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Circle City Curling Club Code of Conduct

CIRCLE CITY CURLING CLUB IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL. THE CONDUCT OF ALL MEMBERS, PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS SHOULD REFLECT THAT GOAL. THE WORLD CURLING FEDERATION HAS MADE THIS STATEMENT REGARDING CONDUCT:

"The Spirit of Curling generally sees no player attempt to gain an advantage in the game through any malice, whether by breaking the rules, distracting opponents or acting in an unsporting manner, which would effectively disadvantage their opponents. It is expected that if a player should do so then they admit to their fault. While the main objective of the game is to determine the relative skills of the players, the Spirit of Curling demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honorable conduct. This spirit should influence both the interpretation and application of the rules of the game and also the conduct of all participants on and off the ice."

Membership Protocols

Circle City Curling Club Members are expected to:

- Observe the Spirit of Curling and contribute to an environment and culture within the Club reflective of the Spirit of Curling and good sportsmanship.
- Treat all club members, competitors, and guests with the highest respect. Understand that verbal abuse of any teammate, competitor, official, member, guest or other person is unacceptable and that confrontational, threatening, condescending, insulting, inappropriate or other disrespectful language will not be tolerated.
- Control their temper and behave appropriately at all times.
- Never throw or abuse personal or club property.
- Consume alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner. If a member or guest becomes visibly intoxicated, members should notify the bar staff. Members will NOT transport alcohol into the Circle City Curling Club or remove alcohol from the premises.
- Not use or possess illegal drugs on Circle City Curling Club property, in Circle City Curling Club vehicles or facilities, or at Circle City Curling Club sponsored programs.
- Not smoke inside the curling facility/building or on the outdoor deck. This includes all tobacco products, vaping and e-cigarettes.
- Not bring guns or other weapons into the curling facility.
- Not remove any property of the Circle City Curling Club from the premises without permission.
- Not store personal property at the Club except in designated areas.
- Not share access codes, security system codes, or other Club protected information.
- Take pride in the Circle City Curling Club and treat all facilities with care, clean up after themselves and others, and report any damaged or malfunctioning equipment promptly.
- Remember that the Circle City Curling Club facility is a family friendly environment.

- Behave in a respectful and discreet manner in the locker room. For the comfort and safety of all our members, we ask that if you will be partially or fully unclothed when changing, that you change in a private changing room or restroom.
- Observe the Rules of Curling and interpret the Rules of Curling in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure the game is played in an orderly and fair manner. Comply with all other rules and policies of the Circle City Curling Club.
- Observe this Code of Conduct when representing the Circle City Curling Club outside of the Circle City Curling Club facility.

As a member of Circle City Curling Club, I agree to abide by the Membership Protocols as described above, as well as any other house rules posted at the Club.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy

Curling is built upon a foundation of community and the spirit of curling. At Circle City Curling Club, we commit to providing an inclusive and accessible community for all curlers, regardless of ability, age, gender identity, race/ethnicity, religion, or sexuality. We commit to advancing the sport of curling by creating opportunities and removing obstacles to curl for everyone. We commit to finding new ways to create opportunities to learn, grow, and create a diverse and inclusive community and sport.

As a member of Circle City Curling Club, I will behave in a welcoming and respectful manner to all club members, competitors, and guests regardless of ability, age, gender identity, race/ethnicity, religion, or sexuality.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Circle City Curling Club strictly prohibits any member from engaging in any form of sexual harassment that affects other members or visitors. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, unwanted persistent sexual attention, requests for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature. Types of behavior that constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Sexist jokes
- Display of sexually offensive material
- Sexually degrading words used to describe a person
- Inquiries or comments about a person's sex life
- Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, requests, invitations, or propositions
- Inappropriate sexual touching, advances, suggestions or requests
- Unwanted physical contact including, but not limited to, touching, petting, pinching, or kissing
- Physical or sexual assault

As a member of Circle City Curling Club I will refrain from any behavior that could be construed as sexual harassment.

Curling Etiquette

Curling has its rules governing play, but your conduct while curling is equally important. Some of the key items of proper curling etiquette are as follows:

- Greet your opponents before and after each game.
- Opposing players will toss a coin at the start of the game to determine last stone advantage.
- When your opponents are preparing for delivery, stand to the side of the sheet, single file and between the hog lines.
- If you are throwing next you may stand on the backboard but remain quiet and out of sight of the opposition thrower.
- Only skips and thirds may congregate behind the tee line.
- Wear clean, appropriate footwear that will not damage the ice.
- Be ready to go when it's your turn to deliver a stone.
- At the conclusion of an end, all players remain outside the rings until the opposing thirds have agreed on the score.
- Avoid resting hands and knees on the ice; this will prevent the ice/pebble from melting.
- Place your skip's rock in front of the hack to help speed up the game.
- All games on the ice should run approximately the same time. Each player should be ready to deliver their rock when their skip puts down the broom.
- It is your responsibility to get a substitute if you cannot play as scheduled. Call/email your skip and give the name of the curler substituting for you.
- Do not let stones run into or over the hacks, hit the backboard at high speed, or cross onto adjacent sheets. Equipment may be damaged or players injured by rebounding stones.
- Be quick to compliment a good shot by either side.
- Behind the tee line, only one member of each team can sweep at one time. If you decide not to sweep your own rock, make way for the other team.
- Clean your broom and slider regularly during play.
- When the game is finished check the playing area for cleanliness including removal of beverage containers.
- No beverages are allowed on the ice. Beverages must be kept in the cup holders at the scoreboard end of the ice.

As a member of Circle City Curling Club, I will do my best to abide by the rules of common curling etiquette as described above and/or as posted at the Club.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

Circle City Curling Club is committed to ensuring the safety of all minor athletes in our facility and has adopted a Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP). Circle City Curling Club's MAAPP may be viewed [by clicking here](#).

As a member of Circle City Curling Club, I will abide by the policy set forth in the Circle City Curling Club Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy document.

If this Code of Conduct is violated, immediately report the behavior to the league coordinator or any board member. If the issue cannot be resolved, the league coordinator will forward the issue to the Circle City Curling Club Board.

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in suspension or termination of Circle City Curling Club membership. While an incident is being investigated, the membership of the person(s) accused of violating this Code of Conduct may be temporarily suspended pending a final decision.