

..... **Curling Club "Buddy" Program**

..... **CURLING SECTION**

The integration of new members into our club is a most important process. It is a major influencing factor for the long-term enjoyment of the sport of curling. It helps when a new member is able to learn from a more experienced member of our club.

Welcome to our "Curling Buddy" program:

	New Member	Experienced Member
Name(s):		
Address:		
Telephone (res.):		
Telephone (bus.):		
E-mail:		

A new member, especially someone new to curling can often feel overwhelmed by all the new things that he/she has to learn about our club as well as about the sport of curling. Routine matters that long-time members may take for granted can be confusing and perhaps even upsetting to a new curling member.

The following checklist might be helpful in ensuring that a new member has a good introduction to the curling club and the sport. Please amend/add to the list as necessary since you may feel that other items should be covered.

Note: If your situation should change and you are unable to continue in your role as a buddy – **BE RESPONSIBLE** - and

- inform your buddy
- inform the Buddy Program Co-ordinator

## **The Club**

- tour the facility
- meet all the staff
- meet the volunteer leaders
- describe the dress code, if applicable
- explain where and how to:
  - purchase equipment
  - purchase food and drink
  - rent ice and/or the facility
  - rent a locker
  - obtain a club broom
  - obtain a club roster
  - access first aid equipment
  - find lost items
  - express a concern
  - make a suggestion
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## **Curling Activities**

- provide club curling section or league information including:
  - when they are held
  - how to sign up or register
  - objectives of the league
- provide information on club bonspiels including:
  - when they are held
  - how to sign up
- explain where to find information on out-of-club bonspiels
- explain where to find information about the OCA and other competitions
- explain how to get on a team
- explain how to find a spare
- explain how to register as a spare
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## **Game Information & Etiquette**

- explain the object and rules of the game
- discuss pre-game activities including when to arrive
- explain on-ice activities including:
  - where to stand
  - who goes first and when
  - setting up opponent's rocks
  - basic strategy
  - when to brush
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## **Curling Skills**

- explain how to get help from a qualified instructor in your club
- provide assistance in areas where you feel confident and comfortable
- explain how to access information videos, booklets or manuals to help develop curling skills
- explain how to book practice time
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## **The Social Scene**

- describe post game activities including the tradition of teams sitting together after the game
- explain who "buys" and when
- explain the use of chits/signing privileges at your club/other clubs
- discuss club non-curling social events
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