

M&M Meat Shops Hamilton & District 2010 Men's Open Bonspiel

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Rules Of play

1. All players must play at the club they represent.
2. All players must be sixteen [16] years of age or older by the day immediately preceding this bonspiel. A team may have a maximum of two [2] junior age curlers [OCA definition is age 16-20] on any one team.
3. All players must play their "eligible position" or higher, as defined by the Hamilton & District bonspiel and so verified by the club curling coordinator and/or club representative to the Hamilton & District Men's bonspiel

"Eligible Position" is defined as follows:

LEAD Less than seven [7] years of curling experience at the start of the curling season.
SECOND Less than ten [10] years of curling experience at the start of the curling season..
VICE & SKIP No restriction

Years of experience to be determined as:

- a. Any curling season where an individual played a minimum of 15 games would count as one year of experience.
 - b. Junior curling, as defined by the OCA [age 16-20] meeting the limit set in [a] above would count as ½ year of experience.
4. Players who have participated in the past 2 curling seasons and/or current curling season in any OCA sanctioned Zone competition [see list below] or the Hamilton & District Major League can only have two [2] such players appear on one entry.

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5. A team must play two [2] of it's 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. Teams must have four players for the finals, three of which must be original members.
6. A substitute cannot be a player who has played as a regular member on any other team in this bonspiel
7. Any team short players must secure a replacement from their own club. The replacement player must be of an equal or lower club rating, but in no circumstances of a higher club rating.
8. The skip must inform the club umpire, before the game, the name and position of a replacement player.
9. In the event that any team is unable to secure a substitute, the umpire is to be notified. He has the authority to appoint a substitute and this player must throw lead stones.
10. If a substitute plays one game, the original member may return to complete the team, however, if the substitute plays two consecutive games, he must continue as a member of the team for the remaining games.
11. If it is necessary to play with three players, the first two players throw three rocks each.
12. In the event of a tie, a full end will be played back to the glass
13. If a team is more than 15 minutes late hang one [1] point in favour of the team on hand and one end counted as played. The late team throws first stone for the second end. If more than 30 minutes late, hang two [2] points in favour of the team on hand and two ends counted as played. The late team throws first stone for the third end. If a team is 45 minutes late the late team will forfeit the game.
14. Each host curling club shall be responsible for randomly selecting ice assignments prior to competing teams arrival for competition. Choice of rock colour and hammer will be determined by a coin toss between competing teams.
15. In case of dispute the umpire's decision is final.
16. All games are eight ends, including finals.
17. No games to be cancelled unless notified by draw master.
18. No more than 2 skips will be allowed to play on one team.
19. Any violation of bonspiel rules will result in immediate team disqualification