

## Ontario Premier League

### 2015 Conditions of Play

- 1) The regular season will consist of a double round robin, home and away format.
- 2) The top 4 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- 3) Playoffs will be played using the page format. The first place team will host the second place team and the third place team will host the fourth place team. The winner of the 1 vs 2 game advances to the final and will host the final. The loser of the 1 vs 2 game will host the winner of the 3 vs 4 game. The winner advances to the final.
- 4) Each match will consist of:
  - One (1) 2 bowl triples game
  - One (1) three (3) bowl pairs game and
  - One four (4) bowl singles game.
- 5) Games will be sets play. Two sets of 9 ends. If each team wins a set, or both sets are drawn, a best two-out-of-three end tie break will determine the rink winner.
- 6) Each team may kill the 3<sup>rd</sup> end of the tie-break provided they designate that they intend to kill the end prior to delivering the bowl.
- 7) The match winner will be the team that wins 2 out of the 3 rinks.
- 8) Two points will be awarded for a win, 0 points will be awarded for a loss.
- 9) If, at the end of the season, two or more teams are tied for the final playoff spot, the ties will be broken by
  - a) Number of rink wins
  - b) Number of straight sets rink wins
  - c) Head-to-head
  - d) Number of away wins
  - e) Tie-breaker game
- 10) The rinks must be available for trial ends at least 30 minutes before the start of a match.
- 11) The home team must put their line-up on the official game sheet first, at least 15 minutes

before the start of the match.

- 12) Home team has the option of choice of keeping the mat and jack in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> set on each rink. The visiting team will have the choice in the other set.
- 13) Each rink will toss a coin at the start of the tie-breaker. The team that wins the toss has the choice of keeping the mat or giving it away in the first and third ends of the tie breaker. The loser has the choice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> end.
- 14) If the end is killed, the jack gets placed on the 2 meter mark from the ditch, on the center line, unless it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> end of the tie-break and the kill has been designated.
- 15) In the event that no shot has been declared due to equidistant or frozen bowls in the tie-break, the end will be declared a no-score and play will continue. The team that had the choice of mat and jack in the no-score end will have the choice in the subsequent end.
- 16) One substitution is allowed per team, per rink, per match. The substitution must take place after the first set is complete.
- 17) Players may change bowls after the first set of each match, provided the bowls are available at the green and changing will not delay the game.
- 18) WBB rules will be used for minimum jack length and mat placement.

#### Rain Out Rule

- 19) It is the home team's responsibility to decide before the game if it is to be cancelled due to inclement weather. If a game is to be cancelled, the home team must contact the visiting captain and umpire two (2) hours before the scheduled start time notifying of the cancellation.
- 20) If the greens become unplayable during a match, it is up to the umpire or the greenskeeper to stop play.
- 21) If the match is in the first set, play cannot be resumed, and it is the first meeting between the two teams during the season, play will continue when the teams meet at the visitors' club for the second meeting,
- 22) If the match is in the first set, play cannot be resumed, and it is the second meeting between the two teams during the season, a make-up game will be rescheduled at the end of the season if it has playoff implications.
- 23) If the match is in the second set and play cannot be resumed, the first set results will stand and the match will be complete.
- 24) If the match is in the second set and the first set had 3 ties or one win each and a tie, rules 22

and 23 will apply.

- 25) If the match is in a tie-break and cannot be resumed and the overall winner is decided because one team has already one on two rinks, play will not be resumed and each team will receive a tie for the match.
- 26) If the match is in a tie-break and cannot be resumed and the overall winner has not yet been decided, the 2<sup>nd</sup> set results will stand.
- 27) If the match is in a tie-break and cannot be resumed, the match has not been decided, both teams are tied overall after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, and it is the first meeting between the two teams during the season, play will continue at the visitors' club prior to the second meeting.
- 28) If the match is in a tie-break and cannot be resumed, the match has not been decided, both teams are tied overall after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, and it is the 2nd meeting between the two teams during the season, the captains will schedule a time and place to complete the match if it has playoff implications.