

## **HAMILTON & DISTRICTS WOMEN'S OPEN BON SPIEL 2012**

The purpose of this bon spiel 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.

### **RULES OF PLAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. All players must play at the club they represent.**
- 2. Anyone entered in the Hamilton & Districts Ladies' event during the day is ineligible to enter the Hamilton & Districts Women's Open Bon Spiel for the same year. Junior girls are eligible to play on teams. No more than two juniors will be on a team.**
- 3. All players must play their eligible position or higher, as defined by the Hamilton & District Bon Spiel and verified by the Club Secretary and Club Representative to the Hamilton & District Women's Open Bon Spiel.**

**Eligible Position is defined to be as follows:**

**Lead: less than 7 years curling experience (2011-2012 is the 7<sup>th</sup> year or less)**

**Second: less than 15 years curling experience (2011-2012 is the 15<sup>th</sup> year or less)**

**Vice and Skip: no restrictions**

**Years of experience are as follows:**

**a) any year where a person has played a minimum of 15 games**

**b) Junior and Bantam years of experience count as full years**

**c) University and rental league experience counts as full years if minimum of 15 games played**

- 4. Players having qualified in the current year or in the last two years in OCA events can only have two such players appear on one entry. Qualified means played on or spared twice on the same 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 bon spiel.**
- 7. Any rink short a player must secure a replacement from their own club. The replacement must be of equal or lower eligibility. The skip must inform the Club Umpire of the name and position of the replacement before the game.**
- 8. If the substitute plays one game, the original member may return to complete the rink.**
- 9. If necessary to play with three players, the first two players throw three rocks each.**

10. In the event of a tie, a full extra end will be played. The extra end will be played toward the glass.
11. If a team is more than 15 minutes late, one point is awarded to the rink at hand and one end is counted as played. The late rink throws the first stone for the third end. If more than 30 minutes late, two points are awarded to the team at hand and two ends are counted as played. The late rink throws the first rock of the third end. If a team is more than 45 minutes late, the game is forfeited.
12. In a case of a dispute, the umpire's decision is final.
13. All games are eight ends, including the finals.
14. No games will be cancelled unless teams are notified by the draw master.
15. If a rule is not stated above, OCA rules are in effect.
16. A player may be suspended by the umpire for inappropriate behaviour on or off the ice.
17. Time clock rule of 1 hour 50 minutes will be enforced at all Women's Open Venues. Teams will play ready curl and keep the game moving along. The umpire has the discretion to warn excessively slow teams and/or games to speed up.

#### **Footnote re rules #3 and #4**

- A. Skips are responsible for making sure that 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. There will be no refund of the entry fee.
- B. This is supposed to be an honour system. If someone has played under another name at another club and does not volunteer information, it will be deemed as an intentional circumvention of the rules and she will be banned for five years.
- C. Any breach of the Hamilton & District Women's Open Bon Spiel rules, the committee deems to be intentional will be subject to a 5-year ban from competition.
- D. If there is a protest about a team's legality, it must take place prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> game.