

USWCA RULES AND REGULATIONS

USWCA All-American

The USWCA Rules are the Governing RULES for all USWCA Sanctioned events. All games shall be played under the current USCA Rules of Play with USWCA exceptions. (The hostess club shall not make any changes, additions, or deletions to the USCA Rules of Play, nor to these Regulations.)

I. Eligibility

- A. All clubs and curlers must be USWCA members. Representatives should verify that all participants in the event are dues paying members of the USWCA before playing in the event.
- B. Clubs with 26 or more active members shall have a minimum entry of four teams. Smaller clubs shall have a minimum entry of three teams. Teams shall be balanced by the Chair of the local All-American Event.
- C. Clubs shall individually decide whether or not to allow Jr. Girls to participate in the event and may choose to have an age provision for this group. All participating Jr. Girls must be current dues paying club members.
- D. Where a club cannot field the minimum number of teams, it may join with another club. The composition of the teams will be determined by the local Chairman of this event.
- E. Clubs with both daytime and evening women's curling sessions with at least twenty active curlers in each, may have both a daytime and evening All American event. There shall be a minimum of three teams in each event. A curler may participate in both events but may earn only one pin.
- F. A team is composed of four players; a woman must throw skip rocks, with no more than two men on a team. (Clubs shall individually decide whether or not to allow men to participate in the event. All participating men must be current dues paying club and USWCA members.)
- G. Five member teams are allowed, when necessary, in order to permit full participation of the club membership.
- H. Use of a delivery stick is permitted as stated in the USCA Rules of Play.

II. Procedure:

- A. An entry of three teams may play a double round robin or a modified double knockout. Four to seven entries should play a round robin to determine a winner. Eight or more teams may play in a bracketed elimination or a round robin or some combination thereof, whatever the ice schedule permits.
- B. Games may be eight or ten ends at the discretion of the local club. An extra end will be played to break a tie; one or two rocks per player will be thrown at the discretion of the local event chair.
- C. The winning team must play a minimum of three games. A bye is considered a game and a win. A procedure to resolve tied teams should be in place before the event begins, especially if there is no time in a club schedule for a playoff game.

III. Rules of Play:

- A. Current USCA Rules of Play shall apply with the following exceptions and additions;
 1. Forfeiture rules, timing and substitution of players shall be determined by the individual clubs.
 2. In bracketed eliminations, all initial pairings shall be done by "drawing out of a hat".
 3. If possible, there shall be no more than one club-rated skip on a team. Each club shall determine who shall be eligible as the other three members of the team. Should it be necessary to place more than one skip on a team, their playing position shall be at the discretion of the local event Chair.

- B. This event shall not conflict with the USWCA National Women's bonspiel and shall not be used as a playdown for the Bonspiel or as a consolation event for those unable to compete in the Bonspiel. The All-American Event shall be independent of any other club competition.

IV. Awards:

- A. The USWCA shall provide four award pins for each team winning the All American Event.
- B. Should a five-member team become a winner, a fifth pin will be provided by the USWCA, provided the team began the event with five members, as described under Eligibility item I.G., above.
- C. Clubs are responsible for engraving award pins.