



Curling Alberta Competitions Update: Remaining 2019-2020 Season Will Be Rescheduled to the Fall

As announced last week, Curling Alberta has postponed all remaining courses and sanctioned competitions for the 2019-2020 season in response to COVID-19. This is an evolving situation, and we know it may cause some uncertainty for you. **We want to assure you that we are working hard to reschedule all the postponed events for late summer/early fall.**

Categories that were postponed include U15, U21 Mixed Doubles, Mixed, Curling Club Championships, and Wheelchair.

Although Curling Alberta will make every effort to reschedule, please note that event dates are subject to availability in host clubs, which means that some event locations may change as well. Note that we will make every effort to reschedule these events either at the original location or as close as possible and with the existing fall schedule in mind, attempting to avoid conflicts. Further updates, including dates and locations, will be announced as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience while we work with our member clubs and other partners to make all this happen.

Please read below for category-specific updates, which includes information on any withdrawals and refunds.

Curlers Corner U15 Provincial Qualifiers and Championship

There are two U15 provincial qualifiers remaining with seventeen standard berths available. Both qualifying events and the provincial championship will be rescheduled for late summer/early fall.

All teams registered at the time of registration closing, February 5, 2020, will automatically be entered for the rescheduled dates. The age eligibility will remain as 14 years or under as of June 30, 2019. In other words, as long as the curlers were eligible when they registered, then they will still be eligible and will not age out.

Although changes to the roster are not encouraged, Curling Alberta recognizes that not all curlers may be available on the new dates. In consideration of this, the substitution and replacement policy will be relaxed for the remaining qualifiers. Specifically, the requirement for teams to maintain three of four originally rostered players will be reduced to require only two of four originally rostered players. Any substitutes/replacements must still meet category eligibility as per the [Competitor's Guide](#). Any team who this applies to must inform Curling Alberta in writing for approval to be granted. Roster changes are not considered valid until verified by the Curling Alberta staff in writing.



After the remaining two provincial qualifiers have been completed, teams that qualify for the provincial championship will have to maintain three of four rostered players moving forward as per the original substitution and replacement policy in the [Competitor's Guide](#).

Teams wanting to withdraw can apply for a full refund by emailing Curling Alberta. It is recommended to wait for the new dates before applying for a refund as registrations will not reopen.

U21 Mixed Doubles (Open) Provincial Championship

All teams registered at the time of registration closing, March 11, 2020, will be automatically entered for the rescheduled provincial championship. The age eligibility will remain as 20 years or under as of June 30, 2019 (1 male and 1 female player per team). In other words, curlers must be born after June 30, 1998 (i.e. curlers will not age out if they were eligible at the time of registration).

Although changes to the roster are not encouraged, Curling Alberta recognizes that not all curlers may be available on the new dates. In consideration of this, one of the two originally rostered players can be replaced. All replacements must still meet category eligibility as per the [Competitor's Guide](#). Any team who this applies to must inform Curling Alberta in writing for approval to be granted. Roster changes are not considered valid until verified by the Curling Alberta staff in writing. There will be a deadline for this special allowance in this category which will be announced as soon as possible.

Teams wanting to withdraw can apply for a full refund by emailing Curling Alberta. It is recommended to wait for the new dates before applying for a refund as registrations will not be reopened.

Mixed Provincial Qualifier and Championship

There is one remaining provincial qualifier for mixed with three standard berths available. The qualifier will be rescheduled for the fall with the provincial championship to be scheduled on another weekend.

Although changes to the roster are not encouraged, Curling Alberta recognizes that not all curlers may be available on the new dates. In consideration of this, the substitution and replacement policy will be relaxed for the remaining qualifiers. Specifically, the requirement for teams to maintain three of four originally rostered players will be reduced to require only two of four originally rostered players. Any substitutes/replacements must still meet category eligibility as per the [Competitor's Guide](#). Any team who this applies to must inform Curling Alberta in writing for approval to be granted. Roster changes are not considered valid until verified by the Curling Alberta staff in writing.



After the remaining provincial qualifier has been completed, teams that qualify for the provincial championship will have to maintain three of four rostered players moving forward as per the original substitution and replacement policy in the [Competitor's Guide](#).

Teams wanting to withdraw can apply for a full refund by emailing Curling Alberta. It is recommended to wait for the new dates before applying for a refund as registrations will not reopen.

Club Championship Provincial Qualifiers and Championship, presented by Original 16

All three Club Championship Provincial Qualifiers are outstanding and will be rescheduled for the fall. To remain in line with the Curling Canada's [Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements](#), teams will only be able to recruit one spare or replacement at any level of the competition. If a team is unable to field three of four originally rostered players, the club they are representing will have the opportunity to name a new team. The new team must meet all eligibility requirements. This change must be requested in writing and approved by Curling Alberta.

Teams wanting to withdraw can apply for a full refund by emailing Curling Alberta. It is recommended to wait for the new dates before applying for a refund as registrations will not reopen.

Wheelchair Provincial Championship

Curling Alberta's Wheelchair Provincial Championship will be rescheduled to late summer/early fall. Further information will be shared once available.

Curling Alberta Courses

Curling Alberta will reschedule the Competition Coach course that was scheduled for March 28 & 29 and the Ice Tech Level 2 course that was scheduled for March 27-29 in the fall.

Registrants wanting to cancel can apply for a full refund by emailing Curling Alberta.

For More Information or to Request a Refund

If you have any questions right now, please send us an email as our staff will be working from home during the pandemic.

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Further updates will be posted as they are available.