

2019 Curl Mesabi Cash Spiel Rules of Play (Men's and Women's Events)

1. All games are 8 ends with the 'Five rock' Free Guard Zone rule in effect. Please keep the games moving so we stay on schedule.

2. Hammer will be determined by a pregame (Last Stone Draw) contest as set forth below. A coin flip will determine which team has choice of color or practice order. If color is chosen, the other team chooses order of practice. If order of practice is chosen, the other team chooses color. The team that chooses the order of practice will also pick the side of sheet they throw the LSD on. Teams must throw on opposite sides.

4. Pregame Practice Rules: PLEASE START YOU PRE GAME Practice/LSD 10 minutes PRIOR TO THE GAME. Each team is allowed to throw 2 practice rocks total. These 2 rocks must be thrown towards the home end. Then one player will throw one stone for the Last Stone Draw, which may be swept by the other players on that team. There will be an official to measure the stone and record the distance. All measurements should be measured to the nearest ¼ inch. A stone covering the pin is recorded as zero inches. Failure to stop a stone in the rings is recorded as 73 inches. Moving a stone prior to it being measured will be recorded as a stone that did not stop in the rings. Hammer is awarded to the team winning the Last Stone Draw. If a team covers the pin they will continue to throw until they have a stone they can measure. Sweeping is not permitted after the first draw. **Teams will alternate shots.**

5. SHOOT OUT- After a team wins a second game in round robin play, they will need to do a team shootout. Each player must throw a stone with sweeping, and the stone will be measured by the head official. The best 3 of 4 stones are added for the team total. If there is a tie the 4th rock will be added to the total.

6. Officials: Each draw there will be an on ice official. Teams will be required to measure their own rocks. If there are any disagreements between teams the officials' decision will be final. The official will also measure the draw shot distance rocks to determine who will get the hammer

7. Playoff Qualification:

Men's- After all round robin matches are completed, on the men's side the top 6 records will advance to the playoffs plus the winner of the America's Challenge. Teams will be ranked by W/L first and then shoot-out second. We have room for one Tie-Breaker draw at 8:30 PM. Should more than one tie breaker draw be needed teams will be eliminated by their "Shootout totals". "Shootout totals" can achieve qualification as well. Team(s) with 2 losses can be eliminated by their "Shootout totals".

Women's- After all round robin matches are completed, on the Women's side the top 7 records will advance to the playoffs, plus the winner of the America's Challenge. Teams will be ranked by W/L first and then shoot-out second. We have room for one Tie-Breaker draw at 8:30 pm. Should more than one tie breaker draw be needed teams will be eliminated by their "Shootout totals". "Shootout totals" can achieve qualification as well. Team(s) with 2 losses can be eliminated by their "Shootout totals".

8. The sheets for the Quarterfinals and Semi-Finals will be assigned after the teams have qualified to ensure fairness. (NOTE: The Chairs of the Spiel reserve the right to change the sheets in the Playoffs for issues of ice conditions, rocks or fairness or if both teams agree to

play on a different sheet due to one of the aforementioned reasons brought to Chair's attention).

9. During the playoffs the team with the better overall win/loss record will have choice of hammer or color. If hammer is selected they will practice first. If the teams have the same record then the team with the higher seed will have choice of color or practice time. The team that selects practice time will also get to select the turn they throw. Last Stone Draw will determine hammer. ****This rule will be in place for the entire playoff process****

11. For anything not covered above, World Curling Federation Rules will apply.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me before the event. This is the rule moving forward so all teams need to be following it!

Tiebreaker Rules and Scenarios

- After the round robin is complete teams will be seeded based on their "round robin" win/loss records, and if tied by their "shootout total".
- No team with one loss will be eliminated from competition by the shootout total. Any team with one loss will be guaranteed either to advance via the "shootout total" or play a tiebreaker to advance.
- A team with two or more losses can be eliminated from competition by the shoot-out total.
- Tie breaker draws will start at 8:30 pm Saturday night.
- If any other Scenarios come up a committee will make the final decision using the intent of the rules set forth in the rules sheet

Dear Curlers,

In your packet you will have a menu for the Sawmill Saloon as well as a coupon for a free appetizer. They both have been a loyal sponsor of our event for a number of years so please try to get over to the Sawmill and use those coupons.

The SAWMILL SALOON is our only Restaurant Sponsor this year. Please make sure you go there to eat some meals and qualify for our RAFFLE. All curlers, coaches, and fans are eligible.

*****SPECIAL GIVEAWAY- The Sawmill Saloon & Curl Mesabi have donated tons of prizes for a raffle. The raffle will be held on Saturday afternoon. To enter the raffle you must eat a meal at the SAWMILL SALOON. When you get to the club sign the back of your receipt and place it into the raffle container which will be in the lobby by the draw sheet. When you go to the Sawmill make sure you tell them you are from the curling event so we continue to get there support each year! *****

If you have any questions feel free to find me and ask. Thanks for putting our event in Eveleth on your schedule this year.

Phill Drobnick, Chair

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