



EXCEL POINTS RACE

2020-2021

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The Excel Points Race is a ranking system for Alberta-based U18, U20, U25, Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles teams. The Excel Points Race will be used for multiple purposes, including determining the teams that qualify the Excel Cups, berth(s) in various Provincial and/or National Championships (see category-specific appendices for berth allocation details), and the Excel Team Program.

All U15, U18, and U20 Teams will be ranked based on the Excel Points structure described below.

ALL of the following events will be considered (i.e., no maximum number):

- **U15 Qualifiers:** 7.5 for each Provincials berth **or** 1 per win
- **U15 Provincials:** 20-champion, 15-finalist, 10-semi-finalist **or** 1.5 per win
- **Alberta Winter Games:** 20-champion, 15-finalist, 10-semi-finalist **or** 1.5 per win
- **U18 Excel Cup:** 30-champion, 20-finalist, 15-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **U18 Excel Points Race:** 15 for Provincials berth
- **U18 Qualifiers*:** 15 for each Provincials berth **or** 2 per win
- **U18 Provincials:** 40-champion, 30-finalist, 20-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **U18 Nationals:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **Canada Winter Games Trials:** 40-champion, 30-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **Canada Winter Games:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **Junior Excel Cup:** 60-champion, 40-finalist, 30-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U20 Excel Points Race:** 15 for Provincials berth
- **U20 Qualifiers:** 30 for each Provincials berth **or** 4 per win
- **U20 Provincials:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U20 Nationals:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U21 Worlds:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist, 60 quarter-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **M/W Qualifiers:** 60 for each Provincials berth **or** 8 per win
- **M/W Provincials:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist, 60 quarter-finalist **or** 12 per win

Points earned in these events will **not count towards qualification for the U20 Excel Cup.*

ONLY a team's TOP-5 points totals from the following events will be considered:

- **U15 AJCT Bonspiels*:** 7.5-champion, 5-finalist, 3.75-semi-finalist, 2.5 quarter-finalist **or** .5 per win
- **U18 AJCT Bonspiels*:** 15-champion, 10-finalist, 7.5-semi-finalist, 5 quarter-finalist **or** 1 per win
- **PCT Challenge Bonspiels*:** 15-champion, 10-finalist, 7.5-semi-finalist, 5 quarter-finalist **or** 1 per win
- **U20 AJCT Bonspiels*:** 30-champion, 20-finalist, 15-semi-finalist, 10 quarter-finalist **or** 2 per win
- **U20 AJCT Players' Championship:** 60-champion, 45-finalist, 30-semi-finalist, **or** 4 per win
- **WCT Bonspiels**:** Dollars earned divided by 100 (e.g. \$2,550 earned = 25.50 points)

**Playoff points will only be awarded to the top-half of the field. No points will be awarded for tiebreakers.*

***These events must take place within Curling Alberta's established geographical boundaries. Also, please note that any spare used in a WCT event must come from the same age category as the rest of the team or younger.*

All U25*, Men's, and Women's Teams will be ranked using a new Excel Points Race formula, which will replace the CTRS points calculations for the 2020-2021 season.

ONLY the TOP-8 points totals from the following events will be considered:

- **WCT Bonspiels**:** PTRS points earned in bonspiels within Curling Alberta's boundaries
- **M/W Qualifiers:** 60 for each Provincials berth
- **M/W Provincials:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist, 60-quarter-finalist
- **M/W Nationals:** 320-champion, 240-finalist, 160-semi-finalist, 120 quarter-finalist
- **M/W Worlds:** 320-champion, 240-finalist, 160-semi-finalist, 120 quarter-finalist
- **U20 Nationals:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist
- **U21 Worlds:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist, 60 quarter-finalist

**To be eligible U25 teams must have an aggregate age of less than 100 years as of June 30, 2020.*

*** Please note that any spare used in a WCT event must come from the same age category as the rest of the team or younger.*

All Mixed Doubles Teams will be ranked using the new Excel Points Race formula described below, which will replace the CMDTR points calculations for the 2020-2021 season.

ALL points totals from the following events will be considered:

- **WCT Mixed Doubles Bonspiels**:** Dollars earned divided by 100
(e.g. \$2,550 earned = 25.50 points)
- **Mixed Doubles Qualifiers:** 60 for each Provincials berth
- **Mixed Doubles Provincials:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist, 60-quarter-finalist
- **Mixed Doubles Nationals:** 320-champion, 240-finalist, 160-semi-finalist, 60 quarter-finalist
- **Mixed Doubles Worlds:** 320-champion, 240-finalist, 160-semi-finalist, 60 quarter-finalist
- **U20 Mixed Doubles Provincials:** 60-champion, 45-finalist, 30-semi-finalist, 22.5-quarter-finalist

***These events must take place within Curling Alberta's established geographical boundaries.*

Frequently Asked Questions

(Note: please see Competition Contingency Policies for COVID-19 related topics)

Q: What will the Excel Points Race be used for?

A: The Excel Points Race will be used for a variety of different purposes. For example, it will determine berth(s) in various Provincial and National Championships (please see category-specific appendices for berth allocation details). It will also determine the Alberta teams that will be included the Excel Cups.

Q: Can a team from a younger age category qualify for the Excel Cup and/or the Excel Provincials/Nationals berth in an older age category?

A: Yes. If they are good enough to earn sufficient points to qualify they deserve these opportunities. The reality is that in order for teams to have a realistic chance of earning these points they will need to 'play up' regularly throughout the season, and in doing so they risk not earning points in their own age category. With this said, if teams are capable of finding success in older age categories there is no reason to put barriers in their way.

Q: How is the Excel Points Race used for qualification for the Excel Team Program?

A: The year-end Excel Points Race calculations from the previous season will be used to determine the teams included in the next season's Excel Team Program. This will be based on Combined Individual Points (i.e., ¼ share of the Excel Points earned by each curler's team).

Q: What should I do if my name does not appear on the list?

A: If you recently aged out of juniors, your name will not appear on the list until you register with a men's or women's team for the Excel Points Race. If that is not your situation, please contact the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible.

Q: What about curlers moving to Alberta from another province?

A: Curlers moving to Alberta from another province can apply to have their results from the previous season considered, and potentially included. In the interest of fairness to everyone concerned, each application from a relocating curler will be reviewed on its own merits.

Q: How is strength of field reflected in the U15/U18/U20 Excel Points Race calculations?

A: Strength of field is inherently built in to the system since point values increase from age category to age category. Incorporating a strength of field multiplier (i.e., as per CTRS) as well would unnecessarily complicate points calculations, would reduce transparency and accessibility, and would not acknowledge the evolving skill sets of these curlers.

Q: Why can teams get points for playing in an age category above their own?

A: Our goal was to build a ranking system that reflects each team's overall capability without worrying about building or protecting a ranking within a particular age category. It is more difficult to earn points as the teams play teams above their age category. For example, a U18 team playing in a U20 event might not have as much success as they would in their own age category. However, if they are successful they have earned those points. Remember, teams that choose to 'play up' can only gain points if they do well, and there is no guarantee that will occur.

Q: Do we need all 4 players in an event to earn team points?

A: A team will earn points if 3 of 4 registered players compete in the event. The points earned reside with the team. If your team is competing with fewer than 4 of your original players, please notify the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible.

Q: What should I do if I notice something might not be correct with any team's points calculation?

A: If you are concerned with respect to the points that any team has been awarded, please contact the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible. Any challenges should be made as soon as possible, and must be made before the established deadlines for specific berths or selections.

Q: Can a team name five players and/or can a replacement player be named?

A: At this time teams cannot name five players. However, if a registered team member leaves partway through the season, a permanent replacement can then be named. Under these circumstances, the team would keep its current point total. However, in the event that a team changes two players, its point total will be reset to zero. The Excel Points Race Coordinator should be notified of any team changes. The deadline to submit the name of a replacement player is the first day of the first provincial championships in which the team competes.

Q: What is the PCT Challenge Division?

A: The Peace Curling Tour is a series of bonspiels in the Peace country that lead to a championship. There are 3 divisions – Junior (U15), Challenge, and Competitive. The Challenge Division usually consists of U18 teams, senior teams, and competitive club teams. The Competitive Division is primarily made up of men's teams that compete or have competed in men's provincial playdowns. Please note: the Competitive Division events are counted in another manner since they are part of the WCT.

For more information on the **Excel Points Race** please contact our Excel Points Race Coordinator, **Renee Sonnenberg**: renee.sonnenberg@curlingalberta.ca