



INAUGURAL EXCEL CUPS A HUGE SUCCESS

Curling Alberta's inaugural Excel Cups were held November 29 to December 1 at the Okotoks Curling Club and the Saville Community Sports Centre. These exciting new events included the top U21 and U18 teams from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, and featured some outstanding games.

The U21 Excel Cup in Okotoks produced two very deserving champions. On the female side, the Calgary team of Ryleigh Bakker (skip), Ashton Skrlík (third), Lisa Parent (second), Julianna Mackenzie (lead), and Jack Moss (coach) won the title and \$1,500 with a 4-3 victory over the Abby Marks team from Edmonton. The Saskatoon team of Rylan Kleiter (skip), Trevor Johnson (third), Joshua Mattern (second), Matthieu Taillon (lead), and Dean Kleiter (coach) defeated the Ryan Jacques team from Edmonton 7-4 to take home the male title and \$1,500.

Meanwhile, at the U18 Cup at the Saville Centre, Saskatchewan teams took home both titles. The team of Madison Kleiter (skip), Emily Haupstein (third), Skylar Ackerman (second), Abbey Johnson (lead), and Clare Johnson of Saskatoon defeated the Claire Booth team from Red Deer 6-3 to take home \$1,500 first prize and the female title. On the male side, the Saskatoon team of Daymond Bernath (skip), Nathen Pomedli (third), Logan Ede (second), Brayden Grindheim (lead), and Laurie Burrows (coach) earned \$1,500 with their 5-3 victory over the Kyler Kurina team from Calgary.

One of the unique features of the Excel Cups was that each included a Singles Skills Competition, which had each curler execute 12 different shots with the support of their regular sweepers and line-caller. The Singles medalists from the Excel Cups were:

Excel Cup	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
U18 Male	Daymond Bernath	Kyler Kurina	Nathen Pomedli
U18 Female	Madison Kleiter	Zoe Cinnamon	Abbey Johnson
U21 Male	Rylan Kleiter	Riley Helston	Jacob Libbus
U21 Female	Catherine Clifford	Juliana MacKenzie	Ashton Skrlík

Curling Alberta is extremely pleased with the first-ever Excel Cups, and looks forward to building a strong tradition with these events in the years to come.

To view the full results from each Excel Cup please visit the links below:

U18 Female Excel Cup: <https://curlingalberta.ca/competitions/follow-the-score#!/competitions/6224>

U18 Male Excel Cup: <https://curlingalberta.ca/competitions/follow-the-score#!/competitions/6223>

U21 Female Excel Cup: <https://curlingalberta.ca/competitions/follow-the-score#!/competitions/6226>

U21 Male Excel Cup: <https://curlingalberta.ca/competitions/follow-the-score#!/competitions/6225>