

Important Changes to the 55-PLUS Curling League Operational Guidelines and Special Rules of Curling

Most changes in these two documents reflect efforts to clarify practices or interpretations that have evolved since the last revisions in 2019, but a summary of some of the key changes is provided below to assist you in your review of the attached documents. These must be approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on March 28th immediately following End of Season luncheon and wind-up. There were no changes to the Honourary Life Membership Nomination procedures but this has been removed from the Operational Guidelines and is now a stand alone document. It is also attached for your information. Revisions to the Operational Guidelines and Special Rules of Curling are highlighted in blue within the attached documents.

Operational Guidelines

- C(5)- Registration fees-clarifies how refunds will be considered by the Executive when a member withdraws from curling for medical or other emergencies during the season. Note that special fees (building development, cafeteria voucher, and Curl Manitoba fees) that have already been paid to the Pembina Curling Club (PCC) cannot be refunded because our league cannot recover these once they are paid.
- C(6)-Seniority- amended to allow some flexibility in waiving loss of seniority in special circumstances.
- D(6)-Seniority-gives priority to Active members in filling positions for the Last Chance Bonspiel.
- G(1)-Elected and Non-Elected Members of the Executive Council- Significantly revises wording to clarify how elected presidential officers progress to the next level in the event of a vacancy between Annual Meetings. Also clarifies election procedures for the Secretary and Treasurer and the appointment of non-elected officers.
- H(4)(i)- Audited financial statements to be reported now at the Semi-Annual Meeting in September (6 months after the financial year in question ends) rather than at the next AGM (12 months after the financial year in question ends) to ensure a validated clean start to the current financial year.
- H(5)(c)- Allows for Special Membership Meeting via email if appropriate measures are taken to include those members without email access. An email meeting will be limited to a single issue that permits a membership vote on a limited range of options.
- K -Amendments – Clarifies requirements and thresholds for passing amendments to the Operational Guidelines.

Special Rules of Curling

- 9 Scoring- (1) -clarifies maximum (8) and minimum (6) ends of curling as the norm but allows advance agreement to curl 6 ends if all players agree.
- 9 Scoring -(4) -clarifies that when the cancelation of a game occurs which is beyond the control of the teams (e.g., ice plant issues) and cannot be replayed, the game will be declared “not played” and no points or results for that game will be recorded.

- 11-Special Considerations (2) -allows for the option of throwing only two rocks by each player if both teams have only three players present and clarifies what to do if a fourth player appears after the game has started.
- 12 -Miscellaneous (3) – includes a recommendation that a player who falls and hits his head sit out for a minimum of one full end of play.