

APPENDIX:

Curling Club Championships (Men's and Women's)

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

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Refer to the Curling Alberta website for details on how to submit the Declaration of Intent and final team identification. (<https://curlingalberta.ca/competitions/provincial-qualifiers-championships/>)

Teams competing in a Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifier do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including the Provincial Championships, until they are eliminated. In effect, this means a competitor may enter Club Championship category and another category (eg. Women's or Men's) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

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

- All of these berths are 'standard berths' awarded through the Provincial Qualifiers. There are no pre-qualifying berths in the Club Championship 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 process.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- For all qualifying and provincial Club Championship events, each player is permitted 1 sweeping device and it MUST be WCF compliant. Refer to section 1(B)(3) of the Competitors' Guide for complete details.

- Teams may add an alternate, substitute or replacement as per section 1(B)(1) of the Competitors' Guide, however they must be an active member in good standing at the curling club the team is representing. Substitutes must play lead.

A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. The details and formats are as described in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy. Note a maximum of three separate PQ's will be offered.
2. Seeding of PQ's will not occur.
3. All games are 8 ends (no minimum # of ends). Ties are decided by a full extra end or ends if required.
4. Game timing will not occur. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire. Must play minimum of four ends.
5. Teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or hammer.
6. A delivery stick may be used.
7. Team names will be listed as the curling club they represent.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The event will be a twelve-team championship in each gender, with two pools of six teams playing a full round-robin within each pool. The top two teams in each pool will qualify for a four-team page playoff. The final draw and schedule will be pre-approved by Curling Alberta.
2. Pool composition will be based on the results of the Provincial Qualifiers, with the overarching goal of making the pools as equal as possible. Teams will be placed in the draw by random selection. 'A' qualifiers will be drawn to fill seeds 1-4, 'B' qualifiers will be drawn to fill seeds 5-8, and 'C' qualifiers will be drawn to fill seeds 9-12.
 - i. A Women's team dropped out prior to the draw being made and a replacement was added using the Team Fill Guidelines. The team was given seed 12.
 - ii. One Women's team was awarded a berth without playing a game in the Peace region. The seed was determined by a random draw between 1-12.
3. All games are 8 ends and are not timed, however, teams are still expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire.
4. Ties are decided by a full extra end or ends if required.
5. Pre-game practice procedures are identified in section 1(D)(4) of the Competitor's Guide.
6. Teams will draw for hammer (LSD), as per Competitors' Guide section 1(D)(5), immediately following their pre-game practice (no requirement per player).
7. A delivery stick may be used.
8. Curling Alberta's cresting and uniform policies will not apply to this event. However, teams at the Provincial Championship are encouraged to wear matching jackets with the Curling Alberta crest on the right chest.

9. Teams tied may not be eliminated without tie-breakers, and must be aware that a Chief Umpire may adjust the Saturday/Sunday if necessary to accommodate tie-breakers. A team playing tie-breaker game(s) may subsequently play three or more games in a single day. Tie-breakers, if employed and necessary, will follow the procedures described in the Competitors' Guide section 2(C)(4).
10. PLAYOFFS - the Page Playoff format shall be as follows:
 - i. The two teams ranked 2nd in each pool will playoff in a quarter-final game 1. The winner advances to the semi-final game 3; the loser is eliminated.
 - ii. The two teams ranked 1st in each pool will playoff in a semi-final game 2. The winner advances to the championship final game 4; the loser drops to semi-final game 3 vs. winner of game 1.
 - iii. The winners of games 2 and 3 will compete in the final (game 4) to determine a champion.
 - iv. If hammer is predetermined, the team with hammer will have first practice.
 - v. Stone/hammer selection(s) will follow policy described in Competitor's' Guide, section 2(C)(6).
 - vi. For games 1 and 2, teams must use the stones from the assigned sheets.
 - vii. For games 3 and 4, teams will be allowed to use stones from any sheet – handles will not be changed.
 - viii. The team winning game 2 will be allowed to practice for 30 minutes immediately following the Sunday semi-final (game 3), on a sheet other than the one where the championship final will be played.
11. Tie-Breaking Procedures:
 - i. The following tie-breaking procedures will apply to both the men's and Curling Club Championship categories if two or more teams are tied for a playoff spot following the round-robin portion of the competition (including pool play):
 - a. The head to head results will rank the teams;
 - b. If the head to head results cannot rank the teams, then the DSC is used to rank the teams;
 - c. Once the teams are ranked by DSC, then further ranking is determined by the head to head game if it is available.

Example #1

If three teams tied for first place and are ranked by DSC 1-2-3. 1 is placed in first and 2 and 3 playoff with the round-robin winner having choice of color or practice and teams draw for hammer.

Example #2

If three teams are tied for second place are ranked by DSC, teams 2-3 playoff in a TB and play team 1 in the second tie-breaker.

Example #3

If four teams are tied for first and are ranked by DSC, then 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 to determine first and second spot - losers are eliminated from playoffs.
 - d. The head to head results will take precedence over draw to the button results (DSC.).

C. PLAYOFF MEETING:

1. Immediately following the last round-robin draw a meeting will occur between the Chief Umpire and the skips from the remaining tie-breaker and/or playoff teams.
2. It is mandatory that a designated member of each team be present for this meeting.
3. The Chief Umpire will further identify each team's responsibilities with respect to stone or hammer selection(s), and any adjustments to scheduling or ice allocations if necessary.