

# BONSPIEL OF CHAMPIONS RULES 2010



## GOAL

The goal of the Bonspiel of Champions is to encourage participation in T.C.A. club bonspiels. The Bonspiel of Champions provides a competitive event for club level curlers.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Teams shall be composed of four members in one of these divisions: Men's, Mixed, Ladies / Business Women.
2. The Canadian Curling Association rules shall apply for all divisions except as provided herein.
3. It is the responsibility of the skip to ensure all players meet the eligibility rules. If a player is found to be ineligible after the start of play, the team is disqualified.
4. An umpire-in-chief shall be designated for the duration of the competition. The decision of the umpire is final.
5. Each player shall be nineteen years of age or older on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the bonspiel.
6. All games shall be 8 ends. If after the 8<sup>th</sup> end the score is tied, the play shall be directed toward the home end for such additional full end or ends as may be required to decide a winning team.
7. Team vices do any necessary measuring or may call upon the umpire.
8. The winner of a coin toss shall have the choice of last rock or handle colour.
9. A team must have four players to start each game at the time designated by the drawmaster. If a team is unable to commence play at the designated time, it shall be assessed a penalty of one point and one end shall be considered played for the first 10 minutes the team does not commence play. One penalty point shall be assessed and one end shall be considered played for each additional ten minutes. When the game commences, the non-offending team shall be given choice of last rock or colour of handle. After 30 minutes have elapsed the non-offending team shall be declared the winner.
10. The umpire-in-chief may postpone the starting time for any game with authorization of the drawmaster and bonspiel chairperson for just and impartial reasons.
11. Any team failing to notify the drawmaster of their inability to play, after acknowledging their intent to compete, shall be prohibited from playing in this competition the following year. Seven days notice of withdrawal from the bonspiel is required except in extenuating circumstances.

## ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Any combination of two or more members from any of the three winning teams are not eligible to qualify or curl together in the Bonspiel of Champions for one year following their victory
2. To qualify for the Bonspiel of Champions, a team composed of four members must win one of the T.C.A. club bonspiels so designated as a Bonspiel of Champions qualifier.

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3. When a team consisting of the same four players has previously qualified in the same division, then the runner-up team will be entered as the qualifier for that bonspiel; if the runner-up team has previously qualified then the third place team will be used. The first qualifying bonspiel a team wins designates their slot on the draw.
4. No player can play or spare on more than one team entered in the Bonspiel of Champions.
5. A male who qualifies on both a men's and mixed team or a female who qualifies on both a ladies/business women's or mixed team must declare in which division he or she is going to compete in no later than seven days before the start of the competition
6. When a team has one or two members that have previously qualified and elected to play with another team, the original team will be allowed to use a total of two approved spares for the duration of the Bonspiel of Champions.

## SPARE RULES

1. All spares must be approved by the drawmaster seven days prior to the start of the competition. During the competition the umpire-in-chief and the drawmaster must approve any changes.
2. Each team must have four players to start each game. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members of the original qualifying team. For the duration of the bonspiel the original qualifying team may use only a maximum of two approved spares.
3. A member of the original qualifying team must throw last rocks.
4. A spare cannot play above the position of the missing player.
5. Mixed only: Each team shall have two male and two female players and the male and female players shall play alternate positions. The spare or spares must be of the same gender as the replaced player or players. A member of the original qualifying team must throw last rocks OR direct the play.

Qualifying bonspiels for the Bonspiel of Champions are listed on the T.C.A. web site.

### T.C.A. Clubs:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| Annandale Golf & Country Club   | 905-683-3210 | Oshawa Curling Club                    | 905-728-6281 |
| Bayview Golf & Country Club     | 905-889-4833 | Richmond Hill Curling Club             | 905-884-6597 |
| Brampton Curling Club           | 905-451-4015 | Royal Canadian Curling Club            | 416-461-0251 |
| Chinguacousy Curling Club       | 905-458-6958 | Scarboro Golf & Country Club           | 416-266-4546 |
| Dixie Curling Club              | 905-276-1777 | St. George's Golf & Country Club       | 416-231-3433 |
| Donalda Curling Club            | 416-447-5575 | Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club      | 416-284-9251 |
| East York Curling Club          | 416-396-2816 | Thornhill Golf & Country Club          | 905-881-3000 |
| Granite Club                    | 416-510-6668 | Toronto Cricket Skating & Curling Club | 416-487-4581 |
| High Park Club                  | 416-536-8054 | Unionville Curling Club                | 905-477-2711 |
| Leaside Curling Club            | 416-338-4793 | Weston Golf & Country Club             | 416-241-5401 |
| Mississauga Golf & Country Club | 905-278-4857 | York Curling Club                      | 905-898-2155 |
| Oakville Curling Club           | 905-844-6982 |  |              |

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