



Our club supports skill development and sportsman-like play where all players, regardless of age or skill, can enjoy themselves, get some exercise and meet new friends.

To this end, we encourage players to learn and use the common rules of curling etiquette contained in this pamphlet. These are adapted from the OCA Handbook.



Safety is our utmost concern. If you have an alcoholic beverage, please drink responsibly and play safely when on the ice.

## Good Curling!

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## *Curling Etiquette*

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# **CURLING IS FUN WHEN PLAYED SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY**

- ❖ Before the game begins, introduce yourself and wish everyone “Good curling”.
- ❖ If you cannot make your game, ensure that you have a spare and let your skip know who it will be.
- ❖ Make sure that your equipment is safe and well maintained. Please use shoe cleaners prior to stepping on the ice.
- ❖ Please consider wearing a gripper on both feet to ensure good footing while you play.
- ❖ Please clean the bottom of your stone carefully and return it to the ice gently to reduce “bruises” on the ice surface.
- ❖ Remove debris promptly and let your skip know if there are ice defects that need attention prior to the next draw.

- ❖ Be ready to take your position in the hack & watch your skip’s call so that you know the play.
- ❖ Please keep bare hands off the ice to prevent pitting of the ice surface.
- ❖ After completing the play, sweepers return to position, single file, along the sidelines. Do not cross the ice when your opponent is about to put a rock in play.
- ❖ Between throws, stand quietly to the side of the sheet between the hog lines, broom at your side.
- ❖ If the rock is touched or “burned” while in motion, tell your skip. Do not stop the movement of the stone. The opposing skip will decide whether stone is removed.



- ❖ Only vices are permitted in the house to score the end. Players stand outside the rings until the score is agreed and players may enter to remove stones. Vices post scores.
  - ❖ If the skip has delivered his/her last rock prior to the sounding of the buzzer, the next end can proceed. Players are encouraged to play efficiently so the next draw can begin on time.
  - ❖ Winners buy opponents a beverage. Losers reciprocate as a courtesy, even if they need to leave early.
  - ❖ Safety Note: In the unlikely event of a fall, your safety is our utmost concern. If you need help, please ask – don’t hesitate out of embarrassment. If you are able to continue safely, please do. If not, please ask for help to leave the ice surface for further assessment or first aid.
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