

CURLING ALBERTA ANNOUNCES CLARIFICATIONS TO 2019-2020 COMPETITIONS POLICIES

As Curling Alberta strives to promote fairness in all competitions, the following statements have been added to specific appendices and policies to provide further clarification. These amendments are based largely on player feedback.

A kind reminder that it remains the responsibility of the competitors and coaches to read and adhere to all policies contained in the most recent publication of this document on the Curling Alberta website. Any questions should be directed to the Curling Alberta office.

Click [here](#) to review all policies related to Curling Alberta competitions.

Berth Policy

Provincial berths must be accepted in the order in which they are offered. To be clear, this means that when the deadline for the pre-qualifying berths based on point accumulation are after the registration deadline, these berths will be awarded first through the provincial qualifier and secondly through the pre-qualifying berths based on points (CTRS, CMDR, and the Excel Points Race).

- For example, the mixed doubles category has 24 provincial berths available, which will be awarded as follows:
 - Defending champion (pre-qualifying berth #1)
 - Berths awarded through the provincial qualifiers (#2-22)
 - Highest ranked Alberta team from Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking (CMDR) (pre-qualifying berth #2)
 - First ranked team from the Mixed Doubles Excel Points Race (#3 pre-qualifying berth)

Based on the registration deadline for the men's, women's, U18, and junior provincial qualifiers, **ALL** teams interested in participating **MUST** register and pay for a qualifier, including teams that feel they may be awarded a pre-qualifying berth. As registration information is now posted online in 'real-time' it is important to note that a team registered for the qualifier may receive a pre-qualifying berth and will not actually participate in that qualifier.

CTRS points were accumulated for the women's category until December 3rd, with the registration deadline on November 21st. The men's points will be accumulated until December 16th following the registration deadline on December 11th.

Follow along with the points standings by clicking these links:

CMDR: <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/mixed-doubles-rankings/>

Men's & Women's CTRS: <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/canadian-team-ranking-system/>

Mixed Doubles, Men's, Women's, Junior, U18 Excel Points Race: <https://curlingalberta.ca/excel-points-race>

Pool Seeding - Alberta Boston Pizza Cup Presented by Best Western

Following the announcement that the men's provincial championship format for the 2019-2020 season would change to a twelve-team event, with two pools of six teams playing a full round-robin within each pool, concerns were raised regarding how the pools will be created to ensure fairness. After careful consideration, the seeding process will now be a hybrid model where the top four teams will be based on CTRS points while the remaining eight teams will be self-seeded. Specifically, seeds one and four will be in one pool, and seeds two and three will be placed in the other.

Tie-Breaking Procedures

The following tie-breaking procedures will apply to both the men's and Curling Club Championship categories if two or more teams are tied for a playoff spot following the round-robin portion of the competition (including pool play):

- 1) *The head to head results will rank the teams;*
- 2) *If the head to head results cannot rank the teams, then the DSC is used to rank the teams;*
- 3) *Once the teams are ranked by DSC, then further ranking is determined by the head to head game if it is available.*

Example #1

- *If three teams tied for first place and are ranked by DSC 1-2-3. 1 is placed in first and 2 and 3 playoff with the round-robin winner having choice of color or practice and teams draw for hammer.*

Example #2

- *If three teams are tied for second place are ranked by DSC, teams 2-3 playoff in a TB and play team 1 in the second tie-breaker.*

Example #3

- *If four teams are tied for first and are ranked by DSC, then 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 to determine first and second spot - losers are eliminated from playoffs.*

The head to head results will take precedence over draw to the button results (DSC.).

No teams will be eliminated on DSC results only, a game must be played. A team can advance forward on that basis but cannot be eliminated until losing a tie-breaker.

Excel Points Race Tie Breaking Procedure

As noted in the Competitor's Guide under section 1.B.9 Draw Placement Procedure, all categories in the Excel Points Race (Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, U18 and Juniors) will be seeded in order of Excel Points collected as of the registration deadline. Teams that have Excel Points will be seeded based on their rankings followed by teams that have not accrued any points, which will be selected randomly.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points in the Excel Points Race, the following tie-breaker process will be used in the order numbered. Once the tie is broken, the process stops. This will be for each team's top five events only.

U18 & U21

1. Number of first place finishes
2. Number of second place finishes
3. Number of semi-finals

Men, Women & Mixed Doubles

1. Number of first place finishes
2. If 1. Is the same, the higher ranked team will be the team that won the event with the highest SFM (or tier for MD)
3. Number of second place finishes
4. If 2. Is the same, the higher ranked team will be the team that won the event with the highest SFM (or tier for MD)
5. Number of semi-finals
6. If 3. Is the same, the higher ranked team will be the team that won the event with the highest SFM (or tier for MD)
7. Number of quarter-finals
8. If 3. Is the same, the higher ranked team will be the team that won the event with the highest SFM (or tier for MD)

Distribution of Standard Qualifying Berths

After the berth allocation calculations have been performed, the total berths to be awarded will follow basic rounding principles if whole numbers are not produced. If the basic rounding principles do not allocate enough berths, the figure closest to the nearest higher whole number will receive the berth (i.e. highest numbers after the decimal point).

In the example below, basic rounding principles would not award enough berths (i.e. all numbers would round down). However, the Canmore provincial qualifier would receive 11 berths as it is the closest to a higher whole number.

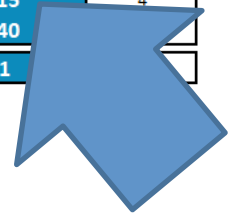


Mixed Doubles Berth Assignment

Input			Calculation				
Qualifier Location	Minimum berths available at each qualifier as per policy	Total teams registered at each location	Teams remaining (total teams - min berths)	Percent of teams registered after min berths assigned (teams remaining / total of teams remaining)	Additional berths assigned based on pro rated calculation (% x remaining berths)	TOTAL BERTHS (min berths + additional berths)	Number of teams to be eliminated
Canmore	1	22	21	53%	9	10.45	12
Slave Lake	1	8	7	18%	3	4.15	4
Cold Lake	1	13	12	30%	5	6.40	
Total	3	43	40			21	

Remaining Berths for pro-rated distribution	18
TOTAL BERTHS available	21

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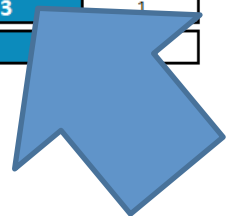
If basic rounding principles allocate too many berths, the figure closest to the nearest lower whole number will have the berth removed (lowest numbers after the decimal point). In the example below, basic rounding principles would award one too many berths (i.e. all numbers would round up). However, the Leduc provincial qualifier would only receive three berths as it is the closest to a lower whole number.



Alberta Winter Games Women Berth Assignment

Input			Calculation				
Qualifier Location	Minimum berths available at each location	Total teams registered at each location	Teams remaining (Total teams - min Berths)	Percent of teams registered after min berths assigned	Additional berths assigned based on pro rated calculation	TOTAL BERTHS (Minimum Berths + Additional Berths)	Number of teams to be eliminated
Lethbridge	1	5	4	33%	2	2.67	2
Leduc	1	7	6	50%	3	3.50	4
Fairview	1	3	2	17%	1	1.83	1
Total	3	15	12			8	

Remaining Berths for pro-rated distribution	5
TOTAL BERTHS available	8

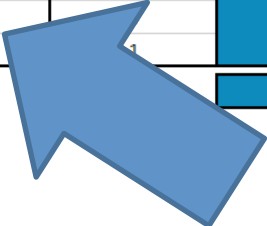


If, after the berth allocation calculations have been performed, the figures indicating the total berths to be awarded are exactly tied, an extra berth will be awarded to the PQ with the highest per centage of teams registered after the minimum berths are allocated. In the example below, the berth would go to the Black Diamond qualifying event as it is the largest event.



U21 Women Berth Assignment

Input			Calculation				
Qualifier Location	Minimum berths available at each location	Total teams registered at each location	Teams remaining (Total teams - min Berths)	Percent of teams registered after min berths assigned	Additional berths assigned based on pro rated calculation	TOTAL BERTHS (Minimum Berths + Additional Berths)	Number of teams to be eliminated
Fort McMurray	1	1	0	0%	0	1.00	0
Oilfield, Black Diamond	1	8	7	88%		4.50	4
Grande Prairie	1	2	1	13%	1	1.50	1
Total	3	11	8			7	4



Remaining Berths for pro-rated distribution	4
TOTAL BERTHS available	7

* took the 1 pre-qualifying berth out