



## **Nanaimo Open Doubles League Rules -2020/2021**

1. **Teams may be composed** of 1 male and 1 female, 2 males or 2 females.
2. **Using cloths, gloves and spray bottles provided**, each team will be asked to clean the 8 stones on their sheet prior to the game; **the winning team will be asked to sanitize the scoreboard after the game.**
3. **Instead of a handshake**, consider a friendly wave or tap brooms to start the game.
4. **Hammer** to be decided via coin toss or using a stop watch picking “odd or even”.
5. **The scoring shall be the same** as in a regular game of curling. The “positioned” stones that are placed before the beginning of each end are eligible to be counted in the scoring.
6. **Each team shall deliver 5 stones per end.** The player delivering the team’s first stone of the end must also deliver the team’s last stone of that end. The other team member shall deliver the team’s second, third and fourth stones for that end. **Teammates should decide, prior to the start of the game, who will be using “odd” numbered stones, and who will throw “even” numbered stones. This order of delivery may be changed after the completion of any end, if the team so wishes.**
7. **Modified Free Guard Zone:** no stone in play, including the “positioned” stones and those in the house, can be moved to an out-of-play *position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of an end (the fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play)* If there is a violation and without exception, the delivered stone shall be removed from play, **and any displaced stone(s) shall be replaced to their original position by the owner of that rock, with the opposition’s agreement (making sure to maintain 2 metre distance at all times).**
8. **Before the start of every end**, one team shall place their team’s “positioned” stone at the playing end of the sheet in one of two positions, designated A and B. **Do not touch your opponent’s stone; they should**

position their own stone. The opponent's "positioned" stone shall then be placed in whichever position [A or B] remains vacant. The location of these positions shall be as follows:

- a. **Position A: (Team without the hammer)** Placement so that the stone is bisected by the centre line and is immediately in front of or immediately behind the poker chip that is placed in the ice in the guard zone
- b. **Position B: (Team with the hammer)** The position B stone is placed so that the stone is bisected by the centre line and is in the back of the 4-foot circle. The back edge of the stone is aligned with the back edge of the 4-foot circle.

9. **Power Play Option:** once per game, each team, when they have the decision on the placement of the "positioned" stones, can use the "Power Play" option to position the stones.

- a. **The in-house stone**, which belongs to the team with last stone in that end, is placed with the back edge of the stone abutting the front edge of the tee line, with half the stone in the 8-foot and half in the 12-foot circle.

- b. **The guard stone** is positioned to the side of the sheet, so it would be bisected by a direct line between the middle of the in-house stone to the middle of the hack where the hack intersects with the centre line. The distance of this corner guard from the house will be the same distance as the center guard. **The team with stone positioned in the house [stone B] shall [by using their foot or broom] position the guard [stone A].**

10. **While the team is in the process of delivery**, the non-delivering player can either hold the broom at the far end or position themselves ready to sweep the rock being delivered.

- a. **After delivery**, only one player (either the person delivering the stone or their teammate) may sweep the delivered stone and any stones set in motion that belong to their team anywhere in front of the tee line at the playing end

- b. **If a player delivers a stone out of proper rotation**, the delivered stone is removed from play and any displaced stones are returned to their original positions by the by the owner of that rock, with the non-offending team's agreement [making sure to maintain 2 metre distance at all times]. Should

the infraction not be discovered until after delivery of a subsequent stone, play continues as if the infraction had not occurred.

11. Non delivering team players are **not** allowed to sweep the opposition's stone behind the tee-line.