

## HAMILTON & DISTRICT SENIOR LADIES BONSPIEL 2018 RULES

The purpose of this bonspiel is to promote participation by our senior curlers. Skips are encouraged to bring new curlers out to enjoy the camaraderie of curling at our local clubs.

1. All players must be 60 years of age or older by December 31 prior to the bonspiel. Team members may play any position, **however each team must have one ranked lead or second in one of the first two positions on the team.**
2. O.C.A. rules apply with some variations.
3. All players must be playing members of the club they represent in the bonspiel. This includes any rental leagues. The exception to this will be the sponsorship team(s).
4. Any player entering this competition may only participate in one division. A player eliminated will not substitute for any other team.
5. Any player who has earned an O.C.A. patch (ie. competed in an O.C.A. sanctioned zone winning team) in the previous two curling seasons is eligible to play in this bonspiel only if there is no more than 1 (one) other team member with similar credentials on the same team.
6. A team may start the game with 3 players with the knowledge that the 4<sup>th</sup> player will join them within 45 minutes or they forfeit the game. A team short a player must secure a replacement from their own club. Before the game the skip must inform the host club umpire the name of the substitute and her position.
7. A player who leaves the game because of illness, accident or other extenuating circumstances may rejoin her team at any time during the game in progress and may rejoin the team for the next game(s). If a player must leave the game then the first two players will each throw three rocks.
8. In case of a tie a full end is to be played towards the glass.
9. **Default Clauses:**
  - a) If a team is more than 15 minutes late, 1 point and 1 end is forfeited. The late team throws the first rock to start the game.
  - b) If more than 30 minutes late, 2 points and 2 ends are forfeited. The late team throws the first rock to start the game.
  - c) **If more than 45 minutes the game is forfeited.**

10. Ruling on any extraordinary circumstances, which interfere with play, is left to the discretion of the umpire. **In the case of a rules dispute the umpire's decision is final.**
11. Games are scheduled for 8 ends, including the finals. Games are scored on a win/loss basis and **must** be conceded when out of rocks.
12. No games are to be cancelled or rescheduled unless notified by the Drawmaster or Chairperson.
13. Games are scheduled in 2 hour time slots and every effort must be made to complete the game in a timely fashion. Slow playing teams will be encouraged by the umpire to speed up their play.
14. Commencing 2018, no hair brush heads are allowed on the ice. Corn brooms may be used for delivery purposes only but must be wrapped. Other than these restrictions, there are no restrictions on broom heads.
15. **Teams are reminded to act in a sportsman like manner at all times both on the ice and off.**
16. Cell phones should be turned off or on vibration mode while on the ice and during social times after the game.

**NOTES:**

- a) **Names of team personnel and the skip's phone number and email address** are to be listed on the entry form.
- b) Rock colour will be assigned. Top name on draw sheet will be top colour on scoreboard. Toss for last rock.
- c) After the draw has been made, a team cancelling out of the bonspiel **must obtain a replacement team from their own club.**
- d) Dress codes are in effect at some clubs and must be adhered to by both players and spectators.

For further information contact:

Your own club representative.

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Drawmaster: Jill Weldon 905-573-1154

Chairperson: Helen McHenry 905-945-3514

Download the bonspiel draw at [www.hamiltoncurling.com](http://www.hamiltoncurling.com)

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