

CURLING ALBERTA'S OUTLINE FOR THE 2021-22 COMPETITION SEASON

(Updated July 26, 2021)

After a COVID-19 shortened 2020-21 curling season, we are happy to announce a full schedule of competitions, plus two extra events for the 2021-22 season.

2021 Club Championships:

As the 2020 Provincial Champions, Team Hinton (Glenn Hansen) and Team Spruce Grove (Tiffany Steuber), did not have a chance to represent Alberta at the 2020 Canadian Championship, they have been invited to represent Alberta at the 2021 Everest Canadian Curling Club Championships held in Ottawa, ON., November 28-December 4, 2021.

2021 Seniors:

As the 2020 Senior Provincial Champions, Team Bernard and Team White, did not have a chance to represent Alberta at the 2020 Canadian Championship, they have been invited to represent Alberta at the 2021 Everest Canadian Senior Championships held in Sault Ste. Marie, ON., December 6-11, 2021.

2020-21 Mixed:

Curling Alberta will be running the 2020-21 Mixed Provincial Championship in order to select Team Alberta at the 2021 Canadian Mixed Championships in Canmore, AB., November 7-14, 2021. Picking up where we left off in the 2019-20 season, we will invite the teams that have already qualified for this championship, and run a provincial qualifier to qualify our remaining three teams.

2020-21 Mixed Provincial Qualifier, September 17-19, 2021, Airdrie CC 2020-21 Mixed Provincial Championship, September 29-Oct 3, 2021, Okotoks CC

Under-15:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 U15 Boys and Girls Provincial Championships. Additionally, Curling Canada will host U15 Rockfest West, held at the Saville Community Sports Centre in Edmonton, AB., March 25-27, 2022. Athletes will be deemed eligible to compete at U15 Rockfest West based on their scores on Curling Canada's Singles App for iOS and Android.

Under-15 Provincial Qualifier, December 16-19, 2021, Lacombe CC*

Under-15 Provincial Qualifier, January 6-9, 2022, Beaumont CC

Under-15 Provincial Qualifier, January 7-9, 2022, Slave Lake CC

Under-15 Provincial Championship, February 3-6, 2022, Medicine Hat CC

*Date change from previously announced date

Under-18:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 U18 Men's and Women's Provincial Championships. The winners will represent Alberta at the 2022 Under-18 Canadian Championship in Timmins, ON., February 14-20, 2022.

Under-18 Provincial Qualifier, December 9-12, 2021, Okotoks CC Under-18 Provincial Qualifier, December 10-12, 2021, Fox Creek CC Under-18 Provincial Qualifier, December 16-19, 2021, Beaumont CC

Under-18 Provincial Championship, January 12-16, 2021, Hinton CC

Alberta has been awarded a second berth per gender to the 2022 U18 Canadian Championships. See the category specific appendices for details.

Under-20:

Curling Alberta will host an additional event in this category, an open U20 Alberta Qualifier event, held at the Airdrie Curling Club, October 20-22, 2021. This event will qualify Team Alberta for the World Junior Qualification event in Saskatoon, SK. on November 22-27, 2021. The qualifying team is required to cover their own expenses.

Curling Alberta will also host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 U20 Men's and Women's Provincial Championships, which will qualify Team Alberta for the U-21 Men's and Women's National Championships, March 25-April 1, 2022.

Under-20 Provincial Qualifier, Jan 27-30, 2022, Airdrie CC

Under-20 Provincial Qualifier, Jan 28-30, 2022, Fairview CC

Under-20 Provincial Qualifier, Feb 3-6, 2022, Thistle CC, Edmonton

Under-20 Provincial Championship, March 2-6, 2022, Cochrane CC*

Alberta has been awarded a second berth per gender to the 2022 U20 Canadian Championships. See the category specific appendices for details.

U-21 Mixed Doubles:

Curling Alberta will host an open U-21 Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship at the Thistle Curling Club in Edmonton, April 7-10.

Combined Men's and Women's Provincial Championship:

Curling Alberta will host its first combined Men's and Women's Provincial Championships this season in Grande Prairie, AB., January 2-9, 2022. The winners will represent Alberta at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, ON., January 28-February 6, 2022 and the Tim Horton's Brier in Lethbridge, AB., March 4-13, 2022.

Women:

Curling Alberta will host two provincial qualifiers and the 2022 Women's Provincial Championship.

Women's Provincial Qualifier, November 25-28, 2021, Vulcan CC

Women's Provincial Qualifier, December 2-5, 2021, Fort Saskatchewan CC

Women's Provincial Championship, January 2-9, 2022, Grande Prairie, AB

Note: Curling Alberta has made a berth policy change to the women's category.

Men:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 Men's Provincial Championship.

Men's Provincial Qualifier, December 2-5, 2021, Fort McMurray CC

Men's Provincial Qualifier, December 2-5, 2021, Spray Lakes Sawmills Family Sports Centre, Cochrane*

Men's Provincial Qualifier, December 3-5, 2021, Slave Lake CC

Men's Provincial Championship, January 2-9, 2022, Grande Prairie, AB

*Location change from previously announced location

Note: Curling Alberta has made a berth policy change to the men's category.

^{*}Date change from previously announced date

Seniors:

Curling Alberta will host three men's provincial qualifiers to qualify teams for the Senior Men's Provincial Championship. Curling Alberta will also host an open Senior Women's Provincial Championship.

Senior Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 17-20, 2022, Ottewell CC, Edmonton

Senior Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 24-27, 2022, Innisfail CC

Senior Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 25-27, 2022, Sexsmith CC

Senior Men's and Women's Provincial Championship, March 16-20, 2022, Thistle CC, Edmonton

Masters:

Curling Alberta will host three men's provincial qualifiers to qualify teams for the Masters Men's Provincial Championship. Curling Alberta will also host an open Masters Women's Provincial Championship.

Masters Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 3-6, 2022, Lethbridge CC

Masters Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 4-6, 2022, Grande Prairie CC

Masters Men's Provincial Qualifier, February 10-13, 2022, Ellerslie CC

Masters Men's and Women's Provincial Championship, March 2-6, 2022, Granite CC, Edmonton

Mixed:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 Mixed Provincial Championship. The winner will represent Alberta at the 2022 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in the Fall of 2022.

Mixed Provincial Qualifier, February 10-13, 2022, Olds CC

Mixed Provincial Qualifier, February 11-13, 2022, Beaverlodge CC

Mixed Provincial Qualifier, February 17-20, 2022, Thistle CC, Edmonton

Mixed Provincial Championship, March 9-13, 2022, Black Diamond CC

Mixed Doubles:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship. The winner will represent Alberta at the 2022 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships in Sudbury, ON., March 22-27, 2022.

Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifier, January 20-23, 2022, Crowsnest Pass CC

Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifier, January 21-23, 2022, High Prairie CC

Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifier, January 27-30, 2022, Ponoka CC

Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship, February 16-20, 2022, Lloydminster CC

Note: Curling Alberta has made a berth policy change to the mixed doubles category.

Wheelchair Provincial Championship:

Curling Alberta will host up to eight teams at the 2022 Wheelchair Provincial Championship on January 14-16, 2022 at the Banff Curling Club. The winner will represent Alberta at the 2022 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships at the Ford Moose Jaw Curling Centre, Moose Jaw, Sask. on February 21-26, 2022.

Club Championships:

Curling Alberta will host three provincial qualifiers and the 2022 Curling Club Provincial Championship. The winner will represent Alberta at the 2022 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships in Sudbury, ON., March 22-27, 2022.

Curling Club Provincial Qualifier, March 17-20, 2022, North Hill CC, Calgary

Curling Club Provincial Qualifier, March 17-20, 2022, Leduc CC

Curling Club Provincial Qualifier, March 18-20, 2022, Grande Prairie CC

Curling Club Provincial Championship, April 6-10, 2022, Airdrie CC



CHANGES TO CURLING ALBERTA'S PROVINCIAL BERTH POLICIES

Curling Alberta has made changes to the existing provincial berth policies in the men's, women's, and mixed doubles categories.

Men's:

In summary, twelve (12) provincial berths are awarded in total.

Curling Alberta has made the decision to eliminate the 'defending champion' pre-qualifying berth.

- Five (5) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: three WCTR berths, and two Excel Points Race berths). Reference Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details.
- Seven (7) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, all through the Provincial Qualifiers.

Women's:

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

Curling Alberta has made the decision to eliminate the 'defending champion' pre-qualifying berth.

- Four (4) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: three WCTR berths, and one Excel Points Race berth). Reference Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details.
- Four (4) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, all through the Provincial Qualifiers.

Mixed Doubles:

In summary, sixteen (16) provincial berths are awarded in total. Note, this is a decrease from the former 24 provincial berths.

- Six (6) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: two CMDR berths, and four Excel Points Race berths). Reference Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details.
- Ten (10) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, per category, all through the Provincial Qualifiers.