

HAMILTON & DISTRICT WOMEN'S OPEN BONSPIEL 2010

The purpose of this bonspiel is to promote participation by new curlers. Skips are encouraged to bring new curlers out to enjoy the camaraderie and values of curling at our local clubs.

FREE GUARD ZONE IN EFFECT

RULES OF PLAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. All players must play at the Club they represent.
2. Anyone entered in the Hamilton & District ladies Bonspiel for the current year is ineligible to enter the Hamilton & District Women's Open Bonspiel for that same year. Junior girls are eligible if they play as well in an Adult Section of the Club.
3. All players must play their **eligible position or higher**, as defined by the Hamilton & District Bonspiel and so verified by the Club Secretary and Club Representative to the Hamilton & District Women's Open Bonspiel. (See Footnote)

"Eligible Position" is defined to be as follows:

LEAD - less than **7 years** curling experience (2009-2010 season is the 7th year or less)
SECOND - less than **10 years** curling experience (2009-2010 season is the 10th year or less)
VICE - No restrictions
SKIP - No restrictions

Years of Experience are as follows:

- a) Any season where a person played a minimum of 15 games
 - b) Junior and Bantam season where a person played a minimum of 15 games constitutes a full year
 - c) Where a player plays 15 games at college or university constitutes a full year
 - d) Little Rock experience excluded
4. Players having **qualified** in the current year or in the last 2 years in OCA Events can only have two such players appear on one entry. (**See Footnote**)
(*Note: Qualified: Played on and/or spared twice on the same team qualifies you as an OCA player of that team*)
 5. **A rink must play three of its original members in all games**, as set out on the entry form or as specifically registered before the first game, or the game is forfeited.
 6. **A substitute** cannot be a player who has played on any other rink in this Bonspiel.
 7. Any rink short a player must secure a replacement from their own Club. The substitute must be of an equal or lower eligible position (number of years).
 8. The skip must inform the Club Umpire, before the game of the name and position of the replacement player.
 9. If a substitute plays one game, the original member may return to complete the rink.
 10. If necessary to play with three players, the first two players throw three rocks each/.

11. In the event of a tie, a full extra end will be played. The extra end will be played toward the glass.
12. If more that FIFTEEN minutes late, one point to the rink at hand and one end counted as played. The late rink throws the first stone for the second end.
13. If more that THIRTY minutes late, two points to the rink at hand and two ends counted as played. The late rink throws the first stone for the third end.
14. If more that FORTY FIVE minutes late, the game is forfeited.
15. In case of a dispute, the Umpire's decision is final.
16. All games are eight (8) ends, including the finals.
17. No games are to be cancelled unless teams are notified by the draw master.
18. If a rule is not stated above, OCA rules are in effect.
19. A player may be suspended by the Umpire for inappropriate behaviour on and/or off the ice.
20. All teams shall make every effort to play an 8 end game within the 2 hour time limit. (Umpire has the discretion to warn excessively slow teams and/or games to speed up.)

FOOTNOTE: RE: RULES #3 AND #4 – January 2010

- a) Skips are responsible for making sure their team is legal. If there is a breach of this, the skip, and/or, the whole team will be disqualified in the current year and banned from the following year's competition. No refund of entry fee.
- b) This is supposed to be an honour system, if someone, for example, has played under another name or at another club (e.g. Out of town) and does not volunteer information, it will be deemed as an intentional circumvention of the rules and she will be banned for 5 years.
- c) Any breach of the Hamilton & District Women's Open Bonspiel Rules, the Committee deems to be **intentional** will be subject to a 5 year ban from competition.
- d) "Major league" bonspiels have been removed as there are no records kept of the competitors, therefore, impossible to prove or disprove a person's participation in these events.
- e) If there is a protest about a team's legality, it must take place prior to the third (3rd) game. This will eliminate leaving the protests to the last few games, and minimize the number of teams that have been eliminated by illegal team and/or teams. If a change has been made to the team (spare etc) any time during the bonspiel, that new person will be under scrutiny and subject to protests as per the rules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON RULES CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

DRAW MASTER: _____