RIDEAU CURLING CLUB
Curling Etiquette

Curling etiquette is predicated on respecting your fellow curlers and the club's facilities and rules, including the RCC Code of Conduct

Arrive on time

- Be ready to start on time or when the ice is ready as indicated by ice tech

Can't make a game?

- Notify your team and arrange for a spare
- When finding a spare, consult the spare list for your league on the club's website

Prior to beginning the game

- Do not sit at tables in the lounge area that are designated for teams from completed games
- Do not enter the ice area until the previous game on your sheet is completed
- Introduce yourself to the opposing team, shake hands (or hygienic alternative) and wish them "*Good Curling*"

Know and follow the rules of curling

- The rules of curling are available on Curling Canada's website at www.curling.ca/rules
- Self-declare on rule violations such as burnt rocks
- Use only broom head fabrics that are approved for your league

Know and follow the club's Code of Conduct

- Please read our Code of Conduct on our website at Membership Documents / General Documents

Keep the ice clean

- Wear clean footwear and clothing that will not damage or litter the playing surface
- Clean your gripper (inside and outside) frequently and replace it at least once during the curling season
- Clean your brush head frequently and replace it as needed during the season
- Don't take food or beverages onto the ice surface
- Be careful with beverages on the walkway in the curling rink

When waiting to throw your stone

- Take a stationary position to the side of the sheet or on the back board at delivery end
- Remain silent and motionless so as not to distract the curler delivering their stone
- When the opponent has released his or her stone, move quickly to prepare for your team's next shot without disrupting your opponent's management of their shot in progress

Play quickly

- When it is your turn, be ready to sweep or deliver (and already have cleaned your stone)
- Decide on your next shot while the opposing team is playing theirs
- Do not sort rocks numerically after each end – quickly move the rocks into the corner and pull out the lead's rock to get the next end starting without unnecessary delay
- Have a time-efficient process for managing sliding accessories (stabilizer, sliding broom, etc.)
- Leads and seconds should set up skip's stones

Do not distract the opposition

- Don't cross your sheet of ice when the thrower is in the hack ready to throw their stone
- Be quiet and stand still when opposition is throwing their stone
- Only skips and thirds are allowed to stand in the house area
- Skips and thirds should stand still, well back of the house and ensure their brooms are held off the ice while the opposition is preparing to deliver
- When not in use during the end, keep your grippers, stabilizers and other equipment well out of the way on the end boards to allow both teams clear access to the walkway

Always show good sportsmanship

- Do not celebrate an opponent's missed shot – and compliment their good shots
- Use only socially acceptable language
- Accept missed shots, bad luck and losses with grace
- Self-declare on rule violations such as burnt rocks
- Manage any on-ice disputes agreeably and with respect

At the end of an end

- Remain outside the house area until thirds have agreed on the score
- Only the thirds should participate in measuring and agreeing on the score
- Be careful when pushing stones into corners in preparation for the next end

Understand and follow the time limit rule

- The time limit rules for games are posted on the glass on each sheet – please read & follow them
- When playing the last two ends, continue to follow the "Play quickly" etiquette rules to avoid playing past the start time of the next draw

At the end of the game

- Shake hands (or hygienic alternative) with each opposing player and say "*Good Game*"
- Winning team players offer to buy the 1st beverage - Losing team players buy the 2nd beverage
- Get to know the people you've just curled against