

## **2012 M&M Meat Shops Hamilton & District Bonspiel**

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### **Rules Of play -- Men's Open 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 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. Anyone entered in the Hamilton & District Men's Bonspiel may only participate within one division.
4. Any player who has earned an OCA patch [competed on a OCA sanctioned zone winning team] in the past two curling seasons 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.  
  
OCA Competitions include: JUNIORS, COLTS, INTERMEDIATES, SENIORS, MASTERS, GRAND MASTERS & TANKARD
5. A team must play two [2] of it's original members in all games, as set out on their 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 can not 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 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 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.
14. In case of dispute the umpire's decision is final.
15. All games are eight ends, including finals.
16. No games to be cancelled unless notified by draw master.
17. Any violation of bonspiel rules will result in immediate team disqualification
18. No end shall commence after 1 hour and 50 minutes of playing time has elapsed unless the game is tied, then only extra ends are played to break the tie.

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