

HUMBER CURLERS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES:

1. The rules and regulations of Curling Canada, Curling Ontario except as modified to suit Humber Curlers operations.
2. **Eligibility** for membership
 - Humber Curlers is Open format
 - Players must be at least 50 years of age, or older.
3. **Classification:**
 - All members will be classified for playing positions by the Rating Committee, subject to review at the end of each series.
 - All new members enter as “Lead” until rated by the Rating Committee. Any former member who has been absent for three years or more shall re-enter as “Lead” until rated.
 - Requests concerning classification of any member must be in writing to the Chair of the Rating Committee. A written decision will be given by the Rating Committee.
4. **Resignations:** Members who wish to resign from a team or the club should notify their skip, who will notify the Draw Committee. The Draw Committee, not the team involved, will make a replacement available to the team.

RULES OF PLAY FOR SCHEDULED LEAGUE GAMES

5. All league games shall be scheduled for eight (8) ends. Each team should ice **four** club members. At least two must be regular members of that team. **Exception:** If a team member is unable to complete a game, his team may continue with three curlers, Lead and Second positions throwing three rocks each. If a team member is unable to complete a series, the Draw Committee shall fill that position with another appropriate player for the balance of that series.
6. If a team member is **late for the start** of a scheduled game, the game will start on time with three players. The late arriving player will join his team at the beginning of the next end. If a substitute player is used, and the late arriving member is not available before the completion of the 2nd end, then the late arriving member may not join the team in that game.
7. Should no legal substitute(s) be available, a team may play with three players.
8. **No full end may be started** after 1 hour and 50 minutes from the scheduled starting time of 9:30. Teams are permitted to play half an end (i.e. 1 rock per curler, with a three rock free guard zone) when the end is started after 1 hour and 50 minutes but no later than 1 hour and 55 minutes from the scheduled starting time. If the end is not played, it cannot be counted on the score sheet.
9. It is requested that all players adhere to [Curling Canada: Rule #7 Position of Players](#). There are provisions for a penalty for violation of any portion of this rule.

10. Substitutions in all series

- Club members are responsible to obtain a substitute for scheduled games they can't play and to advise their skip of the substitute obtained.
- Players may substitute in a position at their rated level or one level below or any level above their rating.
- Members should first consult the list of spares for the series involved.
- All club members may be asked to substitute and including MG&CC Associate members on the spares list. (HC members to be contacted first)
- A club member may substitute any number of times.
- The guiding principle is to try to have **full teams** and fair play.
- Improper substitution shall result in application of the Default Penalty (Rule 13).

POINT SYSTEM AND SCORING FOR SERIES GAMES

11. Points allotted per game:

- 10 points for a win
- 1 point for each end won
- ½ point to each team, for each end blanked, IF PLAYED
- ¼ point for counting rocks (maximum of 3 points)
- 5 point to each team, for a tied game
- **Only ends played can be counted when tabulating total points**
- Vice skips will enter the score in the scorebook, and attest to the correctness of all information recorded.
- Ties in the round robin standings are broken by head to head results.
- If team ties cannot be broken by head to head then co-winners will be declared and all prizes will be distributed evenly.

12. Unbalanced Schedules & Scoring for BYE Games

- The average series team points will be calculated by totalling all earned series points and divided by the number of games actually played.
- The resulting average point score will be allocated as “the points earned for the Bye game” (rounded to the nearest whole number) and entered on the scoresheet vs bye as a win. No additional points are awarded, just the average score.
- **Total points in the series after all bye scores have been entered will reflect the true final series standings.**

13. Default Penalty:

- No points or credits for the offending team and 18 points for the win for the non-offending team.

The Executive reserves the right, under special circumstances, to revise the rules. Executive members may be asked to advise members regarding Curling Canada, Curling Ontario and club regulations.