



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **2025/26**

Dumfries Junior Curling Clubs strives to promote a safe, supportive environment that encourages all Curlers to do their best and support one another regardless of any differences. To share a common vision that promotes a team spirit and individual growth of all members of the Club.

Recreational Curlers and competitive Curlers should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. This Code applies to all Curlers involved in Junior Curling

In order to be a member in good standing, Curlers must act in accord with the following:

#### **RESPECT**

- Curlers will treat all people with respect at all times and will expect the same of other Curlers.
- Curlers understand that being punctual to their sessions will maintain and promote respect for their fellow Curlers and coaches.
- Curlers will be a good sport and will be gracious in victory and shall accept defeat with dignity.
- Curlers will not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, and offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- Curlers will treat all Officials with respect and will not complain about, or argue with any decisions during or after a Curlers event or test.
- Curlers will treat all volunteers, parents, coaches and committee members with respect both within their Club, and at competitions and events outside their Club.
- Curlers will treat all Coaches with respect both within their Club, and at competitions and events outside their Club.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- Curlers shall remember that participation in sports is a privilege, not a right and are expected to represent their club, coach and themselves with honour,



both on and off the ice. They shall consistently exhibit good character and conduct themselves as a positive role model.

- Curlers shall recognise the importance of safeguarding their health; Curlers shall not use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- Curlers will be punctual for all Curling sessions. Curlers will let a coach know beforehand if they cannot make these time commitments.

### **FAIRNESS & CARING**

- Curlers shall live up to high standards of fair play; Curlers will be open-minded and always willing to listen and learn.
- Curlers shall demonstrate concern for others and never intentionally injure any athlete or engage in reckless behaviour that might cause injury to themselves or others.

### **ON-ICE RULES**

- When practising, all curlers must learn to pay attention to what is happening on the ice, and adjust and execute their skills around lessons, programs, etc.
- Excessive calling out “sweep” is not required or productive.
- All language on the ice must be polite and respectful as well as any body language and gestures. Any foul language will be reported to a Committee member or coach and the curler will be subject to disciplinary procedures.
- Curlers must clear the ice in a timely manner when session has ended.
- Sitting on the barriers is not permitted.
- Mobile phones should not be at rink side or on ice for any reason.

### **GENERAL RINK BEHAVIOUR**

- Be courteous to other Curlers, coaches, umpires, parents, rink employees and visitors at all times. Expect the same in return.
- Treat the Ice Rink, its employees and all other visitors with care and respect at all times.
- Any Curler causing damage to the ice arena or anyone else’s property will be asked to report to the Curling Development Officer. Dumfries Junior Clubs will



require the Curlers to pay 100% of the repair work necessary to restore the facility back to its original state.

All Curlers are expected to follow the above rules or any other rules that may come into effect during the curling season.

***Failure to abide by these rules could result in a suspension from the Dumfries Junior Curling Programmes and Clubs***

### **CLUB POLICIES**

- The club has adopted the following policies and within the club code of conduct expects members to be aware of these policies and adhere to them.
  - RCCC Discipline in Curling Guidelines  
<http://royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Discipline-in-Curling-Guidelines.pdf>
  - RCCC Competition Rules except where stated otherwise
  - RCCC Child Protection Policy

### **BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

All breaches of the Code of Conduct will be reported in the first instance to the Curling Development Officer and will be dealt with by said Officer and the Club Committee appropriately with a fair and sensible approach.