



## WALKER CURLING CLUB – CURLING ETIQUETTE

1. Be ready to go on the ice prior to your scheduled game time.
2. Do not go on the ice without first cleaning your boots/shoes on the mats provided for this purpose.
3. Begin and conclude every curling game with a friendly handshake and goodwill wishes to your teammates and opponents.
4. Do not talk or walk about while other players are delivering their stone. The expression of 'ICE' means you are blocking the view of a curler or the path of a stone and you should move to the side of the ice.
5. Skips or Vice Skips (Thirds) are the only ones in the House while an opponent is throwing; it is permissible for an opposing Skip to stand behind the other Skip to watch the line of the opponents rock. However, so that the thrower – identifying the placement of his/her rock from the Skip -- does not see two vertical brooms', the opposing Skip or Vice Skip should keep his/her broom horizontal to prevent confusing which broom is the thrower's target. The Skip or Vice Skip should not touch opponent's rocks when directing the next shot.
6. Sweepers should position themselves near the tee line so that they can move with the rock and be ready to sweep as soon as it is released, if needed, and stay with the rock all the way to the House. They should return to the area between the two hog lines and stay on the sidelines until the next rock is ready to be thrown.
7. No food or beverages are allowed on the ice.
8. If you have personally fouled a moving stone – declare it so that it can be removed from the ice; or if you have personally moved a stationary stone – declare it immediately so that it can be replaced in its original position to the satisfaction of the opposing Skip.
9. Thirds agree on scoring at the conclusion of each end and post the scores.
10. Familiarize yourself with the duties of your position and other Curling Rules.
11. Congratulate the members of the opposing team and your own team members when they have made a good shot. NEVER, by word or deed, be guilty of any action that would embarrass a player who has missed a shot or not swept a rock as communicated by his/her Skip.
12. If each player throws the numbered stone for your position: First (number 1), Second (2), Third/Vice Skip (3), Skip (4) it would be easier to determine the success of your throw and analyze the strategy for your team at the conclusion of each end.
13. If your team is scheduled for the final draw of the evening assist in putting the rocks into the storage area and the storing of other equipment, if need, and you are able to do so.
14. Only participating curlers on the ice.
15. Thus, Curling Etiquette is the sportsmanship and courtesy that you show to your opponents and teammates so that all can play as well as each is able and enjoy the game and association with other players. Thus, a friendly handshake and a "Good Curling" or "Good Game" is a pleasant and courteous way to end the game.