



OAKVILLE CURLING CLUB

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CLUB VISION: To be the benchmark for curling clubs in Canada.

MISSION: To sustain and grow the sport of curling in our community, by providing the best possible combination of experiences and facilities for **members' social, recreational and competitive** enjoyment.

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INTRODUCTION

Back in November, 1953, around a Rotary Club luncheon table, Messrs. Gordon Purdue, Ned Farley and Ed Barringham were discussing current events in their hometown of Oakville, population 6500.

Mr. Farley reminisced about a remark Mr. Purdue had made sometime previously, "that Oakville should have a curling club" and suggested something should be done. Happily they agreed to look into the idea at once. The rest of the story is history!

The objectives of the Oakville Curling Club ("the Club"), are to promote the sport/recreation of curling and to provide the facilities and environment necessary for its Members to enjoy the competitive aspects of the sport.

The Club is committed to a positive curling experience for all Members and Guests under the motto of:

"GOOD FELLOWSHIP"

"GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP"

"GOOD CURLING"

The Spirit of curling demands good sportsmanship and honourable conduct. This Spirit should influence both the interpretation and application of the Rules of the game and also the conduct of all participants on and off the ice.

As Jean Mills wrote in a published article back in November, 2002 -

"Imagine if everyone respected their Teammates and opponents in life, shook hands after every confrontation and bought each other a drink. Imagine if we all stood still while others were concentrating on their life's work, offering encouragement not distraction. Imagine if we celebrated our opponent's, as well as our own, accomplishments. No, it's not a perfect world, but it could be! And it is - on a sheet of curling ice!"

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CURLERS' CODE OF ETHICS

- I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- I will conduct myself in an honourable manner both on and off the ice.
- I will never knowingly break a rule - but if I do, I will divulge the breach.
- I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates or officials.
- I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind the purpose of the rules is to ensure the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.
- I will humbly accept any penalty the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or Rules of the game.

FAIR PLAY

- Fair Play begins with the strict observance of the written rule; however, in most cases, Fair Play involves something more than even unflinching observance of the written rule. The observance of the spirit of the rules, whether written or unwritten, is important. Fair Play results from measuring up to one's own moral standards while engaged in competition.
- Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for teammates and opponents, whether they are winning or losing.
- Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for officials, an acceptance of their decisions and a steadfast spirit of collaboration with them.
- Fair Play is a consistent demonstration of sportsmanship behaviour both on and off the ice. This includes modesty in victory and composure in defeat.

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CURLING ETIQUETTE...**the unwritten** Rules

Curling has its rules governing play, but equally as important is the way each player conducts themselves while curling. Some key areas of proper curling etiquette are as follows:

- Be on time for your game. Delays are upsetting to your opponents and your own team.
- Wear your "name badge" - this helps your opponents address you by name; you are special; you are a curler.
- Shake hands with opponents before and after each game.
- Opposing players (usually Vices) will spin the wheel or toss a coin at the start of the game to determine the option of last rock advantage in the first end.
- When your opponents are preparing for delivery, stand to the side of the sheet, single file and between the hog lines. Move only after the rock has been released.
- If you are throwing next you may stand on the backboard, but remain quiet and out of sight of the opposition thrower.
- Only Skips and Vices may congregate behind the tee line. They do not move or hold their brushes on the ice while the opposition is preparing to deliver a rock.
- Wear clean, appropriate footwear that will not damage the ice.
- Be "ready to go" when it's your turn to deliver a rock.
- At the conclusion of an end, all players remain outside the rings until the opposing Vices have agreed on the score.
- If the score is very one-sided in your favour, consider not posting additional points until the opposing Team wins an end.
- Be modest in victory and composed in defeat - IT'S ONLY A GAME !

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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The Club is licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to sell and serve alcohol beverages under the Liquor Licence Act.

As required by law, all staff serving alcohol to Members and Guests are qualified under the Smart Serve Ontario program, being the responsible alcohol beverage service training program.

Alcohol may not be sold or served to anyone under 19 years of age.

Alcohol service and consumption is restricted to the Club lounge area ONLY. Under NO circumstances is alcohol permitted in the curling arena or on the ice surface.

All Members and Guests are expected to be aware of the fact under the Liquor Licence Act, it is illegal to serve Members or Guests to the point of intoxication, promote practices that may encourage intoxication or serve any person who is showing signs of intoxication. Licensees who do, can have their liquor sales license suspended or lose their liquor licence permanently.

No alcohol (including non-alcoholic beer and wine) or illegal drugs may be brought onto Club premises.

Beyond the penalties imposed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, licensees are also subject to civil litigation if they serve liquor to someone whose subsequent intoxication causes harm.

All Members and Guests are required to display responsible behaviour in terms of alcohol consumption.

Staff serving alcohol may, in their exclusive judgement, deny service to any individual at any time. Failure to comply with the decision of serving staff will result in the Police being notified and a detailed report provided to the Club's Board of Directors.

Failure to comply with any and all aspects of responsible alcohol consumption guidelines and/or decisions of serving staff will be considered grounds for Termination of Membership, without appeal or in the case of Guests, a permanent ban from Club premises.

SMOKING POLICY

The Club took a leadership role circa 1999 by banning smoking in all enclosed areas even before legislation was passed restricting smoking areas.

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As stated by the Ontario Lung Association – “Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and illness in Ontario”.

The Club is pleased to offer a smoke-free environment to all Members and Guests in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Smoking is banned in all enclosed areas and within nine (9) metres from any entrance or exit.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

Under appropriate circumstances, children of minor age (being those 12 years of age and under) are most welcome at the Club. Children on Club premises, both inside and outside, are to be directly supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Unsupervised children are not to be left in the curling lounge at any time.

All children are prohibited from engaging in any behaviour, e.g. running, jumping, climbing on fixtures/furniture, which could be deemed a safety risk or a distraction to the overall positive curling experience of other Members and Guests.

The Club does not offer child-sitting services.

STORAGE OF CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT

All footwear, clothing, brushes, bags, etc. are to be stored in the respective locker rooms. No such items are to be left in the curling lounge.

RISK of INJURY/THEFT of PERSONAL PROPERTY

Curling involves a certain element of risk of personal injury including, but not limited to, falling on the ice surface, accidental contact with moving/stationary rocks or accidental contact with other curlers. Personal injury may also be incurred elsewhere on Club property.

Loss of personal property through theft is also an inherent risk at all times.

The Club, Board of Directors, management, staff, volunteers, sponsors and advertisers expressly deny any liability with respect to personal injury or theft of personal property on the ice or any part of the premises.

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DAMAGE TO CLUB PROPERTY

A Member shall be personally responsible for any damage to Club property including, but not limited to, walls, windows, equipment, furniture or fixtures, caused by such Member or her/his Guest.

Full repayment for repairing any damage caused by such Member or her/his Guest shall be the sole responsibility of such Member and must be reimbursed to the Club not more than 30 days following receipt of an invoice from the Club.

VOLUNTEERING

The Club operates to a large extent through the dedicated efforts of volunteering Members. All Members are encouraged to seek out areas where assistance can be offered by volunteers. Some curling related areas where volunteers are needed are Bingo, Youth Programs, Trial League, and Open House.

Without volunteers the Club would not be able to fulfill the commitment to an overall positive curling experience for all Members and Guests.

BOOKING PRACTICE ICE

The demands for ice time to accommodate the numerous Leagues and other scheduled activities at the Club are very high. As a result, the booking of practice ice time will be closely monitored.

Available times for practice ice are listed on forms posted in the lounge area.

The following courtesy guidelines are to be followed when booking ice for practice:

- Do not book "standing" practice ice, i.e. the same time every day and/or week.
- Record your full name when booking practice ice.
- If scheduled practice time cannot be met, call or e-mail the Club office to cancel booking - other Members may be waiting to book practice time. Failure to cancel booked ice time at least 24 hours in advance will be subject to follow-up by Club office and application of a minimum financial penalty of \$20.00.

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- Practice time for individuals (less than 4 Members on same sheet) is limited to 1 hour. If the time slot after 1 hour is not booked, practice may continue.
- Practice time for Teams (4 Members or more on same sheet) is limited to 2 hours.
- Pairing-up is strongly recommended - practices are more effective when someone is available to hold the brush. It also gives individuals a break from delivering rocks, allows brushing practice, etc.

With close to 1000 Members there are always people looking for practice ice. With the foregoing in mind, it is critical the limited available practice ice be shared with other Club Members - "it's the right thing to do"!

CURLING BY NON-MEMBERS

Only registered Members may enter the curling arena. If a Member would like to bring a non-member to try curling, such Member must book a 15-20 minute introduction session through the office. This is a one-time opportunity and the non-member must complete a waiver form prior to entering the arena. Non-members who would like to learn how to curl are to register for the Trial League for new curlers.