

Rules Of Play --- Men's Open Division **2018 Hamilton & District Bonspiel**

1. All players must be dues paid playing members of the curling club they are representing in the bonspiel. This includes any rental league players.
2. All players must be nineteen [19] years of age or older by the first day of the bonspiel.
3. Any individual participating in the Hamilton & District Men's Bonspiel may only play within one division unless he is a substitute player. A substitute player may participate in more than one divisions during the bonspiel as long as he meets the age requirements of the division he is substituting in and as long as he has not played 2 or more games with another team during the bonspiel
4. A team must play two [2] original members in all games who were specifically registered as team members before the beginning of their first game. All teams must have three players for all games including the finals. It is the responsibility of the team and not the host curling club to provide a spare of their own to meet the rule requirement. The replacement player must come from their own curling club. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the team being disqualified.
5. A player may not substitute on any team if he has played as a member of any other team during the bonspiel. Once a substitute players played 2 or more games with one team he is considered as a member of that team. The original team player he has substituted for may return to that team and play and it becomes a 5-person team.
6. The skip must inform the club umpire, before the game, the name and position of a replacement player to determine if he qualifies as a substitute.
7. If it is necessary to play with three players, the first two players throw three rocks each.
8. **In the event of a tie during any non-elimination game one rock will be thrown to the home end by any team member with sweeping by the delivering team only. If it is an elimination game a full end will be played back to the glass**
9. A team is considered late if they arrive 5 minutes after the established start time and the penalty will be [1] point in favor of the team on hand and one end counted as played. The late team throws first stone for the second end. The second penalty period will commence at 15 minutes after the established start time with a [2] shot penalty two ends counted as played and loss of hammer. If the offending team is 30 minutes late the game is forfeited.
10. The host curling club shall be responsible for randomly selecting ice assignments prior to competing teams arrival for the competition. Choice of rock color and hammer will be determined by a coin toss between competing teams.
11. In case of dispute the umpire's, decision is final.
12. All games are eight ends, including finals.
13. No games to be cancelled unless notified by draw master.
14. Any violation of bonspiel rules or flagrant un-sportsmanship activities will result in immediate team disqualification by the host umpire. **Commencing this year, no hair brush heads will be allowed on the ice. Corn brooms may be used for delivery only but must be wrapped.**
15. For further clarification of the bonspiel rules please contact your Hamilton & District Men's club representative

The final entry deadline date is midnight Thursday November 30, 2017.
Only the first 36 paid entries will be accepted

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