

# RULES OF PLAY FOR --- ALL DIVISIONS

## 2020 Hamilton & District Bonspiel

- 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 13 January 2020. 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 with an objective of 128 total teams.
- 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.
- A team must play two [2] of its original members in all games who were originally registered before the beginning of their first game. All teams must have three team members for all games including the finals. First two players will throw 3 rocks each.
- 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 both hammer and colour.*** 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.
- 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.

### Format:

**The Day Section:** Maximum number of teams 60. The designated sections will be determined by the total accumulated age of all 4 team members as of 13 January 2020.

- Grand Masters Division Championship: The oldest 24 [maximum] teams. All participants must be 70+ years of age in the year of the bonspiel [i.e. 2020]
- Masters Division Championship: The next oldest 36 [maximum] teams.

**The Night Section:** Maximum number of teams allowed will be 36. The designated sections will be determined by the total accumulated age of all 4 team members as of 13 January 2020.

- Open Division Championship: Will be played with the youngest 36 [maximum] teams

The entry fee per team for the 2020 event is \$160.00  
Entries close midnight Friday November 29, 2019