



Alberta Junior Team Ranking System

The Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS) was developed jointly by Curling Alberta and the Alberta Junior Curling Tour. This is a single, unified system of ranking junior teams based on their performance at bonspiels and championships in Alberta. The AJTRS will be in effect for the 2021-2022 season.

Breakdown by Result

Points breakdown by result is as follows:

Champion	100%
Finalist	70%
Semifinalist	50%
Quarterfinalist	36%

**In the event that a third-place or bronze medal game is played, the team finishing in 3rd place will receive 56%, and the team finishing in 4th place will receive 50% of the Champion's points.*

Points per Tier

There are different points awarded based on the age category, event, and tier. Teams will be listed on the AJTRS in every division that they earn points. For example, if a U18 team participates in a U20 event, their result will be listed on standings for both the U18 and U20 categories. However, if that same team plays in a U18 event, their result will only be listed on the U18 standings. Placement points (Champion, Finalist etc) will only be awarded to 50% of the number of teams in an event (i.e. a 12 team event should have 6 qualifier spots to playoffs, thus 6 teams will be awarded placement points).

U20 Placement	Tier 1 (1.33x)	Tier 2 (1.0x)	Tier 3 (0.67x)
Champion	40	30	20
Finalist	28	21	14
Semifinalist	20	15	10
Quarterfinalist	14.4	10.8	7.2
Points per Win	2.67	2	1.33

U18 Placement	Tier 1 (1.33x)	Tier 2 (1.0x)	Tier 3 (0.67x)
Champion	20	15	10
Finalist	14	10.5	7
Semifinalist	10	7.5	5
Quarterfinalist	7.2	5.4	3.6
Points per Win	1.33	1	0.67

U15 AJCT Events	Points Awarded
Champion	7
Finalist	5.25
Semifinalist	3.75
Quarterfinalist	2.7
Points per Win	0.5

World Curling Tour (WCT) Events

World Curling Tour Events will be divided into two tiers based on the strength of field multiplier (SFM) as determined by the WCT. If an event meets or exceeds a SFM threshold of **5.0**, the event will be classified as Tier 1 WCT. If not, the event will be classified as Tier 2 WCT. Alberta Curling Tour (ACT) events qualify as World Curling Tour (WCT) events.

Other Events	Tier 1 WCT Events (SFM ≥5)	Tier 2 WCT Events (SFM <5)
Champion	80	60
Finalist	56	42
Semifinalist	40	30
Quarterfinalist	28.8	21.6
Points per Win	5.34	4

Other Events

The following points will be awarded for other events as listed below.

Other Events	U20 Excel Cup & AJCT Players Championship	Peace Curling Tour Challenge Division (U18 Teams Only)
Champion	60	20
Finalist	42	14
Semifinalist	30	10
Quarterfinalist	21.6	7.2
Points per Win	4	1.33

Points for Curling Alberta Events

The following points will be awarded for Curling Alberta events.

Curling Alberta Events	U18 Qualifiers	U18 Provincials	U18 AJTRS Provincials Berth	U20 Qualifiers	U20 Provincials	U20 AJTRS Provincials Berth
Champion	15 Points for Qualifying	40	15	30 Points for Qualifying	80	30
Finalist	N/A	28	N/A	N/A	56	N/A
Semifinalist		20			40	
Per Win	2	2.67		4	5.33	

Curling Alberta Events	U15 Qualifiers	U15 Provincials
Champion	7.5 Points for Qualifying	20
Finalist		14
Semifinalist		10
Per Win	1	1.33

Placement Points

In each event, placement points will be awarded to half of the teams entered in the event. We will use the following guidelines when determining how many teams receive placement points. These guidelines are subject to change.

- Number of teams receiving placement points will change based on the number of entries and number of qualifiers to the Championship Round
- Teams who are not awarded placement points will be awarded points per win based on the SFM
- Teams who are awarded placement points will not receive points per win

Determination of Tiers

The tier for the **first three** events of the season in each division will be based on the previous two year's strength of field/average rank of teams.

For the **remainder** of events the following will apply:

The tier of the event will be determined after the bonspiel has concluded. This will be determined by the average rank of participating teams on the most up-to-date AJCT Standings. The tier cut-off values were calculated from the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons and will be reviewed annually.

Note: Should a division of an event (e.g. U18 Women) have fewer than the required minimum number of teams (U18 = 8, U20 = 6), the Tier will be downgraded by one level.

U20 Tiers	Average Rank
Tier 1	<7
Tier 2	7-9
Tier 3	>9

U18 Tiers	Average Rank
Tier 1	<8
Tier 2	8-10.5
Tier 3	>10.5

Example Calculation

The following teams are entered in a U18 AJCT Bonspiel:

Team	Rank	Event Result	Points Awarded
Team A	2	Semi-Finalist	7.5
Team B	4	Semi-Finalist	7.5
Team C	5	Champion	15
Team D	6	Runner-Up	10.5
Team E	7	2 wins	2
Team F	10	1 win	1
Team G	16	0 wins	0
Team H	20	0 wins	0

The average rank is calculated to be **8.75**, which means that this U18 event is classified as **Tier 2**.

Since there are 8 teams in the event, 4 teams (half) will receive placement points and the remaining 4 teams will receive points per win.

Maximum Number of Events

Only a team's top 5 results from AJCT events will be included in points calculations. Results from the Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifiers and Championships will not count towards this 5 event maximum and will still be included in their total points calculation.

Example 1: A U20 team competes in five (5) AJCT events, U20 Qualifiers and U20 Provincials and has all seven (7) events included in their total points calculation.

Example 2: A U18 team competes in seven (7) AJCT events, U18 Qualifiers and U18 Provincials. Only their top 5 results from the AJCT events as well as their results in the Qualifiers and Provincials will be counted towards their total points calculation.

Substitution Policy

Teams are allowed to compete in AJCT events with substitute players. The substitution policies for Curling Alberta events can be found in their most recent Competitors Guide. A team eligible for AJTRS points must have 3 or more players from the original roster present at the event. I.E., a team that uses two substitutes/spares at an event is not eligible for AJTRS points.