

PLAYING REGULATION 5.0 - CURLING

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the current Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module, outlined according to the following critical components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.

2. **AGES:** As per HSSAA Constitution [Article VI, Section III](#) .

3. **EVENTS:** There will be a competition in both boys and girls in the Novice and Competitive Divisions.

4. **ELIGIBILITY:**

A) As governed by HSSAA Constitution [Article VI](#).

B) Competition Levels

- i) Competitive - Eligible for GHAC/OFSAA. Limited to 2 or more Club Level Players.
- ii) Novice and Intermediate - No OFSAA opportunity.

C) Late/Attendance Policy:

* *Unless a staff sponsor is present, a school will be deemed ineligible to curl.*

First 5 minutes late – loss of hammer

After second 5 minutes – hang 1 point

Third 5 minutes – hang 2nd point

After 20 mins, the non-offending team has the option to declare default.

D) Teams must have a minimum of 3 players, two of which are regular members of the team. Spares may be used, according to spare rules for each division. Spares must be/or added to the teams eligibility list.

E) The Competitive Level will have two divisions, boys and girls only. A boys team may have one female on the team only if the school can not field a separate girls team. The Novice and Intermediate Level will have boys, girls, and mixed teams and will be open to any combination of boys and girls.

5. **ENTRIES:**

Team Entries:

- a) Cut off date for novice and competitive team submissions will be announced at the pre-season coaches meeting.
- b) Team entry lists must be submitted to the in school convenor by the deadline announced at the preseason meeting. Team Eligibility lists must be submitted to the HSSAA Athletic Convenor prior to the teams first scheduled game.
- c) Due to ice and date restrictions, coaches can enter a maximum of 4 teams per school. Actual team numbers will depend entirely on the total number of teams declared by each school and ability to schedule the seasons' games.

There must be a minimum of 4 players on every competitive team; a minimum of 4 players on every novice team, however it is recommended that novice teams carry at least 5 players.

6. **RULE BOOK:** The O.C.A. Rule Book supplemented with OFSAA Regulations.

7. **UNIFORMS:**

- (a) Players must bring a clean change of shoes to be worn on the ice surface. *Any* player without a clean change of shoes will not be allowed to play that game.
- (b) Jeans and "pajama pants" *cannot* be worn on the ice surface.
- (c) All players must wear attire that will not damage the ice surface. Dirty pants, metal chains, and metal lace eyelets are examples of attire that can damage the ice.
- (d) Inappropriate slogans and advertising/sponsorship reflecting alcohol or tobacco products may not be worn.
- (e) All other equipment, including sliders and brooms are supplied by the Oakville Curling Club.

8. **RULES and OFFICIALS:**

Coaches are to instruct their participants on curling rules, etiquette and expectations. This will be ongoing during the novice season.

The rules governing play shall be that of the Ontario Curling Association. The HSSAA exceptions to these rules are:

- i) A coin toss will take place at the beginning of each scheduled game. The winning team will choose either the hammer or the colour of the rock.
- ii) In all league and playoff games at the Novice Level, a team may substitute any number of players in the lead or second positions but only at the conclusion of an end of play.
- iii) All regular season Competitive Level games will be scheduled for six (6) ends. No end shall start with less than 15 minutes of rented ice time left. Games that end in a tie will be recorded as a tie in the standings.
- iv) All regular-season Novice Level games will be scheduled for six (6) ends. No end will start with less than 15 minutes of rented ice time left. Games that end in a tie will be recorded as a tie in the standings.
- v) In the Competitive Level, two one (1) minute timeouts per team, per game are permitted and may be called by a player on the ice when it is their team's turn to throw, or between ends. Coaches may signal to their team that they wish for a time-out, but the time-out must be called for by a player on the ice. No banging on the glass allowed! Note: The one (1) minute time limit **MUST** be adhered to, to prevent time problems.
- vi) If required, an umpire will be designated by the convenor for a game.
- vii) Playoff games will be played to completion, time permitting.
- viii) If a game ends in a tie a full end will be played towards the glass to break the tie. Note: In the event this rule needs to be amended due to ice rental restrictions, one rock will be thrown by each team, closest to the button to break the tie.
- ix) Playoff Tie Breaking Criteria:
 - Winner of the game between the tied teams.
 - Total number of points for and against.
 - Number of ends won (if needed)

9. **GAME LENGTH:**

The number of ends played will be determined at the beginning of the playoffs. Eight ends is recommended for Competitive and Six ends for Novice and Intermediate.

10. **AWARDS:** A fee will be assessed at the pre-season meeting to cover awards costs.

11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** The Halton Boys and Girls (Senior) Champions will advance to the GHAC Championship games.

12. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

A) Coaches and players are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner as per Article XVI – Code of Conduct in the HSSAA Constitution.

B) Unsportsmanlike conduct: If the convenor needs to speak to a team and/or coach twice during a match, that team automatically defaults the game and will be asked to leave the ice. After too many infractions, the team may be banned from the league at the convenor’s discretion.

C) A no smoking and no alcoholic beverage policy will be enforced for participants and spectators during HSSAA curling competitions.

D) No player/coach is allowed any electronic device on the ice surface. This is a safety issue and must be adhered to at all times

13. **JURY OF APPEAL**

A) The Jury of Appeal constructed at the coaches pre-season meeting will consist of the convenor and 3-4 coaches from participating schools.

B) The Jury of Appeal will rule on disputes and protests.

C) The Jury of Appeal may only consider matters of policy regarding the operation of the activity concerned within the limits of the playing regulations.