



BRAMPTON CURLING CLUB RULES

(Revised – September, 2018)

In the interest of providing pleasurable and equitable curling for all members, the following Club Rules (Rules) have been established. The Rules are to be applied in conjunction with the “Rules of Play” established by the Ontario Curling Association (CurlON), which are posted on the main bulletin board in the downstairs lounge at the curling facility and on the CurlON website. **Please note: We will continue with the 4 rock rule for the 2018/2019 season. Sanctioned CurlON/CCA events – please refer to their websites accordingly.**

Appeals, applications or comments relating to these rules should be submitted in writing to the League Convenor. Further appeals may be made in writing to the Chair(s) of the Games Committee. If the Games Committee cannot resolve the issue, the member is advised to present their concern in writing to a Board Member who will bring it to the Board for resolution.

If a rule infraction takes place, it is the right of any member to notify the offending person or team. Any further action needed will be taken by the League Convenor, and/or the Games Committee.

The Rules are divided into 3 sections:

- **General Rules Applicable to Adult Curling Leagues**
- **League-Specific Rules**
- **Rules Applicable to Charity and Fun Bonspiels**

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ADULT CURLING LEAGUES

1. League games should be played as scheduled; however, teams may mutually agree to reschedule a game prior to the scheduled game time, subject to ice availability and the concurrence of the City of Brampton (CoB). (Game(s) cancelled due to weather are exceptions to this rule and will be re-scheduled by the League Convenor.)

Details on how to reschedule can be found on the website under Policies → Ice Cancellation.

2. A team may play a game with three curlers, but at least two registered members of the team must be present to make the game official. If there are not two registered members of a team the game will result in a forfeit.
3. The regular season schedule and playoff format will be set each year by the League Convenor.
4. All players in their respective Leagues must be active members or players that have been designated **Honorary Lifetime Members**, as defined by the Club By-Laws. Youth Curlers may play in any adult league, subject to permission from the League Convenor on a case-by-case basis. They can spare in any league without having to pay adult fees during the regular season.
5. In all adult leagues, curlers are required to wear proper footwear on the ice. This means either:
 - A) Curling shoes
 - B) Regular shoes that are kept clean and with a gripper over both shoes

Adult members are responsible to provide their own grippers.

6. **Broom Heads** – The Brampton Curling Club will not enforce the approved broom head regulations as set out by WCF / Curling Canada. However, broom heads should be changed and/or cleaned on a regular basis. Additionally, hair brooms, while we prefer be avoided for sweeping, if used must be in excellent condition. Broom heads are an essential piece of equipment and can cause adverse affects on the ice if not maintained or changed accordingly and as such, must not leave debris or affect ice conditions such as picks etc.. The convenor and/or the Games Committee have the right to prohibit the use of non-conforming broom heads. **Please note: OCA sanctioned competitions – please refer to the CCA/CurlON website for guidance.**
7. **Grippers /Curling Tape** – tape of any kind may not be worn on the bottom of shoes as a slider at any time while on the ice. Grippers must also be changed when they show signs of wear and must not leave rubber/debris on the ice. The convenor and/or the Games Committee have the right to prohibit non-conforming grippers.
8. Curlers must follow the **Rules of Etiquette** and conduct themselves in a safe manner while on the ice.
9. Any team that needs to use more than 4 players to compete throughout the season must advise the league convenor the names of all players that will be eligible to play for that team. The convenor has the discretion to accept the team or not. All players must have paid the base membership fee and the team must pay 4 times the league fee. Prize money for a team with more than 4 players will only count as a 4 player team.

10. If a team that has not already paid 4 times the league fee utilizes the same spare for more than 3 weeks, that spare must sign up as a regular player for that team and also pay the league fee (pro-rated).
11. In extenuating circumstances (such as illness) a team may ask the League Convenor to appoint a full-time substitute curler, who will act as a regular team member until the regular member is able to return (if ever).
12. If a person or [part of a] team misses League play as a result of representing the Brampton Curling Club at any OCA event, they are allowed to substitute any or all players on their team, or the game may be re-scheduled (see #1). It is the responsibility of the person(s)/team attending the OCA event to arrange spares or rescheduling. In the event neither of the above happens, the team attending the OCA event will forfeit the game.
13. During the regular season, no new end shall begin with 10 minutes or less left in the **scheduled** ice time or 5 minutes for doubles curling.

For example, if an 8-end game is scheduled to start at 7:00pm, no end can be started once the clock reads 8:50pm. The CoB has implemented a buzzer system to alert curlers of the time deadline: once the buzzer sounds, no new end may be started.

In exceptional circumstances, when the ice is not available for the scheduled start time because of an issue with the ice or facility itself, all remaining draws for that day will treat the time the ice becomes available as the scheduled start time for that game. If the delay is due to a previous draw being late, regular ice maintenance taking longer than expected, etc; the skips will note and agree upon the start time and will be guided by the league time limit and not start and end with 10 minutes or less left in regular season play. **Slow Play and repeat offenders** will not be tolerated as it takes away from other leagues. League Convenors and/or the Games Committee have the right to address and enforce time limits with teams and/or individuals causing unnecessary delays.

14. During the regular season, games tied after league specific play shall remain tied. There will be no extra ends to break ties.
15. During the playoffs, no end shall be started 2 hours after the **actual start time** of an 8-end game or 1hr30min after the **actual start time** of a 6-end game and **actual start time** of 1:15 for doubles curling. In the event of a tie, the game will be decided by a full extra end played towards the glass.
16. It is the responsibility of each curler to arrange a substitute for himself/herself and notify their skip of the substitution arrangement.
17. During playoffs, substitutes must be approved (or appointed) by the League Convenor and must have been a paid member during the entire regular curling season. Skips and Vices are not allowed to spare in a lower division in any league during playoffs.

LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

League specific rules super cede the general rules

I) Rules Applicable to Women's and Men's Thursday Club Curling Draws

1. At the start of the season players are assigned to a team by the league convenor, based on previous curling experience and abilities. After each round, new teams are made up based on a formula using the accumulated points of each player as a guide to equalize the teams. **Every effort will be made to have curlers play with different players for all four rounds whenever possible.** After each round players will accumulate the team standings points and take them with them for the season.

2. The scoring system for Thursday Club Curling is wins, losses, ties and defaults.

3. At the end of the season we will have a TOP SKIP, TOP VICE, TOP SECOND and TOP LEAD. In addition, we will have a RUNNER-UP SKIP, VICE, SECOND and LEAD. These top two teams will be the Dream Teams and will play off to determine the Mens/Womens Thursday Club Champions.

A) Dream Team #1 consists of the top player in each position based on total accumulated points for the season.

B) Dream Team #2 consists of the runner-up player in each position based on total accumulated points for the season.

C) In the event of a tie for any position, the win % shall apply as calculated by the BCC scoring software used for our league. If the win % does not break a tie, the winner of the most recent game between these two players shall apply.

4. For the regular season any member of the BCC can be a spare. Spares may not substitute below their qualified/rated or regular curling position unless they play in the lead position. However, they can play a position above. Example, skips may not play in the vice position however a second can play vice. **For playoffs, substitutes must be approved or appointed by the league convenor and must be a paid member for the entire curling season.**

II) Rules Applicable to Women's and Men's Choose Your Own Curling Draws

1. Regular team members and substitutes may play at any position.

2. During playoffs members may substitute for any position except that skips may not play as skip on a team in a lower flight than the flight in which the substituting skip's regular team has qualified for the playoffs. **Any spare/substitute must be approved or appointed by the league convenor and must be a paid member for the entire curling season.**

3. Final scores are based only on ends played - no points will be awarded for ends not played when a game is conceded before 8 ends have been played.

III) Rules Applicable to Mixed Curling Draws

1. Teams consist of two male and two females as follows: **alternating male/female and female/male; or male, female, female, male; or female, male, male, female.** In exceptional circumstances and in the interests of maximizing member participation, the Mixed League Convenor may allow a team(s) an exception to this rule, upon approval from the games committee.
2. Regular team members and substitutes may play at any position subject to the alternating sex requirement.
3. During playoffs members may substitute for any position except that skips may not play at the skip position on a team that is playing in a lower flight level than the flight in which the substituting skip's regular team has qualified for the playoffs. **A substitute must be approved or appointed by the league convenor and must be a paid member for the entire curling season.**

IV) Rules Applicable to Wednesday Women's and Thursday Day Ladies Curling Draws

1. Teams will be picked by the skips from a roster prepared by the League Convenor.
2. Any substitute playing below their qualified/rated or normal position must throw lead rocks. (All other team members must move up.)
3. **During playoffs a substitute must be approved or appointed by the league convenor and must be a paid member for the entire curling season.**

V) Rules Applicable to Sunday Open Social Curling Draw

1. The scoring system is wins, losses and ties.
2. Regular team members and substitutes may play any position equal or lower to the position of the player they are replacing.

VI) Rules Applicable to Bantam/Junior Curling and Little Rock Curling

1. All curlers must be Youth members as defined in the By-Laws.
2. All curlers (including guests) are required to wear either:
 - A) Curling Shoes
 - B) Regular shoes that are kept clean and with a gripper over both shoes
the club will provide loaner grippers at no cost for all Youth curlers.
3. In these Leagues a one-week-free policy for non-curlers to try it out. This can occur at any point throughout the season. There are also bring-a-friend days where League members can bring non-members to curl at no cost. All participants must be Youth curlers as defined in the By-Laws.
For Little Rock Curling: A parent, guardian, or responsible adult must stay in the Curling Facility the entire time their curler(s) is/are on the ice.

VII) Rules Applicable to Open Doubles Curling

1. All games will be 8-ends and should be completed in 1:15 minutes. No new end should start with 5 minutes or less left in the scheduled ice time.
2. The positioned rock in the guard zone shall be one broom length from top edge of the 12-foot.
3. Each team can use one Power Play per game.

RULES APPLICABLE TO CHARITY AND FUN BONSPIELS

I) Rules Applicable to Adult Bonspiels

1. At all Charity and Fun Bonspiels, curlers are required to wear proper footwear on the ice. This means either:

- A) Curling Shoes
- B) Regular shoes kept clean and with a pull-on gripper over both shoes

Adult members are responsible to provide their own grippers. The Brampton Curling Club will loan our Charity and Fun Bonspiel guests grippers as required to comply with this safety rule on an as-needed basis.

2. "Curling Tape" **may not** be worn on the bottom of shoes as a slider at any time while on the ice.
3. Curlers must follow the **Rules of Etiquette** and conduct themselves in a safe manner while on the ice.