

## **2011 M&M Meat Shops Hamilton & District Bonspiel**

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### **Rules of Play – Men’s Senior Division**

1. All players must be playing members of the curling club they represent in the bonspiel. This includes any rental leagues.
2. All players must be fifty-five [55] years of age or older by the day immediately preceding this bonspiel.
3. Anyone entered in the Hamilton & District Men’s Senior’s bonspiel may only participate within one division.
4. Any Player who has earned an OCA patch[competed on a OCA sanction zone winning team] in the past 2 curling seasons and/or current curling season is eligible to play on a Hamilton & District team as long as there is no more than one other team mate with similar credentials on the same team.

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5. A team must play two [2] of its original members in all games, as set out on the entry form, or as specifically registered before their first game. All teams must have four players for the finals, three of which must be original members. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the team being disqualified.
6. A substitute cannot be a player who has played as a regular member of on any other team in this bonspiel.
7. Any team short players must secure a replacement from their own club.
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; this player must throw lead stones.
10. If it is necessary to play with three players, the first two players throw three rocks each.
11. In the event of a tie, a full end will be played back to the glass.
12. 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.
13. The host curling club will 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.
14. In case of a dispute the umpires decision is final.
15. All games are eight ends, including finals.
16. No games to be cancelled unless notified by draw master.
17. Any violations of bonspiel rules will result in immediate team disqualification.
18. No more than 2 skips will be allowed to play on one team at the same time.
19. No end shall commence after 1 hour and 50 minutes of playing time has elapsed unless the game is tied, then only one end is played to break the tie.
20. Any violation of bonspiel rules will result in immediate team disqualification.

**For further clarification of the bonspiel rules please contact your Hamilton & District club representative**