

# CURLING

## Tournament Rules



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## 1. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The SSC rents rinks from private curling clubs and players must respect the standards, rules and staff in each facility:

- Rink attendants should be treated with respect.
  - Do not enter the ice area before the attendant is done pebbling and preparing the sheets.
- Treat the facility with respect:
  - Clean, indoor shoes are mandatory and bare skin is not permitted on the ice.
  - Be mindful of how hard you are throwing the rocks.
  - Do not allow a rock to make contact with the hack or end boards.
  - Do not sit or lie on the ice.
  - Do not tap the bottom of the broom on the ice or cause the ice to crack.
- Water is the only beverage permitted inside the ice sheet area.
- Players are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Players will be held liable for any deliberate property damage within a facility.

**Facility Complaint Policy: Any player who causes the SSC to receive an official complaint regarding a facility is subject to a \$100 fine and possible suspension from the tournament and leagues.**

## 2. SPORTSMANSHIP

**The SSC encourages a ‘fun-first, winning-second’ attitude in all tournaments. All players are expected to abide by the SSC sportsmanship policies, including:**

- Controlling emotions and actions at all times.
- Treating the facility, equipment, staff, other players, and coordinators with courtesy and respect.
- Avoiding retaliation under any circumstance.
- Providing feedback in a constructive manner to the SSC staff on-site.

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

SSC Staff (including Games/Event/Beach Volleyball Coordinators) reserve the right to remove players immediately from a facility and/or league, tournament, or event if they are involved with any of the following acts toward a coordinator, facility staff, player, or spectator:

- Using racial, ethnic, homophobic, fatphobic, gendered, transphobic, sexist, sexual, disability or other slurs
- Swearing directly at another person
- Intentionally pushing, shoving, or making physical contact with another person
- Instigating and/or retaliating in an altercation
- Displaying disrespectful or threatening behavior

If a player is ejected due to unsportsmanlike play, they must vacate the facility immediately, inclusive of the parking lot.

In addition to being dismissed from the game, the player(s) or team may be removed from the tournament with no refund and future league suspensions may be issued.

## REPORTING SPORTSMANSHIP CONCERNS

- If during the game there is a concern with the other team, the issue should be addressed respectfully with the opposing team captain at the appropriate time (during play on the sidelines or breaks in the game).
- If the issue remains unresolved at the end of the game, captains should further discuss the issue with the SSC Staff and opposing team captain.

## 3. ROSTERS

Format	Total # of Players Required on the Ice	Total # of Female Players Required on the Ice	Total # of Male Players Allowed on the Ice
Open 4's	4	0	4

The ESSC welcomes people of all gender identity or expression. Minimum female player requirements are inclusive of anyone who identifies as a female (i.e. players who identify themselves as M and X will not count towards female player minimums).

## 4. TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC RULES

### GAME FORMAT

- All games are 3 ends and/or 1 hour in length.

### SCORING

- The score will freeze after the completion of the third end, regardless of how much time is left in the time slot.
- Mercy will be called when one team gains a lead of 8 points. The score will freeze and teams are encouraged to play the rest of the game for fun.

## 5. GENERAL PLAYING GUIDELINES

- Unless otherwise stated, the [Canadian Curling Association Rules of Curling for General Play](#) will apply to all games played in the tournament.

### STARTING THE GAME - HAMMER

- Teams will flip a coin or use another suitable means of determining who starts the game with the hammer.

## THROWING ORDER AND ROTATIONS

- Teams are not required to declare 'Lead' '2<sup>nd</sup>' '3<sup>rd</sup>' or 'Skip' for the entire game:
  - Players are allowed to rotate through the various positions, as long as each position is declared at the start of each end.
  - It is expected that all teams still follow the correct order of '2,2,2,2,' when throwing stones in each end.
  - If a team has only three players present at a game, the order of stones thrown in an end must be '3,3,2'.
  - If a team has more than four players present at a game, they can rotate players in/out at the start of each end. However, no more than four players can participate in a single end.

## DOUBLES BOARD

- If a team makes a double takeout (two or more rocks of the opposing team that are in the house), that team will take possession of the doubles board.
- The team should move the doubles board to the end of the sheet that they are curling on.
- The team that is in possession of the doubles board at the conclusion of the third end/1 hour will win a reward.

## 6. REPORTING AND STANDINGS

After each game/match, both captains must ensure that the scores are written on the appropriate standings print-outs provided by the SSC. Teams that do not report scores will receive a zero for that game/match.

## HOW TEAMS ARE RANKED

At the end of the round robin, teams will be ranked based on the criteria below:

1. Matches won (2 pts.), lost (0 pts.) or tied (1 pt.).
2. Number of games won.
3. Point differential (total points for minus total points against).
4. Results in the match versus the team you are tied with (if applicable).
5. The Event Coordinator will flip a coin to determine who places higher.

## 7. WEATHER

The SSC does not cancel any indoor games due to inclement weather. The only time that games would be cancelled is if the facility is closed. Teams would be contacted in that scenario.