



MORRISBURG CURLING CLUB CODE OF ETHICS



The objective of the Morrisburg Curling Club is to promote the sport of curling while providing the facilities and environment necessary for its members to enjoy the competitive aspects of the game. The club is committed to ensuring a positive curling experience for all members and guests through the principles of:

Good Fellowship

Good Sportsmanship

Good Curling

To achieve this, players must adhere to the Curlers' Code of Ethics and incorporate Fair Play and Curling Etiquette into their game.

CURLER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- ⦿ I will play the game with the 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 any 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. The observance of the **spirit** of the rules, whether written or unwritten, is also important.
- ⦿ Fair play is a consistent demonstration of respect for teammates and opponents, whether they are winning or losing.
- ⦿ Fair play is a consistent demonstration of sportsmanship behaviour both on and off the ice, before and after the game.

CURLING ETIQUETTE

Curling has its rules governing play, but equally 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.
- ⦿ Greet your opponents before the game and acknowledge a “good game” afterwards.
- ⦿ When your opponents are preparing for delivery, stand to the side of the sheet in single file, between the hog lines and do not move until the rock has been released.
- ⦿ If you are throwing next and waiting on the backboard, remain quiet and out of the thrower’s line of sight.
- ⦿ Never cross in front of a player who is in the hack and about to deliver a stone.
- ⦿ The Skips and Vices (Thirds) of the non-delivering team should not move or hold their brooms on the ice while the opponent is preparing to deliver a rock.
- ⦿ Wear clean, appropriate footwear that will not damage the ice.
- ⦿ Do not leave your fingers, hands or knees on the ice, as this melts the surface and causes flat spots.
- ⦿ Be ready to go when it is your turn to throw a rock.
- ⦿ At the conclusion of an end, all players remain outside the rings while the Vices agree to a score.
- ⦿ If the score is heavily one-sided in your favour, consider not posting additional points until the opposing team wins an end.
- ⦿ Finally, be modest in victory and composed in defeat. It’s only a game!