Pathways for current USA Curling and GNCC Member Clubs
The below pathways are available to curling clubs who are both members of the GNCC and USA Curling and wish to remain members of USA Curling, GNCC, or both.

1. Become an At-Large Club
   a. USA Curling Bylaws defines an “At-Large Club” as “A curling club that does not belong to any Regional Curling Association.”
   b. To effectuate such a change, member clubs must complete a digital request form. This form will serve as a petition and will be forwarded on to the USA Curling Secretary.
      i. The USA Curling Board will act on these requests, and once voted on, the change to At-Large would be effective immediately.

2. Become Member of Neighboring Region
   a. USA Curling Bylaws Section 6.2: “An individual Curling Club may petition USA Curling for assignment to a Regional Curling Association other than the one with which they are then presently associated with geographically. The Board of Directors shall make the determination based upon the best interests of USA Curling.”
   b. To effectuate such a change, a Member Club must petition the USA Curling Board. The petition should detail the reason(s) for leaving their current region and joining the proposed region. The petition should be submitted to the USA Curling Secretary.
      i. In practice, there should be letters of support for the change from the regional associations involved. These letters of support help guide the board in its decision-making process.
      ii. The USA Curling Board would act at its next meeting, and the change would be effective immediately upon approval.

3. Form a new USA Curling Regional Association
   a. USA Curling Bylaws Section 6.1:” As the sport of curling grows in its participation and the additional Curling Clubs are created, in the best interest of the sport of curling and USA Curling, the Board of Directors may recognize additional Regional Curling Associations or recognize a change in the geographic scope of any present Regional Curling Association in accordance with USA Curling policy.”
USA Curling Policy 21-08, Section 6: “To effectuate said recognition of any change in the geographic scope of any present Regional Association, the change shall originate from the Members pursuant to a petition. Said petition shall state the reasons for and the facts supporting said change. Said petition shall be signed by Members in good standing, with no less than fifty percent (50%) of the total vote of the membership as determined pursuant to USA Curling Members Assembly Policies and Procedures. Said petition shall be brought before the Board of Directors for a determining vote at the next regular meeting, or a special Board of Directors meeting called for this purpose.”

The exact procedure beyond the above is grey. USA Curling Policy 21-08, Section 4.a.ix, states: “The procedure for applying for membership in USA Curling for those entities identified under USA Curling Bylaws Section 5.1.a.iv shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.”

The above referenced Bylaws Section 5.1.a.iv reads: “Any other Regional Curling Association, curling club, or other entity offering curling programs which applies for membership pursuant to USA Curling policy.”

b. The new regional association will have to meet certain aspects of the Member Club application process, including:

i. Formation of a legal entity (incorporation or charter) through the Secretary of State, or the equivalent, in the State which the association chooses to incorporate. The legal documents of incorporation would be a required submission.

ii. Development and submission of bylaws that follow USA Curling’s Non-Discrimination Policy (current Policy 21-03)

c. Letters of intent from all USA Curling Member Clubs seeking to be charter members of the regional association.

i. In this regard, if a Member Clubs is currently “At-Large” then the letter of intent could be considered a request to “Change Regions” and handled in bulk by the overall action that follows.

ii. If a Member Club is currently associated with another regional association, then it would have to provide the documentation required to meet action in addition to their letter of intent.
d. The executives of the regional association must seek the written support of 50% of USA Curling Membership in good standing.
   i. Meeting this requirement would require the new regional executive to reach out and obtain the written support from the other regional association. Under the Ted Stevens Act this number could include written athlete support.

e. On meeting the above requirements, the package of materials would be presented to the USA Curling Secretary, who would then log that receipt and present it to the USA Curling Board for consideration at their next meeting. The USA Curling Board may, at its discretion, request additional requirements of the applicant, under USA Curling Policy 21-08, Section 4.a.ix as noted above.
   i. Approval of the application would become effective immediately.
   ii. As detailed in USA Curling Policy 21-09, Section 7: “To the extent that a new Regional Association (New Association) is created from an existing Regional Association, the New Association would be considered to be part of an existing Regional Association for purposes of director allocation until the next scheduled reallocation. Creation of any new Regional Association shall not cause an additional director to be added.”