HOUSECALL

Your First Bonspiel



A curling tournament, with plenty to learn between games.

Learn the game. Love the game.

What to expect

A bonspiel brings teams together for a tournament.

The event information

Check eligibility, game format, scoring and time limits. A friendly event still has its own rules.

The draw schedule

Find your first game time and sheet. Confirm how you learn your next game time.

A “draw” can mean a scheduled round of games as well as a type of shot.

What to bring

Comfortable layers and clean footwear come first.

For the ice

Clothes you can move in. Clean curling shoes or club-approved indoor shoes, plus the required grippers.

For the day

A water bottle and any personal items you need. Check food arrangements and keep your schedule handy.

Ask ahead about loaner brooms, delivery aids and head protection.

Your first day

A little breathing room helps.

Before the first game

Arrive at the time the organizer requests. Check in, change footwear and meet your teammates.

Between games

Confirm the next time and sheet before leaving. Take a break and allow time to get ready again.

The best item to bring may be a little extra time.

During the game

Good company matters on both sides of the sheet.

With your team

Confirm your position and ask when a call is unclear. Be ready for your turn.

With your opponents

Stay still and quiet during their delivery. Appreciate good shots and never cheer a miss.

If you think you touched a stone or broke a rule, say so and ask what happens next.

Broomstacking

The curling conversation can continue off the ice.

A chance to connect

Join teammates and opponents for a chat if you like. Ask about a memorable shot or their home club.

Your choice

Water, coffee, a soft drink, or no drink. Alcohol and buying rounds are never obligations.

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