



## **Elks of Canada National Curling Championship - Code of Ethics**

All Curlers are required to adopt the Code of Ethics of the Canadian Curling Association and to be guided by their obligations to the Elks of Canada.

All Players shall maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and support the principles of fair play.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- 1.1 Men's - means a male member in good standing in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada
- 1.2 Sisters - means a female member in good standing of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada.
- 1.3 Senior Men's - means a male member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada, in good standing, who has reached the age of 58 years on January 1st of the year of the Elks of Canada National Curling Championship (herein referred to as the EoC Curling Championship).
- 1.4 Masters - means a male or female team of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada, in good standing, who has reached the age of 68 years on January 1st of the year of the Canadian Curling Championship.
- 1.5 Mixed - means two male and two female members, in good standing.
- 1.6 In Good Standing – mean:
  - A paid up member of the Elks of Canada, or
  - A non-member that has not participated in the event in previous years.
- 1.7 Team – means a registered team with all members in good standing, playing any position, with up to 3 non-members who have not participated in the EoC Curling Championship in previous years.
- 1.8 Curling Committee - means the committee that is responsible for the EoC Curling Competition, reporting to the Grand Executive.
- 1.9 Association - means Provincial Associations, Provinces or other divisions recognized as participants in the event.
- 1.10 Host Lodge – means the current Host Lodge for the upcoming event.



## **Elks of Canada National Curling Championship - Responsibilities**

### **A. Elks of Canada - Grand Lodge Office Responsibilities:**

1. Distribute hosting bid forms and the rules and regulations of the Championships upon request of the Championship Committee.
2. Verify registered team members eligibility to play.
3. Provide appropriate funding to teams from the Sports Pins Account to help defray travel costs.
4. Maintain Prize & Sponsorship bank accounts for the Curling Committee's use.

### **B. Elks Canadian Curling Championship Committee Responsibilities:**

1. Shall supervise the operation of the EoC Curling Championships and establish a set of rules, regulations and procedures for them to operate by. Such rules, regulations and procedures must be approved by the Grand Executive. The Curling Committee shall periodically review these rules, regulations and procedures and make recommendations to the Grand Executive of such changes as may seem desirable.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Curling Committee to advertise and obtain bids for hosting of these events. The Committee shall investigate such bids as to their suitability and in consultation with the Sponsors recommend to the Grand Executive a location and date of the next Championship.
3. If after the place and dates of such Championships have been fixed and it should appear that for any cause, suitable arrangements for the holding of said championship, including the accommodation of the participants, etc, cannot be made, then in that event, the chairman of the Curling Committee in consultation with other members of the committee and the Sponsors, shall have the authority to select another location and/or time for holding the events.
4. In the event of no Host Lodge coming forward to hold the event, it will be upon the discretion of the Curling Committee, to take charge of the event and find a location, containing a suitable curling facility and hall to hold the event. The Curling Committee will then take over the responsibilities of finding volunteers in the community to help run the event, with or without the assistance to any local lodges. A bank account will be opened to take event registrations, two committee members to sign, and upon final payment of all outstanding bills it will be at the discretion of the Curling Committee to make final disbursement of any funds to donations. Any funds remaining shall be then deposited to the EoC Curling Championship accounts with Grand Lodge.
5. When Provincial play downs are necessary due to an excessive amount of teams entering the EoC Curling Championship. It will be the responsibility of the Curling Committee to decide that play downs are required and to notify each Association when



Provincial play downs are required, one year in advance of the next championship.

6. The Curling Committee will be responsible for the tracking and maintenance of the event trophies, as well as providing the Host Lodge with the event winner and runner up prizes.
7. The Curling Committee will be responsible for maintaining relations and the contractual agreement with the National Sponsor (if available).
8. The National Sponsor and the Curling Committee will determine how sponsorship money will be used, in what proportion the donation will be used by the Host Lodge, team travel expenses, and advertising of the event.
9. The Curling Committee will be responsible to ensure that all sponsors are appropriately recognized by the Host Lodge, as well by the Curling Committee.
10. The Curling Committee will conduct a meeting the evening before the event for all participating teams. The purpose of this meeting is to answer any questions and advise the teams of changes to the rules that may have occurred from previous events.
11. The Curling Committee will be required to approve the draw(s) for the event, three (3) days in advance of the start of the EoC Curling Championship.
12. The Curling Committee will provide support to the Host Lodge upon their request in the following manner:
  - Designating one of the Curling Committee members to act as a liaison with Grand Lodge and the Curling Committee
  - Sharing team information from previous events
  - Sharing digital forms and letters from previous events
  - When requested, advising Host Lodge on event rules and requirements

### **C. Host Lodge Responsibilities:**

1. The Host Lodge is responsible to organize committees to deal with the following:
  - a. Event Dates
  - b. Recommended Team Accommodations
  - c. Event Financial Accounting
  - d. Communication: Internal through the Elks of Canada and external to local media
  - e. Curling Facilities: Suitable for the number of teams and the 5 different events
  - f. Curling Draw to include teams for Ladies, Mixed, Men, Senior, and Master events,
  - g. Maintenance of a spare players pool
  - h. Team Transportation: To and from the Team Accommodations to the curling facility
  - i. Opening Ceremonies: At the curling facility before or after the first draw
  - j. Closing Ceremonies: After the event finals with banquet and prize distribution
  - k. Sponsorship: Internal through the Elks of Canada and external from the local community
  - l. Social Functions
2. The Host Lodge will be responsible for the draw.



3. The Host Lodge will appoint an official Draw Master and Deputy Draw Master who will be available to answer questions, enter win/losses on the draw, and determine the final results.
4. The Host Lodge will submit the draws to the Curling Committee three (3) days in advance of the first game for approval.

#### **D. Elks Association Sports Representative Responsibilities:**

1. When play downs are required, the Association Sports Representative will assist their Association in any way during Provincial play downs, then declare their representatives to the Curling Committee. They shall also forward to the Grand Lodge Office the name, address, telephone number and positions played of the winning teams and the runners-up no later than February 20 of the current year. This information is required immediately as it is known, so that any necessary information can be forwarded to the winning rinks and to the EoC Curling Championship Host Lodge. Great care must be taken to get the correct spelling of the names of the rink members. Any special travel arrangements required by the team members should be made known at that time.
2. When play downs are required, each Association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative teams and their commitment to compete in the EoC Curling Championship. Each Association shall submit their team rosters by the date required and shall certify that each player qualifies under eligibility regulations. Association regulations must not contravene the rules and regulations of the EoC Curling Championships.
3. Shall promote through the curling, the interests and welfare of their Association and those of the Grand Lodge and of the Sponsors.
4. Shall encourage bids from the Lodges within their Association to host the EoC Curling Championship. They also have the responsibility of working with the Host Lodge to guide and assist them in any way, to make for a successful event.
5. Shall ensure that the make-up of teams representing their jurisdiction are as follows:
  - Male and Female guidelines for each event still apply
  - Non-members will only be allowed to participate for one (1) year. If they wish to participate in the following year for any team they must become a member in good standing of the Order.

#### **E. Sponsors Responsibilities:**

1. Where applicable:
  - a. Lodges supporting the EoC Curling Championship with prize donations, will make a monetary donation to Grand Lodge specifying that it is to go towards event prizes- Trophies and Event Winner and Runner Up Prizes.



- b. National Sponsor, if available will donate money to the EoC Curling Championship by making a monetary donation to Grand Lodge specifying that it is to go towards the National Curling Competition.
- c. The National Sponsor and the Curling Committee will determine how sponsorship money will be used, in what proportion the donation will be used by the Host Lodge, team travel expenses, and advertising of the event.

### **Elks of Canada National Curling Championship – General Rules**

1. The **\$260.00** registration fee must be paid to the Host Lodge by every competing team prior to participation in the event.
2. The EoC Curling Championship shall be held *when possible* during the third full week of March and shall not conflict with the Canadian Curling Championships for Men, Women, Mixed or Senior events.
3. If after the place and dates of the EoC Curling Championship have been fixed it should appear that for any cause, suitable arrangements for the holding of said EoC Curling Championship cannot be made, the Chairman of the Curling Committee in consultation with the other members of the committee shall select another location and/or time for holding the events.
4. The winners from each EoC Curling Championship event are given an automatic berth into the next year's Championship.
5. Team composition must meet the following criteria:
  - 5.1 Male and Female guidelines for each event still apply
  - 5.2 Non-members will only be allowed to participate for one (1) year. If they wish to participate in the following year for any team they must become a member in good standing of the order.
6. The Canadian Curling Association rules will govern all curling except where a definite rule has been adopted by the Committee.
7. Advertising will be permitted on wearing apparel worn by participants during an Elks Canadian Curling Championship as long as it is not in conflict with the National Sponsor Contract.
8. No Team will be required to curl more than two (2) games per day.
9. The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a delivery stick, which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the handle of the curling rock is acceptable for all EoC Curling Championships. The application of the hog line rule will remain consistent and the player must progress forward from the appropriate side of the hack.



10. Players will be required to have proof of age when registering at the EoC Curling Championship for Seniors or Masters events.
11. The Mixed Championship rinks must alternate gender positions on the team.
12. Substitution of players at the EoC Curling Championship will follow the following guidelines:
  - 12.1 If one or more players are unable to continue after the EoC Curling Championship has started, under reasonable circumstances (such as illness or injury) substitution will be allowed. The players or representatives must notify the host committee immediately. If a player starts a game and is subsequently unable to continue and a substitution is made, the original player may not return to that game.
    - 12.1.1 Substitutions will be made from a pool of no more than six (6) players that are designated as requirements of the needy team as to gender and age and be members of the host lodge. The home lodge will make every effort to create such a pool.
    - 12.1.2 If a team brings a fifth player on their team they must declare their team members to the opposition team before the start of the game. If a substitution is required during a game, guideline 12.1 would apply.

### **Elks of Canada National Curling Championship – Method of Play**

1. All games in all events will be eight (8) ends with extra ends to break ties.
2. If disputes on the ice cannot be resolved by the two teams involved, the Draw Master or Deputy will decide the outcome of the dispute.
3. At the end of the qualifying round, the top four teams from each event will participate in a play down structured as follows:
  - a. Semi Finals: Draw 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team, Draw 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team
  - b. Finals: Winner of Draw 1 vs. Winner of Draw 2
4. All ties for play-off positions will be decided by the Draw Master in consultation with representation from the Curling Committee.
5. If possible the remaining teams could participate in the consolation event. *The Consolation event may only be considered if there is ice time available and at the discretion of the organizing committee of the host lodge.*
6. The Canadian Curling Association rules will govern all curling except where a definite rule has been adopted by the Curling Committee.