

APPENDIX:

Women's Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts

See below for competition specific details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitors' Guide apply to these competitions. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitors' Guide and this appendix, this appendix is considered to take priority.

This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation on, at a minimum, an annual basis.

Teams competing in a Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifier do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including Provincial Championships, until they are eliminated. In effect, this means a competitor may enter the women's competition and another category (e.g. Mixed Doubles, Mixed, Seniors, etc.) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

NOTE: Teams which may become eligible for a pre-qualifying berth on December 16th must enter by the registration deadline (November 25th) and pay the entire entry fee, including the Curling Canada Competitor's Card fee.

Non-resident "free agents" are permitted in Curling Alberta women's competitions. Relevant rules and procedures are described in the Competitors' Guide and must follow Curling Canada guidelines at <https://www.curling.ca/residency-eligibility-requirements/>. Note deadlines for applications. Free agents must also be a member of a Curling Alberta affiliated club.

In summary, eight (8) provincial berths are awarded in total.

- Three (3) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: defending champion and two (2) Excel Points Race Berths). A team accepting a pre-qualifying berth is ineligible to compete in a Provincial Qualifier. See the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details.
- Five (5) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, per category, all through the Provincial Qualifiers.

The draw and schedule for the Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta Website. Reference the Competitor's Guide on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding process.

A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. The details and formats are as described in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy. Note a maximum of two separate Provincial Qualifiers will be offered in 2020-21. Seeding of Provincial Qualifiers will occur.
2. All games are 10 ends (no minimum # of ends).
3. Game timing may occur, with no penalty assessed. It is expected participants and officials will use this timing opportunity to enhance training and skill development. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The event will be an eight (8) team full round-robin championship, with "top 3" playoff.
2. All eight (8) teams will be seeded based on their ranking in the Excel Points Race. Where Excel Points aren't available, teams will be randomly drawn.
 - a. Top three (3) Excel Points teams will receive seeds 1-3 and the rest of the field are ranked according to Excel Points, where available. Match ups will be discussed with Host Committees and placed at key times, when possible.
3. All games are 10 ends and are timed. A minimum of five (5) ends in RR and eight (8) ends in playoffs must be played, depending on TV requirements.
4. Thinking time is 38 minutes per 10 ends; 4 minutes and 30 seconds are allowed for each extra end. The fifth end break is 5 minutes.
5. Each player must deliver one LSD during the round robin.
6. Tie-breakers, if necessary, will follow the procedures described in the Competitors' Guide section 2(C)(4).
7. **PLAYOFFS:**
 - a. After the round-robin, the first place team will advance to the finals
 - b. The second and third place teams will play in a semi-final with the winner advancing to the final. (see Playoffs section 2(C)(5) in the Competitors Guide for complete details, including the procedure in the event of a tie for a playoff position)

C. PLAYOFF MEETING:

1. Immediately following the last round-robin draw a meeting will occur between the Chief Umpire and the skips from the remaining tie-breaker and/or playoff teams.
2. It is mandatory that a designated member of each team be present for this meeting.
3. The Chief Umpire will further identify each team's responsibilities with respect to stone or hammer selection(s), and any adjustments to scheduling or ice allocations if necessary.

D. TEAM FUNDING POLICY: TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Curling Canada's team funding and alternate player policy for the Tournament of Hearts can be found on the Curling Canada Website: <https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/>.