



EXCEL POINTS RACE

2021-22

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The Excel Points Race is a ranking system for Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles teams on the Alberta Curling Tour. The Excel Points Race will be used for multiple purposes, including determining the teams that qualify for 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 using the Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS). Click [here](#) for details.

All U25*, Men's, and Women's Teams will be ranked on the Excel Points Race based on their success on the Alberta Curling Tour.

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

- Alberta Curling Tour Events: WCTR points earned in bonspiels sanctioned on the Alberta Curling Tour
 - Provincial qualifiers, provincials, nationals, and world championship points will not be considered for qualification into the Alberta Curling Tour Championship and future Excel Points Race berths.

The following criteria will be used for applications to the 2022-23 Excel Team Program:

- M/W Qualifiers: 60 for each Provincials berth (whether qualified through pre-qualifying berth or provincial qualifiers)
- 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, 2021.

** 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 CMDR points calculations for the 2021-2022 season.

ALL points totals from the following events will be considered:

- Alberta Curling Tour Mixed Doubles Bonspiels**: CMDR points earned in bonspiels sanctioned on the Alberta Curling Tour
 - For future Excel Points Race berths, qualifiers, provincials, nationals, and worlds points will not be considered.

The following criteria will be used for potential applications to the 2022-23 Excel Team Program:

- Mixed Doubles Qualifiers: 60 for each Provincials berth (whether qualified through pre-qualifying berth or provincial qualifiers)
- 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), and invitations to the Inaugural Alberta Curling Tour Championship.

Q: Is the Excel Points Race used for qualification of U20, U18, and U15 teams into their respective provincial championships?

A: No, Curling Alberta has combined our points structures with the Alberta Junior Curling Tour to create the Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS). Curling Alberta will use the AJTRS to pre-qualify teams into the U20 and U18 provincial championships

Q: Can a team outside of Alberta apply for the Excel Points Race?

A: Yes. The Alberta Curling Tour Championship will reward success on the Alberta Curling Tour, regardless of their residency. If a team outside of Alberta earns enough Excel Points on the Alberta Curling Tour, they will receive an invitation to the Alberta Curling Tour Championship. However, each team must meet all category-specific residency guidelines in order to be considered for provincial qualification.

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

A: You must register for the Excel Points Race each season in order to appear on the Excel Points Race. 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 the Alberta Curling Tour Representative as soon as possible.

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

A: For U25, and mixed doubles categories, 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., 1/4 share of the Excel Points earned by each curler's team). For the U20 and U18 categories,

this will be based on the Combined Individual AJTRS points.

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

A: A team will earn points if 3 of 4 registered players compete in the event. Additionally, as of September 1, 2021, a team may continue to be eligible for Excel Points in Alberta Curling Tour events, and eligible to compete in Curling Alberta sanctioned competitions if they play with 3 players on the ice, and 2 of those 3 players are listed on their original roster. The points earned reside with the team. To accumulate Excel Points in order to qualify for the Alberta Provincial Championship, the team must compete with a lineup that would meet category-specific residency guidelines. If your team is competing with fewer than 4 of your original players, please notify the Alberta Curling Tour Representative as soon as possible.

Q: What do I do if I notice something might not be correct with my team's or another team's points calculation?

A: If you are concerned with respect to the points that any team has been awarded, please contact the Alberta Curling Tour Representative 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 part way 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 Alberta Curling Tour Representative 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.

For more information on the Excel Points Race please contact our Alberta Curling Tour Representative, Jason Ginter: jason.ginter@curlingalberta.ca