

**KETTLE MORAINÉ CURLING CLUB
THE MIXED BONSPIEL
RULES FOR
PLACEMENT OF KMCC TEAMS**

The following rules will be used for the placement of KMCC teams in The Mixed Bonspiel; For situations not directly addressed by the rules, or for interpretation of the rules, the decision of the Bonspiel Chair is final.

ALLOCATION OF KMCC SPOTS

- 1.) There will be four (4) total spots reserved for KMCC teams. Additional KMCC teams will be placed in the bonspiel if there are open spots two (2) weeks prior to the bonspiel. Alternate teams will be determined in the play-down and will be notified by the Bonspiel Chair of an open spot 1 -2 weeks before the bonspiel.
- 2.) One of the four (4) spots in the bonspiel will be given to the Bonspiel Chair of The Mixed Bonspiel from the previous year.
- 3.) Two (2) of the spots will be determined by the ladder whose rules are stated below.
- 4.) One spot will be determined by a play-down whose rules are stated below.
- 5.) If the previous year's winner of the bonspiel is a legal KMCC team, only one (1) of the spots will be determined by the ladder.
- 6.) The Head Ice Technician will be given a spot in The Mixed Bonspiel for their use if they so choose. This entry is IN ADDITION to the total spots reserved for the KMCC teams. The Head Ice Technician's team does not have to be a legal KMCC team.

LEGAL PLAY-DOWN TEAM AND GAME

- 1.) A legal play-down team will consist of four (4) current KMCC members. All four (4) names must appear on the sign-up sheet. All team members must be Introductory, Regular or Social members of KMCC. ****Please Note**** Social Members are allowed to curl in ONLY three (3) games OR one (1) KMCC run bonspiel.
- 2.) An individual may be on only one (1) play-down team.
- 3.) The make up of the curlers on a team must satisfy all bonspiel rules. In particular, it must be a mixed team, (two ladies, two gentlemen).
- 4.) A legal play-down game shall consist of two four (4) person teams with the game being 8 ends.
- 5.) In case of an injury during the game, a three (3) person team may complete the games as long as each of the four (4) team members have thrown at least one (1) stone.
- 6.) Unless stated above, all prevailing USCA rules apply.

SUBSTITUTION

1.) No substitutions are permitted unless in the case of an emergency. This should be pre-approved by the current Bonspiel Chair prior to the game being played. That new member must then participate in all play-down games and the entire bonspiel.

PLAY-DOWN SCHEDULE

1.) An email will be distributed to all KMCC members no later than November 1st of that season announcing the play-down process.

2.) On that day, November 1st, a sign up sheet will be posted at the club on the bulletin board.

3.) That sign up sheet will be taken down at 9:00 pm CST on the first Friday after Thanksgiving in November.

4.) The play-down draw sheet will be e-mailed no later than that following Sunday to all people that are signed up on the play-down draw sheet.

5.) Play-down games are to be scheduled and then completed as convenient to both teams but with the knowledge that it should be done as soon as possible. Ice time is to be scheduled through the calendar coordinator and is subject to availability. The winning team has the responsibility of marking the game's winner clearly on the draw sheet after the game AND notifying the Chair.

6.) The Chair is to set reasonable deadlines for the completion of each game and clearly indicate those deadlines on the draw sheet.

7.) Any games NOT completed by the stated deadlines will be decided using a coin flip by the Chair.

PLAY-DOWN PROCESS

1.) The purpose of this play-down game is to determine one team to compete in the bonspiel.

2.) Teams who lose play-down games are placed on the alternate list in an order determined by random draw. These teams will be placed in the bonspiel if it is not filled with Non-KMCC teams one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to the bonspiel start date. Additionally, if these teams are not placed in the bonspiel and participate in the play-down process for The Mixed the following year, they will be placed in a short bracket if one exists.

LADDER

1.) The annual cost for a KMCC member to maintain a spot on The Mixed Bonspiel ladder will be \$5.00. All ladder fees are to be paid to the Treasurer by October 15th to maintain one's order on the ladder. Late payment will cause that member's name to drop to the bottom of the ladder.

2.) Individual current KMCC member's names will be placed on the ladder. All persons must be Introductory, Regular, or Social members. ** Please Note Social Members are allowed to curl in ONLY three (3) games OR one (1) KMCC run bonspiel.**

- 3.) The individual whose name is on the ladder, must be a member of a team which will consist of KMCC members and meet the requirements of The Mixed Bonspiel.**
- 4.) There is no limit to the amount of family members on the ladder as long as they meet the requirements of The Mixed Bonspiel..**
- 5.) Each year, the Bonspiel Committee will contact the two top names on the ladder first. You may decline once. A curler entering a play-down team MUST decline their ladder spot. The first time you decline, your name will stay on top of the ladder. If you decline a second time, your name will drop to the bottom of the ladder.**
- 6.) If the invitation to curl is accepted, that person's name will drop to the bottom of the ladder if they wish to be back on the ladder and meet the requirements outlined above.**
- 7.) If the name at the top of the ladder is that of someone working on the Bonspiel Committee, that name will be bypassed and will remain on top of the ladder until that person can otherwise curl in the bonspiel.**
- 8.) If the name at the top of the ladder won the bonspiel in the previous year, thereby earning the right to defend their title, that name will be bypassed and remain at the top of the ladder.**
- 9.) If the name at the top of the ladder has earned a spot in the bonspiel by being the previous year's Chair, that name will be bypassed and remain at the top of the ladder.**

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