

CURLING ETIQUETTE

- ✓ **Be on time!** If your're going to be late, let your skip know as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Everyone acknowledges their opponents individually** at the **beginning and end** of each game. Hand-shake, fist pump, elbow bump, air high five, etc
- ✓ **The winning team is responsible for sweeping** the hacks and mopping the ice after the game.
- ✓ **It's customary to join with your opponents in the lounge for some social time afterwards.**

RESPECT THE ICE

- ✓ **Avoid resting hands and knees on the ice** for long periods of time (5 seconds max please).
- ✓ **Clean your broom** before and after every game, and often during games.
- ✓ **If you see debris on the ice** remove it immediately to a garbage can.
- ✓ **No outside footwear!** Always carry curling shoes in! Wear grippers over soiled/slippery shoes.
- ✓ **Do not lift the rocks off the ice at any time!**
- ✓ **Do not throw a rock at an empty hack!** Leave the carpets on the hacks until the game begins.
- ✓ **Other than water, no drink or food is allowed in the ice rink area.**

DURING THE GAME

- ✓ **Always be ready to throw your rock or sweep a team-mates rock right after the opposition's rock has been played.** Keep the game moving Should take about 15 minutes/end.
- ✓ **Non-throwing players** remain between the hog lines, walking single file along the side-lines when returning after sweeping, and stay stationary while the opposition delivers their rocks.
- ✓ At the conclusion of an end of play, the **3rds from both teams determine the score** **All other players remain outside the house!**
- ✓ **After the score has been determined,** Leads and 2nds help move the rocks to their holding spots.
- ✓ **Complement players** who have thrown a good shot, regardless of which team they are on.
- ✓ **NEVER cheer or criticize a missed shot** from either team.
- ✓ **Keep your temper under control** It's easy to lose it when you make a bad shot.
- ✓ **If, when sweeping, you accidentally touch your team's rock with your broom or body,** (it's called "burning the rock"), let the play continue but notify the Skip or 3rd of the other team immediately.
- ✓ **If you accidentally touch/move a stationary rock from either team,** let the Skip/3rd know right away. They will deal with repositioning the appropriate rock or rocks.
- ✓ **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 clear lopsided. The losing team makes this decision.

Thank-you for following these simple guidelines as it makes curling fair, fast, & more enjoyable for everyone!