

APPENDIX:

Mixed

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

This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation on, at 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 the Mixed category and another category as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

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 Competitor's Guide on the Curling Alberta website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding process.

A. FOR ALL MIXED COMPETITIONS:

1. Curling Canada Rule 5(c):
 - i. The skip must deliver fourth stones and the player acting as vice-skip must deliver third stones and be of the opposite gender.
 - ii. There are only two accepted position/delivery rotations:
 - a) Male lead (first thrower), female second (second thrower), male third (third thrower) and female skip (fourth thrower).
 - b) Female lead (first thrower), male second (second thrower), female third (third thrower) and male skip (fourth thrower).

B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. All competitors must abide by policies laid out in section 1 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy.
2. **There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in the Mixed category. Instead, an open provincial championship will be played to determine a provincial champion.**
3. There are no pre-qualifying berths in the Mixed category.
4. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta Mixed competition.

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The format is an open championship, limited to 32 teams. Format will be determined on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration deadline closing. The format will be emailed to the registered skip of each team.
 - a. The Mixed Provincial Championship for the 2022-23 season will be limited to 32 teams which will be based on first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling I/O.
2. The event will be seeded in advance of the championship by averaging the results of submitted team ranking ballots from all participants. Teams are required to submit bio's to improve the accuracy of ranking ballots. Curling Alberta will provide Bio forms to each team after the registration deadline.
3. Teams MUST play with 4 players, 2 men and 2 women alternating delivery of stones.
4. All games are eight (8) ends and are timed (minimum of four (4) ends)
5. Thinking time is 30 minutes and 4 minutes and 30 seconds for each extra end. The fourth end break is 5 minutes.
6. Teams will draw for hammer (LSD) in pre-game practice (broom holder and deliverer must be opposite gender).
 - i. If a pool play format is chosen, each team member must deliver one LSD during the round robin.
7. A designated spare pool will be provided and will include any eligible player who has not competed in the same event category at any level.
 - i. Teams will have equitable access to the spare pool for the entire event. In the event more than one team requires access to the spare pool at the same time, the Chief Umpire will determine the order of selection by random draw.
 - ii. The team may select a substitute from the spare pool (a different substitute is allowed for each game).
8. PLAYOFFS:
 - i. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.