

## RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR TEAM MEETINGS

Team meetings **must** be held before the start of every zone and regional playdown.

Please use the following points:

1. Welcome to the competitors by the club president or representative.
2. Mention event sponsor and hand out sponsor information. Welcome and introduce sponsor representative (if present).
3. Advise curlers of the status of the bar and kitchen facilities. (Refer to flyer)
  - Ask how many curlers will be staying for meals and inform the kitchen staff.  
*(Remind teams that food will not be brought into the club if the kitchen has been opened for them)*
4. Review local club rules including any dress code (if applicable).
5. Discuss the responsibilities of the official-in-charge.

*At zone and regional playdowns, the official-in-charge will not be out on the ice surface area but must be called out if a skip wishes to call a rule violation. The official-in-charge may, however, come out and call a violation at his discretion without being asked.*

6. Explain the rules of the competition
  - discuss chaperones/coaches guidelines
  - (Refer to Exhibit 18 and highlight the Fair Play Time Out)
  - discuss 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> end break, which would be taken on the backboard but at the discretion of the official-in-charge this break may be allowed in the curling lounge
  - only beverages and small quantities of prepared fruit & vegetables are permitted at the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> end break
  - age restriction
  - double knockout
  - number of ends to be played
  - number of teams advancing
  - no smoking rules
  - measuring to be done by the thirds (indicate location of all measures)
  - extra ends will be played towards the glass
  - last stone - choice of colour (Refer to Exhibit 21)
  - thirds to record the score at the completion of each end
  - no swearing
  - no broom bags allowed in the ice surface area
  - no electronic devices (including cell phones, Ipods etc) allowed on the ice surface
  - a team may concede at any time and the game must stop when it is mathematically impossible for a tie to develop

7. Review hog-line rule
  - in the delivery of the stone, the stone shall be released before the stone has reached the nearer hog-line.  
(Remind competitors that this means clearly released)
8. Discuss ice, stones and equipment
  - advise curlers that they can only use stones from their sheet of play
  - remind curlers to clean their shoes and brushes and to check their grippers
  - remind curlers that grippers are not to be thrown to the backboards
  - remind curlers that no equipment is to be left on adjoining sheets of ice even if that sheet is not in use
  - remind curlers of the "handprint" rule
  - each team must throw eight different stones each end
  - curlers will not permanently mark stones in any way
  - (Discuss stones, if asked)
9. Discuss practice times
  - allow time for a one minute cooling/sliding period and a seven (7) minute per team pre-game.
  - inform the teams how long before game time that the first practice will start
  - refer to Exhibit 21 for which team has 1<sup>st</sup> practice
  - the umpire will have complete control of the practice sessions
10. Remind competitors that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated at any time during an OCA competition (e.g. slamming brushes in anger, wilful damage to curling club, hotel or restaurant facilities, offensive and/or abusive language, etc.). Such inappropriate behaviour shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.
11. Wish the curlers good luck and remind them that the Association would like them to play the game with a spirit of good fun and sportsmanship.