

## HAMILTON & DISTRICT DAY LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL 2019 RULES

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

1. O.C.A. rules apply with some variations.
2. Eligibility:
  - a) All players must play at their normal/usual position or higher as deemed by their own club. The Leads and Seconds must be Day Ladies of the club they represent in the bonspiel with the exception of clubs without a Day Ladies League. (Onus is on the Skips and Club Representative to determine this eligibility.)
  - b) The exception to 2a) will be a team from title sponsorship.
  - c) Rental teams will be accommodated if possible and will be listed as Rentals on the sign-up sheet.
  - d) Any breach of the eligibility rules must be reported to the Rules and Advisory Executive Member no later than a week before the beginning of the Day Ladies Bonspiel.
3. In the event that a spare is required she must be of equal or lower to her normal/usual position, as the player she is replacing. Before the game the skip must inform the host club umpire of the name of any spare. Once declared, the spare must play for the duration of the game.
4. Any player entering this competition may only participate in one division. A player eliminated may not substitute for any other team.
5. Any player who has earned an O.C.A. patch (i.e. competed on an O.C.A. sanctioned zone winning team) in the previous two curling seasons is eligible to play only if there is no more than 1 (one) other team member with similar credentials on the same team.
6. A player who leaves the game or is absent 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). In these cases when only 3 players are left the first two players will each throw three rocks.
7. In the case of a tie during a non-elimination game, the winner will be determined by a draw to the button with sweeping only by the delivering team. In an elimination game a full extra end is to be played towards the glass.

## 8. 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 late, the game is forfeited.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. No games are to be cancelled or rescheduled unless notified by the Drawmaster or Chairperson.

12. 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.

13. Hair brooms are not allowed on the ice - including for delivery. Corn brooms may be used for delivery provided they are appropriately wrapped.

14. Cell phones should be turned off or set on vibration mode on the ice.

## NOTES:

- a) Names of team personnel and the skip's phone number and e-mail address are to be listed on the entry form.
- b) Rock colour will be assigned. Top name on the draw sheet will be top colour on scoreboard. Toss for last rock.
- c) After the draw has been made, if a team cancels out of the bonspiel a team from the wait list will be the replacement team. If this is not possible then the original club must provide a replacement team from their own club

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