



# CODE OF CONDUCT

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**For Members of the Avonair Curling Club**

***Any member who fails to comply with the Code of Conduct herein will bear full responsibility for any costs incurred and may have their membership revoked.***

### **Curling Ice Etiquette and Safety**

1. As balance is extremely important for personal safety, all curlers must be sober. Any person that gives indication to being a risk to themselves or others will be asked to leave the ice.
2. Do not place hands on the ice. Do not kneel or sit on the ice. Heat on the ice will create imperfections.
3. Curlers must not throw rocks in any manner that may cause injury to people or cause damage to the facility or equipment. Do not throw rocks at unmanageable speeds. Be aware of rocks heading towards the hacks or backboards as these must not be struck. Be aware of rocks after a hit; they can often go in unpredictable directions. Stop rocks before they go onto another sheet. Do not push a rock in the direction of someone turned; a rock kicked into the back of someone's heels will knock their feet out causing them to fall and possibly hit their head.
4. All games must start on time, and more importantly, finish on time. Do not start another end 15 minutes or less before the scheduled finish time of the league.
5. After play, return rocks to their designated house in proper order. Return sliders and brooms to the bins if used.
6. It is recommended that anyone under the age of 18 and over the age of 75 wear protective headgear.
7. Members acknowledge that they are aware of the risks and hazards associated with or related to Curling and accepts full responsibility and liability for themselves while using the facility.

### **Curling Attire**

1. Curlers must have a change of footwear to use on the ice. Curling shoes or a CLEAN (free of dirt, sand, or salt) pair of soft soled running shoes with sufficient tread to avoid slipping are the only types of footwear permitted on the ice. Grippers and sliders are available, but quantities are limited.
2. Use the boot cleaner upon arrival. When stepping into the ice area, be sure to step on the sticky mats. DO NOT go outside for any reason with your clean curling or running shoes on... even with a gripper.
3. Curlers will not be allowed on the ice should they have dirty shoes or clothing (including shedding fabric).

### **Responsibilities of Members**

1. It is understood that the Avonair Curling Club, including its Directors, employees, and members can not and will not be held responsible for injury, death, damage, or loss of any kind suffered by a member while on the premises or property of the Avonair Curling Club due to any reason even if by the negligence of the Club.
2. Members will be held responsible and accountable for any damages incurred due to their fault.
3. Children under the age of 16 must be supervised unless they are a member of the Avonair Curling Club.
4. Pets or domestic animals (except for Service dogs) are not allowed in the Avonair Curling Club and will not be allowed to be tied-up outside.

### **Conduct Policy**

1. Members of the Club shall participate in the game of curling with honesty, integrity, courtesy and sportsmanship. Members must respect fellow curlers, staff members, and other members of the public at all times. Harassment, such as, bullying, profanity, violence, plus excessive broom slapping are not necessary. Harassment can be words or action, verbal aggression or yelling. Profanity includes calling someone derogatory names or loudly swearing. Violence is defined as any form of physical contact such as pushing or fighting.
2. Any issues should be taken to the General Manager. Information that is deemed necessary to the issue will be gathered from any source and initiate discussion with the individual(s) involved. Confidentiality will be upheld by all involved.

## Facility Use

1. Members must do their part to help keep the facility neat and tidy. Members should return brooms and sliders to the bins, push in chairs, removing any items that were brought into the Club, and help clean spills caused by themselves.
2. Any damage to facility or property must be reported to the office or a staff member.
3. Cost may be incurred for damage to the facility or property. This includes, but is not limited to damaged hacks, rocks, brooms, tables, chairs, doors or windows, walls, or even the parking lot.
4. Do not hang or post anything to walls without the authorization of Management. Nails, screws, bolts, staples, tacks, or heavy duty tape are not to be used. It is recommended to use only sticky tack.
5. Staff members have free access to the entire facility at all times.
6. Exits must be kept free of obstructions.

## Food, Drink, and Consumption

1. No outside food or drinks may be brought into the Avonair Curling Club unless otherwise permitted at the discretion of Management. When the concession is open, this condition is managed and enforced.
2. Members and guests may bring in small snacks such as granola bars.

## Alcohol and Consumption

1. No outside alcohol may be brought into the Avonair Curling Club.
2. No alcohol is to leave the upstairs lounge in accordance with the regulations of the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC). Alcohol is not permitted in the ice arena.
3. Personal decorum is expected at all times. Drunk or rowdy behaviour is not acceptable and will result in the offending individual being asked to leave the premises. No refunds will be provided under these circumstances.

## Smoking, Drugs, and Consumption

1. Smoking of cigarettes is permissible outside of the facility, 10 meters from any door, window, or air intake in accordance with the City of Edmonton.
2. Use of Marijuana and illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on the property of the Avonair Curling Club. If being used, significant actions will be taken and severe consequences will be ensued.

## Multimedia

1. The Avonair Curling Club may take pictures and/or videos of members.
2. Pictures/videos may be stored on the computer, posted to the website or on social media or even used in promotional marketing such as posters and videos.
3. Pictures/videos of small groups of people (2-6) or individuals will be asked for permission before taking and storing or posting.

## Parking

1. The Avonair Curling Club cannot be held responsible for any damages to or thefts from a vehicle. The Club will assist in viewing CCTV footage in the event that damages or thefts occur.
2. Only park in the Avonair Curling Club parking lot. Do not park at Sobeys Liquor, Boston Pizza, or Kingsway Mall.
3. The Avonair Curling Club cannot be held responsible for parking tickets.
4. Note that the double doors are only for loading and unloading. Vehicles parked by these doors must be moved.

## Payment

1. Members agree to pay the league fees in full when specified. Usually this is on the first day of Curling.
2. Failure to pay the full amount may result in the revocation of membership to the Avonair Curling Club.
3. The Avonair Curling Club accepts cash, debit/credit, or cheque payable to the **Avonair Curling Club**.
4. Members may experience extra costs in the event that they cause damage to the facility in any way.

## **Emergencies and Procedures**

1. It is understood that the Avonair Curling Club cannot be held responsible if, on any date and at any time, the facility cannot be used due to uncontrollable circumstances (eg. Plant failure for Curling ice, adverse weather effects, etc.).
  2. The Avonair Curling Club may disrupt or change league schedules without notice.
  3. Members must follow the evacuation and emergency procedures given by a staff member in the event of an emergency.
  4. There are telephones in the office, small closet behind the office, and in the bar. First aid kits are on the east wall of the ice area and in the ice makers room. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is on the east wall of the ice area. An emergency blanket is also on the east wall of the ice area. Dial 911 for emergencies.
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**Members have agreed to abide by the contents of this document by signing the “Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Indemnity Agreement.”**