

APPENDIX:

U18 Alberta Canada Winter Games (Boy's and Girl's)

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 a minimum, an annual basis.

Special note for all competitors under 18 years of age: As per section 4 of the Competitors' Guide, Curling Alberta will require at least one parent/guardian of each player under 18 years of age to complete the online Respect in Sport – Parent Program or "Safe Sport" in order for the minor to participate in any sanctioned event.

Access to the RiS Parent Program registration and FAQ's:

<https://curling-canada-parent.respectgroupinc.com/>

Access to Safe Sport program: <https://safesport.coach.ca/>

Teams competing in the Alberta Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including the Canada Winter Games Trials, until they are eliminated. In effect, this means a competitor may enter the U18 CWG category and another category (e.g. Mixed Doubles, U20, as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Alberta CWG Trials.

The draw and schedule for the CWG Pre-Trials and CWG Trials will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta Website. Reference the Competitors' Guide for details on draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. ALBERTA CANADA WINTER GAMES (CWG) PRE-TRIALS:

1. The Alberta CWG Pre-trials is an open entry event, with a triple knockout format.
2. Four (4) CWG Trials berths are awarded in total, per gender. Three (3) of these berths are standard berths earned through the Alberta CWG Pre-Trials.
3. **One (1) berth is awarded to the top eligible team on the U18 Women's Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS) using their top three events in the U18 AJTRS.**

Two (2) berths are awarded to the top eligible teams on the U18 Men's Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS) using their **top three events in the U18 AJTRS**.

U18 teams are eligible to receive U18 AJTRS points in both U18 and U20 events in order to determine the final U18 Canada Winter Games Trials spots.

- a. If one of the qualified teams is the top eligible team on the U18 AJTRS, the next team on the U18 AJTRS will be awarded the final berth
 - b. If there is a tie for this berth, ties will be broken by head-to-head record in AJCT events between tied teams. If there is still a tie, a one-game playoff at the site of the U18 CWG Trials will determine the final berth.
4. All games are eight (8) ends (no minimum # of ends).
 5. There will be a 5 minute break after the 4th end.
 6. Coaches will utilize the Enhanced Coaching Involvement Pilot. (See Enhanced Coaching Involvement Guide for details).
 7. Game timing may occur, with no penalty assessed. It is expected participants and officials will use this timing opportunity to enhance training and skill development. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire. Teams are expected to be at the 60 minute mark by the 4th end.
 8. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta U18 competition.
 9. Teams must have a coach. Coaches at this competition are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Competitors' Guide for details).
 10. Teams that have been eliminated from the Alberta CWG Pre-Trials are not eliminated from the Alberta CWG Trials process. All players that have been eliminated from the Alberta CWG Pre-Trials are encouraged to compete on the Alberta Junior Curling Tour attempt to qualify via the U18 AJTRS.
 11. After qualifying for the Alberta CWG Trials, we understand that teams may require to make a change to their original roster moving into the 2022-'23 season. Unique only to this event, teams may replace one player on their original roster with any U18 age-eligible player (including a player that has competed in the Alberta CWG Pre-Trials). This roster change must be submitted to Curling Alberta by July 1, 2022. As of this date, Curling Alberta will treat modified rosters as though they are original rosters for the Alberta CWG Trials.

B. ALBERTA CWG TRIALS:

1. The format is a four (4) team double round-robin with a "top 2" championship final.
2. Teams will be seeded in this event based on their result in the Alberta CWG Pre-Trials.
 - a. A Qualifier = 1 seed
 - b. B Qualifier = 2 seed
 - c. C Qualifier = 3 seed
 - d. AJTRS Qualifier = 4 seed

3. Coaches will utilize the Enhanced Coaching Involvement Pilot. In doing so, 4 minutes of thinking time will be added, but there will be no timeouts. (See Enhanced Coaching Involvement Guide for details). Thinking time is 34 minutes per 8 ends; 5 minutes and 30 seconds are allowed for each extra end. The fourth end break is 5 minutes.
4. Each player must deliver one LSD during the round robin.
5. Teams must have a coach. Coaches at this competition are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Competitors' Guide for details).
6. PLAYOFFS:
 - a. After the round-robin, the first-place team and second-place team will advance to the finals. (see Tiebreakers section 2(C)(4) in the Competitors' Guide for complete tiebreaker details).
 - b. If both teams have lost at least one game, the winner of the final game is the winner of the Alberta CWG Trials.
 - c. If the first-placed team has an undefeated record after round robin play, the second place team must defeat the first place team twice in order to win the Alberta CWG Trials

C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The team in each gender that wins the Alberta CWG Trials will represent Alberta at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 18 - March 5, 2023.

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a U15, U18 or U20/U21 events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time period from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the sanctioned event.