

CURLING ETIQUETTE

Etiquette (manners) are very important in life. They are also extremely important in curling. It is a very social sport that you could enjoy for the rest of your life. The following tips will help you:

- a) At the beginning of each game the **Vice Skip's (Third)** toss a coin to determine who has control of the end. The winning team can choose to have last rock (a good idea) or throw first. The teams then proceed to play starting with the **Leads** throwing their two rocks, alternately, one at a time. Then the **Seconds, Vice Skips** and finally the **Skips**.
- b) After it is decided who will throw first, but before any rocks are thrown, we shake hands with our opponents and say "**Good Curling**".
- c) Everyone then gets into their positions. The sweepers go out to the **hog line**. Sweepers that are sweeping right away may move into position. The other sweepers stand off to the side outside the hog line. It is important that you do not move or talk loudly when your opponent is throwing his or her rock?
- d) We do not throw **brushes** or **sliders**!
- e) Keep comments about your opponents to yourself. We all make mistakes so leave questioning calls to your **Skip**. Remember that on the **Skips** and **Vice Skips** are allowed in the **House** when decisions are being made.
- f) Keep the game moving along at a reasonable rate. After your opponent has released their **rock** move to the hack with your rock and get yourself prepared to throw your rock. This means cleaning the **running surface** of the rock by tilting the rock up and wiping the bottom as demonstrated by your coach. It is then a good idea to stand up and step behind the hack and wait for instructions from your skip.
- g) At the end of the game remember to shake hands with your opponents and say "**Good Game**".