

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

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.
- [Clubs with 300 or more members will have the option to enter two \(2\) teams per gender into Provincial Qualifiers.](#)
- The draw and schedule for the Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta Website.

## A. FOR ALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

1. The curling club represented by each team, must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Association, must be in good standing with all applicable dues paid in full.
2. Players of any club team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
3. Any competitor is not required to be a Canadian citizen.
4. All four (4) members and any alternates must be bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent unless granted an exception by the Member Association.
5. Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club but must declare one "home club" for this competition.

Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:

1. Regular league players, or;
2. A club championship process, or;

3. A designated Curling Club Championship event within the club. Teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current curling season. Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and / or women's set team leagues) may be granted an exemption by written request to their provincial / territorial Member Association which must be done 30 days prior to the first Provincial Qualifier.

NOTES:

1. The use of the delivery stick by any or all four players (and any alternate) is acceptable subject to the Curling Canada rules under Rule 19, Curling With A Delivery Stick.
2. An Alternate player (replacement player) must play the lead position (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the teams affiliated curling club.
3. EXEMPTION: Each four-person team is allowed one (1) player:
  - a. Who has played in any named Curling Canada event\* in the current and the previous 2 seasons (regardless of finish) or,
  - b. Who has played in any provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event\* in the current and the previous 2 season (regardless of finish) or,
  - c. Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current and the previous 2 seasons (regardless of finish),
  - d. However, the other three (3) team members of the team cannot have played in the following:
    - i. Any Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current season and the past two (2) seasons
    - ii. Any provincial / territorial championship leading to any Curling Canada event\* in the current season and the previous two (2) seasons, unless their final ranking is less than the threshold of the respective Member Association (see chart):

Member Association	You are ineligible if...
Alberta	You qualified for the playoffs in the men's, women's, U20 senior, or mixed doubles provincial championships. This does not include the U21 mixed doubles.
British Columbia	You competed in any provincial championship (not including 9th or lower in the Mixed Doubles)
Manitoba	You competed in any provincial championship (not including 9th or lower in the Mixed Doubles)
New Brunswick	You finish in the championship round at provincials OR you finish 3rd or better at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 3rd or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 2nd or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	You win a territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 3rd or better at provincials
Nunavut	You win a territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 8th or better at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You win a provincial championship
Quebec	You finish 3rd or better at provincials

Member Association	You are ineligible if..
Saskatchewan	You finish 8th or better at any provincial
Yukon	You win a territorial championship

\* Curling Canada events include: Mixed, Canada Cup, Under-21, Tournament of Hearts, Brier, Seniors, Mixed Doubles, University, College, Under-18

- iii. Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having not played in those events.
- iv. Players who competed in the previous season's Canadian Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following season at any level.
- v. Each team is comprised of three (3) players that are a minimum of 19 years of age or over as of June 30th the year prior to the national championship. For example, a player must be 19 years of age on June 30th, 2022 for the November 2022 National Curling Club Championship.
- vi. Any team is allowed one (1) player under 19 years of age who shall be considered a "minor" and must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible to cover all costs associated with a legal guardian who is not a team member.
- vii. Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Any request must be submitted by the Provincial / Territorial Member Association. Curling Canada will consult with the Provincial / Territorial Member Association and will notify them within five (5) business days in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.

## B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. All competitor's must abide by policies laid out in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy. Not a maximum of three separate PQ's will be offered.
2. There are no pre-qualifying berths in the Club Championships category.
3. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta Club Championships competition.
4. Seeding of PQ's will not occur.
5. All games are 8 ends (no minimum # of ends). Ties are decided by a full extra end or ends if required.
6. Teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or hammer.
7. A delivery stick or wheelchair may be used.
8. Team names will be listed as the curling club they represent.

## C. 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. Regional representation will be equally distributed between the two pools.
3. All round-robin games are 8 ends and are not timed.
4. Round robin game ties are decided by full extra end or ends if required.
5. Upon completion of round robin play, the following tie-breaking procedures will apply to both the men's and women's Club Championship categories:
  - a. If two (2) teams are tied for first place in their pool, the winner of the Round Robin game will determine 1st place.
  - b. If two teams are tied for 2nd place in their pool, a single tiebreaker game will be played.
  - c. If three (3) teams are tied for first place in their pool, if one team defeats the other two teams, they will be awarded 1st place and the remaining two teams play for 2nd place.
  - d. If three (3) teams are tied for 1st place in their pool and they all defeated each other, the team with the lesser (best) DSC will be placed in 1st place and the remaining two teams play for 2nd place.
  - e. If three teams are tied for 2nd place in their pool, the lesser (best) DSC will get the 'bye' and the remaining two teams' playoff and the winner plays the 'bye' team to determine 2nd place. (Note: length of games will be determined by the Chief Umpire and Curling Alberta)

When teams are from the same pool:

- a. If a team has a better W/L record they will receive BOTH hammer and choice of stone colour in the playoffs.
- b. If teams have the same W/L record, the team that won the round robin game will have CHOICE of hammer or stone colour.
- c. If teams have the same W/L record and the DSC was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have choice of stone colour or practice session and teams will draw for hammer. Once DSC ranking is used, it is the only ranking factor and head-to-head results are not used.

When teams are not from the same pool:

- a. If a team has a better W/L record they will receive CHOICE of hammer or stone colour.
  - b. If teams have the same W/L record, and the DSC was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have CHOICE of stone colour or practice session and teams will draw for hammer.
6. Pre-game practice procedures are identified in section 1(D)(4) of the Competitor's Guide.
  7. Teams will draw for hammer (LSD), as per Competitors' Guide section 1(D)(5), immediately following their pre-game practice (no requirement per player).
  8. A delivery stick or wheelchair may be used.
  9. 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 with the category crest placed underneath.
  10. 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).

11. 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.