

RULES OF PLAY FOR --- Men's DIVISIONS

2025 Hamilton & District Bonspiel

- Curl Ontario Rules of Play are in effect including 5 rock rule.
- All players must be dues paid playing members of the curling club they are representing in the bonspiel. This includes any rental league players.
- All players must be nineteen [19] years of age or older as of **29 January 2025**. At the time of entry, all 4 team members must provide year of birth, and e-mail address so the committee can determine the cumulative age of the team and which division they will compete in. It is an age-based draw format
- **Day Section** - All participants must be **50+** years of age in the year of the bonspiel [i.e. 2024]. **There is no maximum age for any Division!** Master (50+), Grand Masters (70+). **All Divisions will max out at 32 teams.**
The committee reserves the right to make minor exceptions in order to balance Division entries into multiples of 4
- 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 division during the bonspiel as long as he has not played 2 or more games with another team during the bonspiel. The replacement player must come from the same curling club and the skip must advise the host umpire before the game his playing position, name, year of birth and e-mail address.
- A player may not substitute on any team if he has played as a designated member of any other team during the bonspiel. Once a substitute player has played 2 or more games with one team he is considered as a member of that team. The original team's player he has substituted for may return to the team and play and it becomes a 5-person team.
- Host Club will designate rock colour and a coin flip between the teams will determine hammer.
- A team must play two [2] of its original members in all games. Original members are defined as those on the entry form or starting the first game but not both. A team unable to do so will forfeit the game. The team **MUST** meet the age requirement of their section.
- No hair brush brooms will be allowed to enter the curling area. Wrapped corn head brooms will be allowed for delivery of a rock only. No time outs
- All games are 8 ends including finals. 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. If it is an elimination game a full end will be played back to the glass. ***The first event semi-finals will play a full extra end should there be a tie.***
- 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 [1] shot penalty [total points penalty is now [2] and two ends counted as played. ***The late team loses hammer*** If the offending team is **30** minutes late, the game is forfeited. ***TEAMS SHOULD ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS. TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO CALL THE CLUB AND NOTIFY THE UMPIRE IF THEY ARE RUNNING LATE AND WHY. THE UMPIRE WILL USE THEIR DISCRETION IF THE LATE TEAM WILL BE PENALIZED.***
- Any violation of bonspiel rules or flagrant un-sportsmanship activities [ie. Drunkenness, language, inappropriate physical activities] will result in immediate team disqualification by the host umpire. The head umpire's decision is final.

The entry fee per team for the 2025 event is **\$240.00**
Entries close midnight January 12, 2025

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