



Summary of Protocols for Curling Alberta's 2021 Men's, Women's, & Mixed Doubles Provincial Championships

Curling Alberta is in the process of making an application to host its 2021 men's, women's, and mixed doubles provincial championships in accordance with the [Guidance for Professional Sporting Events](#) published by the Government of Alberta, in order for the events to proceed. This document is intended to summarize the protocols that athletes and coaches will be subject to follow at these provincial championships if Curling Alberta's application is approved. Please read the information provided then complete our [survey](#) to help us understand how many teams are likely to participate.

Background

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Curling Alberta will not host any provincial qualifying events in the men's, women's, and mixed doubles categories.
- Curling Canada has announced that they will continue to host the Tim Hortons Brier, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships in the hub city of Calgary in 2021. As long as it is deemed safe and responsible to do so, Curling Alberta remains committed to proceed with its provincial championships to determine its provincial representatives at these events, with the goal to maintain competitive integrity in the path for teams to ultimately qualify for the 2021 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials.
- All teams interested in competing in these provincial championships must register online by January 4th at noon. Teams who do not qualify for the championships will receive a full refund.

Preparation & Testing Requirements

- To ensure Curling Alberta and their athletes are not adding stress to the public Covid-19 testing system, private services will be utilized.
- Proof of a negative COVID-19 test must be submitted to Curling Alberta within a maximum of 72 hours of arrival at the host hotel or arena.
 - Players will be responsible to arrange and pay for this initial test. [DynaLife Medical Labs](#) for example, provides this service publicly for a fee.
- Teams will be subject to a mandatory Covid-19 test on Day 0 or arrival day.
 - Teams must wear masks during practice until negative test results are received from all team members on Day 0. At that time, teams will be requested to wear masks and stay physically distanced from anyone outside their cohort. More than one sweeper may be utilized but the non-delivering team must relinquish the sheet.
- Teams will be subject to a mandatory Covid-19 test on Day 5 after arrival.

- Regular curling will be permitted following the procurement of negative results from day 5 testing.
- There will be no day 5 testing for the mixed doubles provincial championship.
- Curling Alberta will arrange and pay for day 0 and day 5 testing.
- Teams will be subject to a review of symptoms and temperature testing. A failed test (greater than 37.9°C) will result in that person returning to the safe hotel for 24 hours.
- Fourteen (14) days prior to start of any competition, the team:
 - Must use diligent preventative measures: strict social distancing, use of masks, frequent hand washing.
 - Must avoid unnecessary interactions with non-family members and non-essential activities.
 - May train at a local curling rink with strict social distancing (if permitted by current health authority regulations). However, players must drive their own vehicle, arrive at the rink ready to train and depart immediately after training. Training with other teams is **not** allowed.
- Athletes competing in the men's and women's provincial championship prior to the mixed doubles provincial championship are required to follow the measures mentioned above between events. To clarify, if a team is eliminated from the men's or women's but they are a member of a registered mixed doubles team, they may leave the "bubble", but must remain diligent until the mixed doubles event begins. They will also be tested again on day 0 of the mixed doubles competition.

While in Sylvan Lake

- Teams are permitted in designated areas only while competing in the event: the safe hotel, the NexSource Centre, and their vehicles while driving between the hotel and venue. A separate entrance will be allocated for teams and essential ice level services at the NexSource Centre. A floorplan and breakdown of zones will be provided prior to the event.
- Teams will be expected to form cohorts and may socialize within their cohort during the competition. Socializing with other cohorts will not be permitted.
- Accommodation: Teams will be required to stay at their designated hotel. Curling Alberta will provide a list of where teams are required to stay.
 - Airbnbs, Vrbos and other accommodation options are not permitted.
 - Rooms will be double or single occupancy. Curlers may only share a room with another person in their cohort.
 - Delivery services must be used for any items coming into the hotel. Access to shopping services should be limited to only essential items.
- Families of team members and guests will **not** be permitted to stay at the designated hotels nor will they be permitted inside the NexSource Centre at any time.
 - Infants (under one year of age) and their caregiver are the only exception.
- Since fans will not be allowed, one sheet per game will be professionally live streamed and available for a fee.
- Food options: Sit-down dining outside the safe hotel(s) is not permitted, meaning food must be delivered to the safe hotel(s). Curling Alberta will designate an area in the hotel where food may be collected upon delivery.

Important dates for Men's and Women's Provincial Championship (combined event January 25-31, 2021)

- 72 hours prior to the event beginning pre-event testing must be submitted to Curling Alberta
- Sunday, January 24: Arrival in Sylvan Lake and day 0 testing. Practice ice available for teams. Schedule will be provided.
- Monday, January 25: Even begins
- January 28: Day 5 testing
- January 29 or 30: Regular curling allowed
- January 31: Championship finals

Important dates Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship (February 2-5, 2021)

- 72 hours prior to the event beginning pre-event testing must be submitted to Curling Alberta
- Monday, February 1: Arrival in Sylvan Lake and day 0 testing. Practice ice available for teams. Schedule will be provided.
- Monday, February 2: Event begins
- February 5: Championship finals

Any questions or concerns can be directed to info@curlingalberta.ca.