

APPENDIX:

U21 Mixed Doubles

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

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

Special note for all competitors under 18 years of age: As per section 4 of the Competitors' Guide, Curling Alberta will require at least one parent/guardian of each player under 18 years of age to complete the online Respect in Sport – Parent Program in order for the minor to participate in any sanctioned event. Access the RiS Parent Program registration and FAQ's: <https://curling-canada-parent.respectgroupinc.com/>.

With respect to an actual or potential date conflict:

- If a U21 Mixed Doubles team member has a conflict because they are representing Alberta or Canada at a National or International level in another category, he/she may be replaced on the U21 Mixed Doubles team in advance of any competition. A mixed doubles team cannot replace more than one player.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter U21 Mixed Doubles and another category (eg. U20 (Junior) or Women's, Men's), and can subsequently be replaced for U21 Mixed Doubles if they qualify for National or International competition in the other category.

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 Competitors' Guide on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. FOR ALL MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS:

1. All games are 8 ends.
2. Coaches will utilize the Enhanced Coaching Involvement Pilot. In doing so, 2 minutes of thinking time will be added, but there will be no timeouts. (See [Enhanced Coaching Involvement Guide](#) for details). Games may be timed; thinking time is 26 minutes; extra ends are 4 minutes.
3. If a coach does not elect to use ECI, then the team has two 90 second timeouts; and one timeout in each extra end.
4. In all Mixed Doubles competitions, with the exception of Provincial Championship

playoffs, teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or practice order. See section C of this Appendix for provincial playoff procedures.

5. Pre-Game practice is 6 minutes per team.
 - a. Teams can throw all eight stones in pre-game practice and then select only five stones to throw for game play. They must keep those five stones for the entire game.
6. No stone in play, including the positioned stones and those in the house, can be moved to an out of play position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of the end. The fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play.
7. At the start of every end, the team with `hammer` will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
8. Each team is allowed one power play per game determined by the team with hammer.
 - a. Vertical stone placement (depth of guard in front of the rings) is decided by the teams after the second practice and remains the same throughout the game.
 - b. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones should be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.
9. If the end was blanked, the team that delivered first in that end shall determine the placement of the positioned stones.
10. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.
11. Teams must have 1 male and 1 female. There is no mixed doubles spare pool. Mixed Doubles are not permitted a substitute and therefore a team would be disqualified if the original 2 players were unable to compete. However, a permanent replacement for one of the players may be granted by Curling Alberta, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by policy. See the Curling Alberta Competitors' Guide for player replacement criteria and procedures.
12. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta U21 Mixed Doubles competition.

B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in this competition. Instead, an unlimited number of teams may enter the Open Provincial Championship prior to the registration deadline.

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The Provincial Championship will be an open entry triple knockout format with an 8 team playoff.
2. There will be 2 winners from 'A' event, 2 winners from 'B' event and 4 winners from 'C' event.
3. Playoffs will be seeded with winners from A & B playing winners from the C event in a sudden death format to declare a Provincial Champion.
4. In all games, teams will deliver one (1) Last Stone Draw (LSD) to determine hammer only. First practice teams deliver the clockwise rotation and second practice teams deliver the counter-clockwise rotation.

5. Teams must have a coach. Coaches at this competition are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Competitors' Guide for details).

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a U15, U18 or U20/ U21 events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time period from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the sanctioned event.