

HAMILTON AND DISTRICT DAY LADIES BONSPIEL 2026 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. (5 rock rule will apply)
2. Eligibility:
 - a) Based on the honour system, the lead or second on the team must play their normal/usual Club position or higher. Skips and Vices may not play at Lead or Second. Anyone may play at Skip and Vice. All players must be playing members of the Club they represent.
 - b) Team revisions must be reported to the Draw Master no later than a week before the beginning of the Day Ladies Bonspiel.
3. In the event that a spare is required, the spare's normal/usual position must be of equal or lower 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 participate on a team in the Day Ladies Open and on a team in the Women's Open (new for 2025). A player eliminated may substitute for any other team in the same division following eligibility rules.
5. 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.
6. 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. (Consolation is a non elimination game.)
8. Default Clauses:
 - a) If a team is 15 minutes late, 1 point and 1 end is forfeited. The late team throws the first rock to start the game.
 - b) If 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 30 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 Draw Master 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 and contact information (phone number and e-mail address) for each player 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 the 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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