

# USWCA RULES AND REGULATIONS

## USWCA All-American

The USWCA Rules are the Governing RULES for all USWCA Sanctioned events. All games shall be played under the current USCA Rules of Play with USWCA exceptions. (The hostess club shall not make any changes, additions, or deletions to the USCA Rules of Play, or to these Regulations.)

### I. Eligibility:

- A. All clubs and curlers must be USWCA members. Representatives should verify that all participants in the event are dues paying members of the USWCA before playing in the event.
- B. A minimum of three teams is required to host an All-American. The Chair of the local All-American Event will balance teams.
- C. Clubs shall individually decide whether or not to allow Jr. Girls to participate in the event and may choose to have an age provision for this group. All participating Jr. Girls must be current dues paying club members.
- D. Where a club cannot field the minimum number of teams, it may join with another club. The local Chairman of this event will determine the composition of the teams.
- E. Clubs with both daytime and evening women's curling sessions with at least twenty active curlers in each, may have both daytime and evening All American event. There shall be a minimum of three teams in each event. A curler may participate in both events but may earn only one pin.
- F. A team is composed of four players. A woman must skip and vice-skip, throwing skip and vice-skip rocks and must call the game. A team may have no more than two Associate Members and they must play Lead and Second position, throwing Lead and Second rocks.
- G. Five member teams are allowed, when necessary, in order to permit full participation of the club membership.
- H. Use of a delivery stick is permitted as stated in the USCA Rules of Play.

### II. Procedure:

- A. An entry of three teams may play a double round robin or a modified double knockout. Four to seven entries should play a round robin to determine a winner. Eight or more teams may play in a bracketed elimination or a round robin or some combination thereof, whatever the ice schedule permits.
- B. It is recommended, not required, that the games consist of eight ends with the final decision at the discretion of the local club.
- C. The winning team must play a minimum of three games. A bye is considered a game and a win. A procedure to resolve tied teams should be in place before the event begins, especially if there is no time in a club schedule for a playoff game.

### III. Rules of Play:

- A. Current USCA Rules of Play shall apply with the following exceptions and additions;
  1. The individual clubs shall determine forfeiture rules, timing and substitution of players.
  2. In bracketed eliminations, all initial pairings shall be done by "drawing out of a hat".
  3. If possible, there shall be no more than one club-rated skip on a team. Each club shall determine who shall be eligible as the other three members of the team. Should it be necessary to place more than one skip on a team, their playing position shall be at the discretion of the local event Chair.

- B. This event shall not conflict with the USWCA National Women's bonspiel and shall not be used as a play down for the Bonspiel or as a consolation event for those unable to compete in the Bonspiel. The All-American Event shall be independent of any other club competition.
  
- C. The USWCA recommendation regarding brush heads is that all types and styles of commercially available curling brooms be allowed for use. The regulation of sweeping equipment at the recreational level is ultimately at the discretion of clubs, leagues and event organizers. Curlers are encouraged to follow the spirit of curling when deciding which equipment to use. Equipment that does not harm the ice surface should be used at all times.