



# ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

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To: All Bantam and Junior Coaches in the OCA

At the 2010 OCA Annual Meeting several changes were made affecting Bantam and Junior OCA competitions in 2010-2011 and Coaches Qualifications beginning in the 2011-2012 season.

1. At the recently held National Curling Congress, the CCA decided on new guidelines concerning "coach interaction opportunities" during games . . . beginning this season, at CCA events the game clock will continue to run while the coach of the team calling "coach time" will have up to 60 seconds to confer with his/her team in the rink area( 2 'coach times' per team per game). The other coach may also meet with his/her team during that time. . . . This differs from the new guidelines being implemented by the World Curling Federation. Due to the uncertainty at this point in time, the OCA has decided to remain status quo until more details are released by the CCA.

This means that at OCA Zones, Regionals and Provincial events this year the following "time-out" rules will be followed:

- Total time for each team to play a 10-end game is 75 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running. Total time for each team to play an 8-end game is 60 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running.
- Team timeouts will normally be signaled by the team to the official-in-charge. However, if the official is occupied elsewhere and does not notice the timeout being called, the timer may stop the clock at the team's request, but should notify the official-in-charge immediately. (Timers should also make a note whenever a team calls a time-out in order to advise the official-in-charge, if requested, how many remain.)
  - If the team calling the timeout has an officially declared coach, both clocks should be paused until the coach reaches the sheet on which the game is being played. At this time, the 60-second timing begins.
  - If the team calling the timeout does NOT have an official coach, the 60-second timing begins as soon as the timeout is called.
  - During the fourth/fifth end break, which shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes and will be taken on the backboard behind the team's sheet of play. Beverages and small quantities of prepared fruit and vegetables shall be permitted provided they are in a non-breakable container. **No thermal coolers shall be brought into the club at any time.**

**2. All competitions including those that lead to a sanctioned National event shall allow time for a five (5) minute per team pre-game, organized practice.**

Practice is to be on the sheet of ice where the team is scheduled to play and only with the stones they will be using in the game.

3. Effective the 2011-2012 season, minimum coaching requirements will be "Certified Competition Coach" for all Zones, Regionals and Provincials and all other levels of events with the exception of Bantam & Junior Mixed. Please refer to the 2010-2011 OCA Rules Supplement (Page 5)

