

RULES OF PLAY FOR --- Men's DIVISIONS
Hamilton & District Bonspiel

1. Curl Ontario Rules of Play are in effect including 5 rock rule excluding the no-tick rule.
2. A substitute player may participate in more than one division during the bonspiel. 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 designated 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. 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.
3. Host Club will designate rock colour and a coin flip between the teams will determine hammer.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. There will be no time outs allowed.
7. **Day and Open** -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.
8. **Novice** - All games are 6 ends. In the event of a tie 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 [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.
10. In case of **inclement weather, it is the club manager's discretion to close the club** and notify all club managers and Head or Alternate umpire of the committee. It is the responsibility of each curler to determine if they can travel safely to the event they are scheduled for. If a person determines it is unsafe to travel to their scheduled game, they are expected to call the club and notify the umpire.
11. Any violation of bonspiel rules or flagrant un-sportsman like activities [ie. Drunkenness, language, inappropriate physical activities] will result in immediate team disqualification by the host umpire. The head umpire/or alternate head umpire's decision will be binding and final.

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