

CURLING ETIQUETTE

- **Don't be late.** When late, you are holding up 7 other players. If you will be unavoidably late, let your skip know as soon as possible.
- **Everyone shakes hands** at the beginning & end of each game.
- **Respect the ice.** **Avoid** resting hands & knees on the ice as this melts the ice & leaves flat spots which affect the path of a delivered rock. Clean your brush/broom before and during the game. No outside shoes on the ice.

DO NOT WEAR CURLING SHOES OUTSIDE!

DO NOT LIFT THE ROCKS OFF THE ICE. EVER.

- **Do not throw a rock at an empty hack.** If a rock hits the hack and breaks it off, that sheet will be immediately closed for repairs which will affect the curling the next day.

No drinks on the ice. If drinks spill on the ice, the sheet will be closed immediately for repairs. **Absolutely NO glass downstairs.** Broken glass is impossible to see on the ice.

- **Always be ready to throw your rock.** Have it ready, cleaned and be in the hack while the opponent's rock is on its way down the ice. This keeps the game moving & on time.
- **Non-throwing opposing players** should remain **between the hog lines** while the throwing player delivers. ONLY the 3rd or SKIP are in the house.
- **Non-throwing players** should not congregate behind the opposing player who is holding the broom, ONLY the 3RD or SKIP are in the house.
- **Sweepers** returning to the opposite end walk single file rather than 2 by 2 so as not to block the view of the throwing players.
- **Complement** players who have thrown a good shot & never cheer or criticize someone who misses their shot.
- **Players** should delay walking from hog line to hack, between sheets, until a throwing player has released his/her rock.
- **Know when it's over.** Unlike other sports, there is no negative connotation associated with conceding a game. Consider resigning early if a game is clearly lopsided. This may occur at any point during the game but normally near the final end. It is not required to concede and teams may play until the last stone – scoring at this point is optional.

THANK YOU for following these simple rules, it makes curling fair and enjoyable for everyone!