock and a group photograph.
- * Each team plays two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday. The games are of eight ends however, at the end of the fourth, there is a broom stack and the teams move the lounge for a libation.
- * On Saturday night, there is a banquet organized by the host curling club.
- * Sunday's Closing Ceremonies are a simple affair with presentation of the International Tankard to the winners and presentation of the International Tankard Banner to the next year's host club. Everyone then joins hands in the singing of Auld Lang Syne and says their goodbyes.