

GARRISON CURLING CLUB CODE OF ETIQUETTE

CODE OF CONDUCT

At the Garrison Curling Club, we are committed to ensuring that members, volunteers, guests and staff are treated with dignity, respect and fairness. Abuse of any kind will not be tolerated. Violators will be asked to leave the premises, and membership may be suspended or revoked.

RESPECT THE ICE

- Always clean your shoes before entering the lower lounge, and again before entering the ice surface. Also, never rest on the ice. Handprints and knee-prints cause picks.
- Curling shoes should never be worn outside.
 - Ensure that your equipment is clean and in good working order: grippers get worn and need to be replaced yearly. A worn gripper leaves marks that cause picks.
- Worn or dirty brooms can cause picks.

BE COURTEOUS

- Be early, be mindful of the clock and avoid slow play.
- The game starts with a coin toss for hammer or choice of rocks. The game begins and ends with a handshake. Teams usually sit together to socialize after the game.
- Don't distract your opponent in the hack
 - Sweepers walk back on the sides in single file to provide a clear view for the next curler to deliver the stone. Do not cross the ice, wave your broom, talk loudly.
 - Sweepers position is between hog lines. Remain silent and still until rock has been thrown
 - Opposition skip must stand still and silent behind the back line with broom lifted off ice
 - Only opposition skip and third are allowed in the house.
- Offensive Team:
 - Lead should be in the hack, clean the stone, and begin the pre-shot routine while teammates are clearing stones
 - If you are the next curler, have your stone cleaned and in front of the hack while your opponent's shot is in motion
- Do not pull out opposition stones. This may delay the game, can be a fall hazard, and the opposition may choose to throw different numbered stones.

BE A TEAM PLAYER

- Skip responsibility: determine strategy, call shots and line. While discussion, communication and clarification are encouraged, the decision is made by the skip. Skips can ask sweepers to participate in a strategy call and they then may enter into the house area.
- Third responsibility: keep score, assist with strategy (if asked) and relay communication between sweepers and skip. After the final stone is completed, leads and seconds should remain behind the hog line until the thirds have determined the score, and agreed to move stones. The score should be posted promptly.