

CURLING ETIQUETTE

The game of curling has always been noted for good sportsmanship among its participants and the friendly rivalry existing at all times on the ice. It is also well known for having a minimum number of rules governing the conduct of players. The courtesies suggested below may not be found in the rulebook. However, they are recognized by all curlers who understand the true spirit and traditions of the game.

1. The poorest etiquette is absenteeism and the failure to provide your own substitute when required. If, for an unavoidable reason, you will be late or cannot play, let your skip know as soon as possible so he can take appropriate action.
2. As soon as you arrive on the ice where you are going to play, greet each member of the opposing team with a handshake or fist bump, tell him your name, and wish him good curling. Handshaking with a glove is acceptable to reduce the spread of flu.
3. Be in the hack ready to play your shot when your turn comes. Under NO circumstances cross the ice when a stone is being played or a player is in the hack.
4. Unless sweeping, lead and seconds should remain at the side between the hog lines and at no time enter the house.
5. Leads or Seconds should set up the Skip's rock in preparation for delivery.
6. Skips should put out of play rocks next to the backboard in preparation for the next end. At the completion of an end, the rocks in play should be put at the backboard by the Seconds and Vices thereby allowing the Lead to prepare to throw his first rock of the succeeding end.
7. Keep alert and pay attention to every shot being played in your game.
8. Vice Skips ONLY are permitted in the house when a measure is required and they alone determine the ultimate score of each end.
9. Feel free to congratulate opposing player when they make a good shot and never, by word or deed, be guilty of an action that would embarrass a player who fails to make his shot.
10. Skips and Vices should be alert for raises, wicks and rolls as possible alternative shots. Also, and vitally important for the safety and enjoyment of all concerned, they should be alert to control scattered stones leaving their sheet of ice.
11. At the end of the game, whether you win or lose, give each of your opponents a handshake and thank them for the game.

IF YOU OBSERVE THESE COURTESIES THEN YOU AND ALL THE CURLERS YOU PLAY WITH WILL DERIVE GREATER ENJOYMENT OUT OF THE GRAND OLD GAME.

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