## NATIONAL WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

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## I. Annual Bonspiels:

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to hold an annual National Women's Bonspiel in a different geographical region each year, rotating among the West, Wisconsin, East, and Central regions. The Bonspiels shall not conflict in location or date with the Senior Women's Bonspiel or with the US Women's Championship

## II. Size:

It is the intent of the USWCA to produce an annual National Women's Bonspiel of 32 teams. The USWCA Board of Directors must approve any changes to this format.

## III. Bonspiel Site:

The Second Vice-President shall ask member clubs to host the National Women's Bonspiel according to the site rotation schedule.

## IV. Eligibility:

- A. Participants in the National Bonspiel must be a minimum 21 years of age before January 1 of the year of the bonspiel
- B. Participation in the bonspiel shall be limited to women's teams from member Clubs of the USWCA. A Member Club is one that has complied with the following requirements:
  - 1. The Club has been duly notified of its election to membership in the USWCA.
  - 2. The Club has submitted its current dues to the USWCA Treasurer, along with a complete roster of current curling members.
  - 3. The Club must be a current member of the USWCA.
- C. All team members must be full dues-paying, league-playing members of the same USWCA club, otherwise the team will be considered a composite team.

The USWCA has not adopted a strict definition for a league-playing member of a club. Each club should determine who is acting in good faith in claiming to be a league-playing club member and each qualifying entrant must comply with her club's ruling.

D. Use of a delivery stick is permitted as stated in the USCA Rules of Play

#### V. Procedure:

- A. All Procedures are specifically detailed in the NWBP (National Women's Bonspiel Procedure) Manual
  - B. The NWBPC determines the number of teams from each USWCA region from the number of members represented by regional clubs returning letter-of-intent and entry fee.
  - C. In the event a 32-team Bonspiel is not full after the entry deadline, a region that has not filled its quota will be allowed entries in this order:
    - 1. Additional club teams from a club in the region.
    - 2. Composite teams organized from single entries from a region.
    - 3. Composite teams organized from single entries from their own and other regions.

## VI. Official Draw:

The official draw is determined as outlined in the NWBP (National Women's Bonspiel Procedure) Manual and the SWBP (Senior Women's Bonspiel Procedure) Manual.

### VII. Regulation of Play:

- A. At the start of competition, every team shall be composed of four eligible curlers, and they must be registered at the bonspiel site.
  - B. All games are scheduled ten ends; ties are full extra ends, no minimum number of ends required.
  - C. Chief Umpire:
    - 1. The Chief Umpire shall have general supervision of all games.
    - 2. The Chief Umpire, when requested to do so, shall determine any matter in dispute between opposing skips. Umpire's decision is final.
    - 3. The Chief Umpire may appoint others to assist with supervision and any necessary measurements to determine scoring stones.
    - 4. Chief Umpire or anyone acting in that capacity for that event may not participate as a curler, at any time, during that event.
    - 5. The supervision of the bonspiel shall be the responsibility of the host club under the USWCA regulations set forth herein. It shall be the duty of the Chief Umpire to determine the playability of the ice during the competition.
  - D. No change in the order of play may be made during an event, unless a substitute is necessary. The order of play may be changed upon entering a new event.
  - E. Substitutions:
    - If at any time after registration a substitute is required to complete a team, the substitute may be provided by the home club of the team involved, time permitting, or by the On-Site Rules Chairman. Such substitutions shall be reported to the Chief Umpire before the game and noted on the scorecard. Only one substitute is allowed on a team during a game.
    - 2. When, during a game, a player is unable to continue because of illness, accident, or any other valid reason, her team may either finish that game with the remaining three players (the first two players throwing three stones each) or bring in any qualified substitute for the remainder of the game. The substitute must play in the position of the replaced player, when entering a game in progress.
    - 3. A player who has left the game for illness, accident, or any other valid reason may rejoin her team during any game in the competition. If a substitute was selected, the player may rejoin her team for the next game.
    - 4. A team shall start all games with four players, unless substitutes are not available.
    - 5. A team shall not play under any circumstance with fewer than 2 members of the original team.
  - F. Working Media and Spectators: No spectators shall be allowed within the confines of the ice or playing area during the progress of a game. Members of the press, camera operators, including television, with permission from the On-Site Chair may film any game in progress provided that they do not interfere with the play, and NO flashbulbs or other intense lighting is used.
  - G. Game Timing:
- 1. All games will begin promptly at the scheduled time. Players will be signaled verbally at one-minute prior and with a whistle or horn to start the game.
- 2. (a) Each team shall receive 38 minutes of thinking time for a ten-end game. This time shall be recorded and visible to teams throughout the game.
  - (b) When a team delays the start of the game, the thinking time allotted to each team is reduced by 3 minutes 45 seconds for each end, which is considered completed.
  - (c) When extra ends are required, the game clocks are reset and each team receives 4 minutes 30 seconds of thinking time for each extra end.
- (d) The game and each end starts when the allotted break time expires. The delivering team's game clock will not run during the start of the game/end unless the team is delaying the start, then its game clock will be started. If there is no delay, the first game clock to start in each end will be that of the team delivering the second stone.
  - (e) Once all criteria below are met, the non-delivering team becomes the delivering team, and its game clock is started:

- i) all stones have come to rest or have crossed the back line and
- ii) stones that are displaced due to violations by the delivering team, and require repositioning, are returned to their positions prior to the violation and
- iii) the playing area has been relinquished to the other team, the person in charge of house has moved behind the back line, and the deliverer and sweepers have moved to the sides of the sheet.
- 3. A team's game clock stops once the stone has reached the tee line at the delivery end.
- 4. A team delivers stones only when its game clock is running or scheduled to be running. Any violation results in the stone being redelivered after any displaced stone(s) have been returned, by the non-offending team, to their position(s) prior to the violation. The offending team's game clock runs during the replacement of the stones and the redelivery.
- 5. If stones need to be repositioned due to a violation caused by an external force, both game clocks are stopped.
- 6. Game clocks are stopped any time an Umpire intervenes. No time out is allowed for team discussion/consultation. Interpretation: In rare instances a team may request a time-out with a traditional "T" using the hands (an example would be for an injured player). This time out will be granted as long as the practice is not abused.
- 7. After teams have agreed on the score for an end, a 1 minute break will occur, when neither game clock is running. If a measurement is required, the break begins at the completion of that measurement.
- 8. If a player is allowed to redeliver a stone, the Umpire decides if the time required is to be deducted from the game time for that team.
- 9. If an Umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying the game, the Umpire notifies the Skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivery end within 45 seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.
- 10. Each team must complete its part of a game within the time given, or forfeit the game. If a stone reaches the tee line at the delivery end before time expires, the stone is considered delivered on time.
- 11. A game is completed when one team is mathematically eliminated (i.e. fewer stones remain in play and/or left to deliver than are needed to tie or win.)

### H. Equipment:

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.

I. Throughout the duration of the bonspiel, should a team forfeit for any reason other than medical or family emergencies; all team members will not be eligible to compete in the USWCA National Women's and Senior Women's Bonspiels for the next 2 consecutive seasons.

### VIII. Supervision:

The supervision of the bonspiel shall be the responsibility of the hostess club under the USWCA regulations set forth herein. It shall be the duty of the Chief Umpire to determine the playability of the ice during the competition.

# IX. Waiver of Regulations:

The Bonspiel Chair, in consultation with the President of the USWCA, and the Bonspiel Procedure Chair, has the right to waive any Regulation in an emergency situation.

## SENIOR WOMEN'S BONSPIEL

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 host club shall not make any changes, additions, or deletions to the USCA Rules of Play, or to these Regulations.)

## I. Annual Bonspiels:

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to hold an annual Senior Women's Bonspiel in a different geographical region each year, rotating among the West, Wisconsin, East, and Central regions. The Bonspiel shall not conflict in location or date with the National Women's Bonspiel or with the US Women's Championship

### II. Size:

It is the intent of the USWCA to produce an annual Senior Women's Bonspiel of 24 teams (or 16 teams if the host club has only two sheets of ice). The USWCA Board of Directors must approve any changes to this format.

## III. Bonspiel Site:

Member clubs wishing to hold the Senior Women's Bonspiel must submit invitations to the USWCA Second Vice-President not later than February 1 of the previous year. Such invitations will be acted upon at the Board Meeting preceding the Annual Meeting, but no date will be accepted more than four years in advance.

## IV. Eligibility:

- A. An entrant must be at least 55 years old before January 1 of the year of the current curling season
- B. Participation in the bonspiel shall be limited to women's teams from member Clubs of the USWCA. A Member Club is one that has complied with the following requirements:
  - 1. The Club has been duly notified of its election to membership in the USWCA.
  - 2. The Club has submitted its current dues to the USWCA Treasurer, along with a complete roster of current curling members.
  - 3. The Club must be a current member of the USWCA
- C. All entrants must be full dues-paying, league-playing members of a USWCA club. Three team members must be members of the same club and all must be from the same geographical region.
  - The USWCA has not adopted a strict definition for a league- playing member of a club. Each club should determine who is acting in good faith in claiming to be a league-playing member and each qualifying entrant must comply with her club's ruling.
- D. Use of a delivery stick is permitted as stated in the USCA Rules of Play.
- E. If a host club is unable to provide an eligible substitute (above age), it is permissible to use a woman who has reached the age of 50 before January 1 of the current curling season.

#### V. Procedure:

- A. All Procedures are specifically detailed in the SWBP (Senior Women's Bonspiel Procedure) Manual.
  - B. The Senior Women's Bonspiel has an equal number of teams from each region as per the allocation process.
  - C. A composite team made up of members within a USWCA designated region shall have the same status in the draw as a Club team.

- D. Until all clubs have an equal representation in their region, no second team from the same club will be allowed. Should any region be short of its allocation, the lowest numbered standby team drawn will be given the slot, unless its club is already represented.
- E. There shall be no playdowns at any level for this Bonspiel.
- **VI. Official Draw:** The official draw is determined as outlined in the SWBP (Senior Women's Bonspiel Procedure) Manual.

## VII. Regulation of Play:

- A. At the start of competition, every team shall be composed of four eligible curlers, and they must be registered at the bonspiel site.
- B. All games are scheduled eight ends, ties are full extra ends, no minimum number of ends required.
- C. Chief Umpire:
  - 1. The Chief Umpire shall have general supervision of all games.
  - 2. The Chief Umpire, when requested to do so, shall determine any matter in dispute between opposing skips. Umpire's decision is final.
  - 3. The Chief Umpire may appoint others to assist with supervision and any necessary measurements to determine scoring stones.
  - 4. Chief Umpire or anyone acting in that capacity for that event may not participate as a curler, at any time, during that event.
  - 5. The supervision of the bonspiel shall be the responsibility of the host club under the USWCA regulations set forth herein. It shall be the duty of the Chief Umpire to determine the playability of the ice during the competition.
- D. No change in the order of play may be made during an event, unless a substitute is necessary. The order of play may be changed upon entering a new event.

### E. Substitutions:

- If at any time after registration a substitute is required to complete a team, the substitute may be provided by the home club of the team involved, time permitting, or by the On-Site Rules Chairman. Such substitutions shall be reported to the Chief Umpire before the game and noted on the score card. Only one substitute is allowed on a team during a game.
- 2. When, during a game, a player is unable to continue because of illness, accident, or any other valid reason, her team may either finish that game with the remaining three players (the first two players throwing three stones each) or bring in any qualified substitute for the remainder of the game. The substitute must play in the position of the replaced player, when entering a game in progress.
- 3. A player who has left the game for illness, accident, or any other valid reason may rejoin her team during any game in the competition. If a substitute was selected, the player may rejoin her team for the next game.
- 4. A team shall start all games with four players, unless substitutes are not available.
- 5. A team shall not play under any circumstance with fewer than 2 members of the original team.
- F. Working Media and Spectators: No spectators shall be allowed within the confines of the ice or playing area during the progress of a game. Members of the press, camera operators, including television, with permission from the On-Site Chair may film any game in progress provided that they do not interfere with the play, and NO flashbulbs or other intense lighting is used.

## G. Game Timing:

- 1. All games will begin promptly at the scheduled time. Players will be signaled verbally at one-minute prior and with a whistle or horn to start the game.
- 2. (a) Each team shall receive 30 minutes of thinking time for an eight-end game. This time shall be recorded and visible to teams throughout the game.
  - (b) When a team delays the start of the game, the thinking time allotted to each team is reduced by 3 minutes 45 seconds for each end, which is considered completed.
  - (c) When extra ends are required, the game clocks are reset and each team receives 4 minutes 30 seconds of thinking time for each extra end.
  - (d) The game and each end starts when the allotted break time expires. The delivering team's game clock will not run during the start of the game/end unless the team is delaying the start, then its game clock will be started. If there is no delay, the first game clock to start in each end will be that of the team delivering the second stone.
  - (e) Once all criteria below are met, the non-delivering team becomes the delivering team, and its game clock is started:
    - ii) all stones have come to rest or have crossed the back line and
    - iii) stones that are displaced due to violations by the delivering team, and require repositioning, are returned to their positions prior to the violation and
    - iii) the playing area has been relinquished to the other team, the person in charge of house has moved behind the back line, and the deliverer and sweepers have moved to the sides of the sheet.
- 3. A team's game clock stops once the stone has reached the tee line at the delivery end.
- 4. A team delivers stones only when its game clock is running or scheduled to be running. Any violation results in the stone being redelivered after any displaced stone(s) have been returned, by the non-offending team, to their position(s) prior to the violation. The offending team's game clock runs during the replacement of the stones and the redelivery.
- 5. If stones need to be repositioned due to a violation caused by an external force, both game clocks are stopped.
- 6. Game clocks are stopped any time an Umpire intervenes. No time out is allowed for team discussion/consultation. Interpretation: In rare instances a team may request a time-out with a traditional "T" using the hands (an example would be for an injured player). This time out will be granted as long as the practice is not abused.
- 7. After teams have agreed on the score for an end, a 1 minute break will occur, when neither game clock is running. If a measurement is required, the break begins at the completion of that measurement.
- 8. If a player is allowed to redeliver a stone, the Umpire decides if the time required is to be deducted from the game time for that team.
- 9. If an Umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying the game, the Umpire notifies the Skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivery end within 45 seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.
- 10. Each team must complete its part of a game within the time given, or forfeit the game. If a stone reaches the tee line at the delivery end before time expires, the stone is considered delivered on time.
- 11. A game is completed when one team is mathematically eliminated (i.e. fewer stones remain in play and/or left to deliver than are needed to tie or win.)

## H. Equipment:

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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 time.

I. Throughout the duration of the Bonspiel, should a team forfeit for any reason other than medical or family emergencies; all team members will not be eligible to compete in USWCA National Women's and Senior Women's Bonspiels for the next 2 consecutive seasons.

## VIII. Supervision:

The supervision of the bonspiel shall be the responsibility of the hostess club under the USWCA regulations set forth herein. It shall be the duty of the Bonspiel Chairman to determine the playability of the ice during the competition.

## IX. Waiver of Regulations:

The Bonspiel Chair, in consultation with the President of the USWCA, and the Bonspiel Procedure Chair, has the right to waive any Regulation under extreme circumstances.

## **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, 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.

## USWCA WOMEN'S CURLING CIRCUIT

## I. Eligibility:

- A. All clubs hosting Circuit Events and curlers must be USWCA members.
- B. 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 USWCA members.
- C. Any one-day or more bonspiel that is open to all USWCA female members is eligible to be in the Circuit. Age or experience restricted events are not eligible. Women's events whose eligibility is based solely on age, geography or experience.
- D. Members of the top three finishers at the US National Women's Championships and winner of the US Junior Nationals in the past four years are ineligible for Circuit participation.

### II. Procedure:

- A. The Circuit Member Club must have their women's bonspiel registered as being part of The Circuit at least one week prior to the start of the event.
- B. Participating Clubs must report the Circuit bonspiels results to their Regional Coordinator within 2 weeks of the completion of the event.
- C. Individual curlers will register with their Regional Coordinator, at Circuit bonspiels or on the USWCA website. The contact information for Regional Coordinators will be posted on the USWCA website.
- D. Curlers must have at least two (2) members of The Circuit on their team for an event to accumulate points from that event.
- E. Curlers can change teammates from one spiel to another.
- F. Curlers can register for The Circuit anytime throughout the season and must register before the start of her second game of an event to earn points from that event.
- G. Points are awarded based on games won, with First Event and Final Event wins adding additional points.
- H. Should any situations or discrepancies arise that are not covered by these rules, a USWCA Curling Circuit Review Board shall be convened to make a final decision. The Review Board shall consist of 3 members of the USWCA's Curling Circuit Committee.
- I. The season runs from May 1 to April 30.

# III. Rules of Play:

- A. Each bonspiel host club(s) will determine the rules of play. There will be no attempt by the USWCA to change the club's event.
- B. Registered curlers will earn points at Circuit Bonspiels. Curlers will earn points for each win at a bonspiel. Points will also be awarded for losses in finals of events. The 1<sup>st</sup> event winner will be awarded the most points at a bonspiel.

#### IV. Awards:

Awards will be distributed at the end of each season. Each USWCA region will have its own prize pool when it reaches 3 bonspiels and 8 curlers for the Circuit. Below this level, the two regions with the lowest curler participation will be combined. In addition to the regional winners, a national winner will be determined each season

### Regulation Changes:

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, or repeal any Regulation by a two-thirds vote at any constitutionally convened meeting of the Board.

## **USWCA 5-YEAR AND UNDER BONSPIEL**

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. **Bonspiel Site:** Clubs in each of the USWCA areas; East, Central, Wisconsin, West I, and West II, should annually rotate hosting 5 & Under Open and/or Women's Bonspiels.

- A. Each area may hold two bonspiels, if sites are found. One bonspiel is the Five and Under Women's Challenge and the other is the Five and Under Open Challenge.
- B. Host clubs in all five areas must be members of the USWCA.
- C. Bonspiels are open to any club within the USWCA area. Teams from another area can participate in any event if there are openings and if they had conflicts with the date or location in their own area.

## II. Eligibility:

- **A.** Any curler with five (5) years or less total experience is eligible to participate.
- **B.** Years spent as junior curlers or persons who have not curled for a number of years and then returned to curling must include their previous curling experiences as part of the 5 years. Ten (10) games in one season will constitute one year of curling.
- **C.** Curlers do NOT need to belong to the USWCA to participate.
- **D.** Composite teams, from different clubs and/or different regions, are acceptable as long as the eligibility forms are signed by a club officer or USWCA Representative from each of their various clubs.
- E. Individuals may also register to participate and must submit a signed Eligibility Form.
- **F.** Participation by eligible juniors is encouraged, but is at the discretion of the host club.

### III. Procedure:

- **A.** Each skip must submit a signed Eligibility Form when the rink registers verifying that each member of the team has, in fact, curled five years or less. The form must be signed by a club officer.
- **B.** If a substitute is required to complete a team, a qualified substitute shall be at the discretion of the Regional Bonspiel Chairperson.
- **C.** Any substitution to a team, prior to a bonspiel, must be accompanied by a signed eligibility form.
- D. Eligibility forms may be obtained from the host club or downloaded from the USWCA website.
- **E.** Regional Bonspiel Chairpersons should be encouraged to maintain flexibility in order to accommodate all eligible participants.
- **F.** Coaching at this event **must** be limited. If a team is traveling with a coach, any coaching should take place away from the curling club.
- **G.** Bonspiels can hold up to four events to allow as many teams in the competition as their clubs can accommodate.

## IV. Regulation of Play:

- **A.** At the start of the competition, every team should be composed of four (4) eligible curlers according to the 5 & Under eligibility guidelines described above.
- B. A team shall start all games with four (4) players, unless substitutes are unavailable.
- **C.** Each team is guaranteed three (3) games.
- **D.** 8 end games are preferred, but the final decision is at the discretion of the host club.
- **E.** When a game is tied after eight (8) ends, an extra end is required.
- **F.** No change in the order of play may be made during an event unless a substitute is necessary. The order of play may be changed upon entering a new event.
- **G.** Substitutions:
  - 1. If at any time, after registration, a substitute is required to complete a team, the substitute may be provided by the home club of the team involved, time permitting, or by the host club. Only one substitute is allowed on a team during a game.
  - 2. When, during a game, a player is unable to continue because of illness, accident, or any other valid reason, the team may either finish that game with the remaining three players (the first two players throwing three stones each) or bring in a qualified substitute for the remainder of the game. The substitute must play in the position of the replaced player, when entering a game in progress.
  - 3. If a substitute was selected, the player who left the game may rejoin the team for the next game. If a substitute wasn't selected, the player may return to the game in progress.
- **H.** A team shall not play, under any circumstances, with less than three players.
- I. No Media shall interfere with any games on the ice. This coverage shall take place before or after a game with the Bonspiel Chairperson's permission.
- J. 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.