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**CURLING ALBERTA**

## READY TO ROCK WETASKIWIN? WE ARE READY FOR YOU!

The countdown is officially on. T-minus 50 days and counting until the first rock is thrown at the 2023 Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

From January 18-22nd, the Wetaskiwin Curling Club is proud to welcome Alberta's top eight women's teams to the Wetaskiwin Civic Centre. The host committee, led by Wetaskiwin Curling Club President Robyn Gerrard, have been hard at work preparing to showcase the passion and excitement curling brings to the community. There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available – if you are able to pitch in and lend a hand, please sign up [here](#).

Unique to the event this year is the set-up of the arena at the Wetaskiwin Civic Centre. Arena 1 will feature a two-level VIP section, as well as an ice lounge beside the home end, similar to the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling events. The organizing committee has designed the facility set-up so that spectators can maximize their live curling experience while cheering loud for their favorite teams. VIP boxes will seat up to six people, provide an up-close view of the games, and are a fun and creative way to promote your business. VIP boxes are still available. To purchase yours, please

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Two nights of entertainment are on deck for you to enjoy at the Civic Centre's Drill Hall. Friday night's Sponsor Social will feature the musical talents of Avenue 65, a local band that knows how to rock a crowd! Jamie Woodfin and his band will perform Saturday, and are sure to get the crowd up and dancing all night. Same-day game tickets will give free access to these concerts, otherwise there is a small admission fee for those looking to enjoy the evening's festivities.

Tickets are now on sale! Be there in-person to see who will go on to represent Alberta at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops. To purchase your tickets, visit <https://www.2023womens.abcurlprovincials.ca>

Feel the vibe. Feel the energy. Wetaskiwin curlers love a good time – come be part of the experience. We can't wait to welcome you to the 2023 Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

*Submitted by Lindsay Bertsch, Event Coordinator of the Alberta Curling Series*



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CURLING ALBERTA

With the holidays right around the corner, gratitude, joy, and generosity are abundant at this time of year. We have a great deal to be thankful for this season, and our community sits at the top of the list. You continue to inspire us with your passion for our sport and we are honoured to play a part in your curling journey.

The holiday season can mean different things to different people, as it can represent wonder and celebration, it may be a time of reflection, or even quiet moments enjoyed with family and friends. Somewhere in the whirlwind, many of us are experiencing gratitude for this past year and anticipation for a fresh start as we enter 2023.

While we are proud to look back on a year of positive accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming championship season. From the exciting new Novice Provincial Championship to our flagship men's and women's events, and all those in between, we have much to look forward to in the coming months.

As we prepare for the holidays and welcome the start of a new year, we encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of the season. Little acts do have power – that small word of encouragement, the random act of kindness, that little extra time and effort, truly make all the difference keeping us connected.

On behalf of our Curling Alberta family, we wish you a bright and joyous holiday season full of laughter, good food, rest, and friendship. As always, we are grateful to serve you and wish you and yours health and much happiness in 2023.

## 50/50 UPDATE

Curling Alberta's 50/50s have started and are doing well! We have been able to send our winners home with their share of over \$80,000 so far this year. Our volunteers have also struck gold this year with our 50/50s, having 3 different draws won by a volunteer. With two of our volunteers putting in over 20 hours throughout the week and traveling from as far as Lethbridge, seeing them win after contributing to our sport was very fulfilling. We couldn't run these events without our amazing volunteers.

Your chance to win could be around the corner! In January, the Grand Slam of Curling is back in Camrose, AB for the Canadian Open! We will have online and in-venue sales from January 10th-15th. The Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts starts up in Wetaskiwin on January 17th along with the 50/50. Tickets will be on sale in person and online until the 22nd of January for this event.

Don't forget the Brier Final 50/50 is currently open and has a guaranteed jackpot of \$100,000. Buy your tickets now for your chance to win March 12, 2023!



# REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE NOVICE PROVINCIAL BONSPIEL QUALIFIERS!

With eight locations to choose from across the province, this initiative is a great opportunity for novice curlers to get a shot at winning a provincial title. Designed specifically for curlers with five years of experience or less, this new event is the heart and soul of what grassroots curling is.

Please contact the host curling centre directly to claim your spot in the one of the following bonspiel qualifiers:



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**FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023**

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**FEBRUARY 18-19, 2023**

To enter, contact Todd at  
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The top two finishers in each bonspiel will go onto the Novice Provincial Championship at the Airdrie Curling Club on March 9-12, 2023.

# TEAM ALBERTA NAMED FOR CANADA WINTER GAMES



Team Plett L to R: Coach Blair Lenton, Allie Iskiw, Chloe Fediuk, Alyssa Nedohin, Myla Plett



Team Hiebert L to R: Jaxon Hiebert, Oliver Burton, Kolby MacDonald, Nate Burton, Aidan Snider, Coach Brent MacDonald

Curling Alberta is fortunate to be able to send three youth curling teams to a national event of grand proportions: the *Canada Winter Games*. The event will be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 18-March 5, 2023. Including curling, the Canada Winter Games will showcase 20 different sports across 150 events over 16 days. The Canada Winter Games gives young athletes a unique opportunity to be a part of a larger team of athletes, cheering for their province to win medals in many other winter sports.

Curling Alberta had a unique process to determine which teams would represent Alberta at the Canada Winter Games. For our Under-18 teams, the journey began in March 2022 at the Saville Community Sports Centre for the Curling Alberta Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials. At this event, five under-18 men's teams and eight under-18 women's teams each competed for three berths into the CWG Trials in November. Teams were given three opportunities: one in the A event, one in the B event, and one in the C event to qualify.

After three days of competition, our six qualifiers were determined:

## U18 MEN

EVENT	TEAM	SKIP	THIRD	SECOND	LEAD
A EVENT	Hiebert	Jaxon Hiebert	Oliver Burton	Kolby MacDonald	Nate Burton
B EVENT	Kiist	Ben Kiist	Aidan Snider	Marcus Yurko	Logan Thomas
C EVENT	Davies	Zach Davies	Wyatt Wright	Terren Algot	Lucas Sawiak

## U18 WOMEN

EVENT	TEAM	SKIP	THIRD	SECOND	LEAD
A EVENT	Deschiffart	Emma Deschiffart	Morgan Deschiffart	Abby Whitbread	Natalie Cholin
B EVENT	Yarmuch	Emma Yarmuch	Allie Iskiw	Hayley Adams	Sarah Yarmuch
C EVENT	Jackson	CJ Jackson	Shianna Lind	Anna Bakos	Madison Milot

The Canada Winter Games Trials includes four teams, as Curling Alberta wanted to give teams that formed over the course of the offseason an opportunity to play for their chance to be Team Alberta. The offseason did create some change in lineups. While some teams shook up their rosters, one team (Team Kiist) disbanded, opening two spots for the U18 men. The final spots in the CWG Trials were to be determined by a team's best three events on the U18 Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS).

As of November 14, 2022, the final three teams were declared:

**U18 Men:** Team Perozak (Matthew Perozak, Marcus Yurko, Ben Kelba, and Rhett Whittmire)

**U18 Men:** Team Hlushak (Peter Hlushak, Noah Mason-Wood, Parker Harris, and Austin Hennig)

**U18 Women:** Team Plett (Myla Plett, Alyssa Nedohin, Chloe Fediuk, and Allie Iskiw)

The Canada Winter Games Trials were hosted by the Lacombe Curling Club, November 25-27, featuring eight teams (Four U18 men's and four U18 women's). The format was a double round robin, requiring each team to play six round robin games, with the top two teams qualifying for a final game. If one team won all six round robin games, they would be required to be defeated twice in the final games.

## ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

### U18 MEN'S STANDINGS:

TEAM	W	L
Zach Davies	6	0
Jaxon Hiebert	3	3
Matthew Perozak	2	4
Peter Hlushak	1	5

### U18 WOMEN'S STANDINGS:

TEAM	W	L
CJ Jackson	5	1
Myla Plett	4	2
Emma Yarmuch	2	4
Emma Deschiffart	1	5

Our two final matchups were Team Jackson vs Team Plett, and Team Davies vs Team Hiebert.

### FINAL #1:

Team Davies 6, **Team Hiebert 7**  
Team Jackson 2, **Team Plett 8**

### FINAL #2:

Team Davies 7, **Team Hiebert 8**



## U20 MIXED DOUBLES CANADA WINTER GAMES TRIALS

The U20 Mixed Doubles Canada Winter Games Trials was hosted by the Oilfields Curling Club in Black Diamond, Dec 2-4, 2022. This open championship had 14 registrants. Teams competed in a triple-knockout qualification round with six teams qualifying for the playoffs. After the qualification round, the following teams qualified for playoffs:

**A Event:** Raelyn Helston/Kenan Wipf, and Kaylee Raniseth/Evan Crough

**B Event:** Claire Booth/Reece Brigley, and Myla Plett/Ky Macaulay

**C Event:** Kayleigh Shannon/Terren Algot, and Cuyler Desormeau/Daniel Humbke

### QUARTER-FINALS:

Desormeau/Humbke 6, **Plett/Macauley 7**  
Shannon/Algot 8, **Booth/Brigley 10**

### SEMI-FINALS:

**Plett/Macauley 9**, Helston/Wipf 4  
Booth/Brigley 6, **Raniseth/Crough 8**

### FINAL:

Plett/Macauley 5, **Raniseth/Crough 6**

Congratulations to our three Team Albertas, Team Plett, Team Hiebert, and Team Raniseth/Crough! Team Plett will compete in week #1 of the Canada Winter Games, while Team Hiebert and Team Raniseth/Crough will compete in week #2. We wish all teams the best of luck! [Click here](#) to find more information about the Canada Winter Games.

*Submitted by Jason Ginter, Director of Player & Leadership Development*



Team Raniseth/Crough L to R: Evan Crough, Kaylee Raniseth, Coach Deryk Kuny



## JACKIE RAE GREENING, CURLING BUILDER, ALBERTA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Jackie Rae started her curling journey on a local level in St. Albert and her passion for the game has taken her all the way to the Olympic Winter games in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. She has been instrumental in promoting the sport of curling through her competitiveness on the ice, volunteerism off the ice and her on-going promotion of the sport through social media and

her professional broadcasting position. She has been a leader in her field and has played major roles in Provincial, National and World Championships from the 2005 Tim Hortons Brier, 2007 Ford Worlds Men's Curling Championships, 2009 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings and the 2017 Alberta Provincial Ladies Scotties Tournament of Hearts. In addition to taking a leadership role in these major events she continually volunteers in many of the local curling events throughout the Edmonton area. Some of her awards and recognition include Past Chair of the Capital Care Foundation, 2007 Global Woman of Vision Award and she was also inducted in both the Alberta and the Canadian Country Hall of Fame. Jackie's consistent dedication to the advancement of curling and commitment to develop, grow and promote the sport of curling is unrelenting and continues to this day.

*Submitted by the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame*

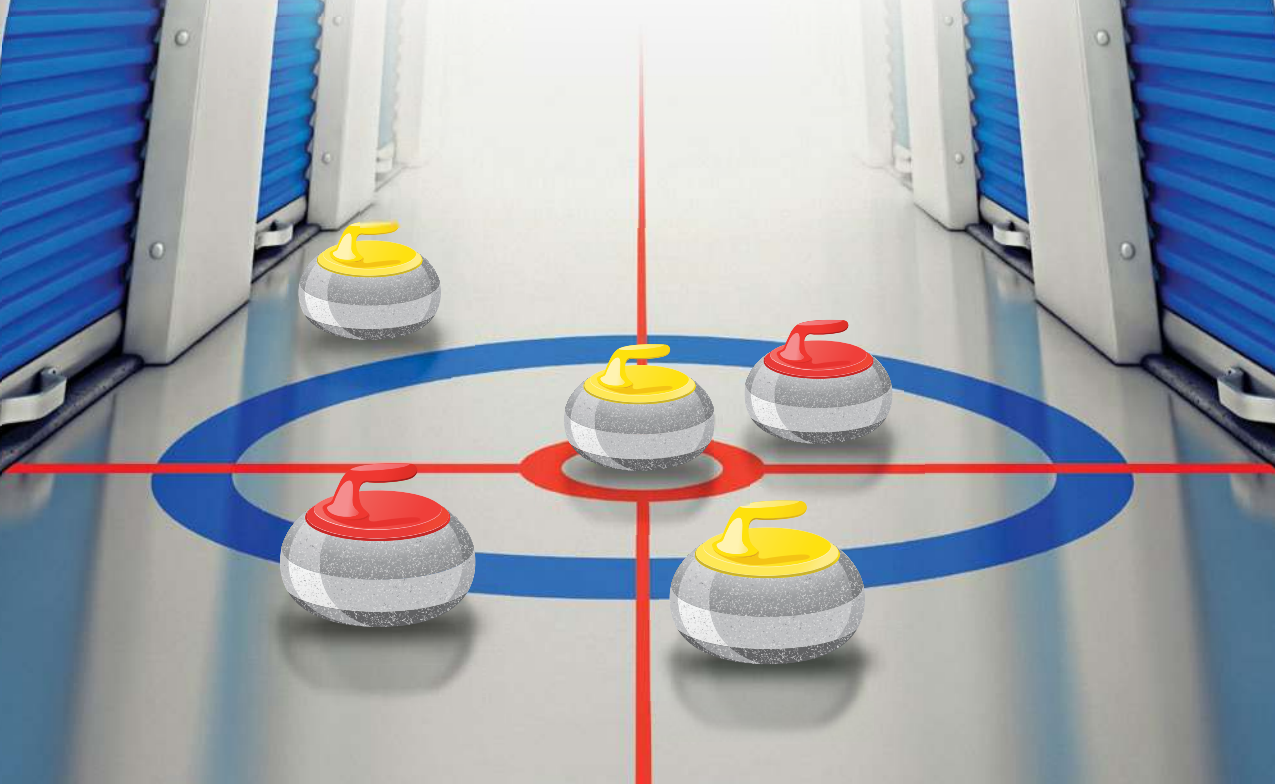
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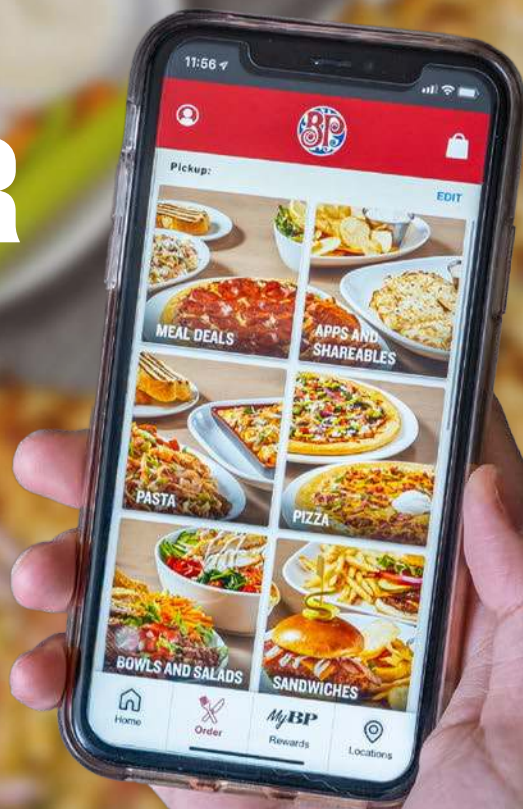


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# CURLING ALBERTA – 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS

EVENT	DATES	LOCATIONS	DEADLINE	PRE-QUALIFIER POINTS	PROVINCIALS
U20 EXCEL CUP	Oct 21-23	Okotoks C.C.	Aug. 18		
U18	Dec. 8-11 Dec. 9-11 Dec. 15-18 Dec. 15-18	Brooks C.C. (South) Grande Prairie C.C. Spruce Grove C.C. (Boys) Jasper Place C.C. (Girls)	N/A	Nov. 29	Jan. 3-8 Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre, Cochrane
WOMEN	Dec. 8-11 Jan. 5-8	Rimbey C.C. Granite C.C.	Nov. 9 Last chance Dec. 13	Dec. 5	Jan. 17-22 Wetaskiwin Civic Centre Twin Arenas
MEN	Dec. 8-11 Dec. 8-11 Jan. 5-8	Slave Lake C.C. Okotoks C.C. Avonair C.C.	Nov. 9 Last chance Dec. 13	Dec. 5	Feb. 7-12 River Cree C.C., Edmonton
ARCTIC WINTER GAMES	Dec. 16-18	Fort McMurray C.C.	N/A	N/A	N/A
U20	Dec. 29-Jan.1 Dec. 29-Jan.1 Dec. 30-Jan.1 Jan 12-15 Jan 12-15	Jasper Place C.C. (Men) Spruce Grove C.C. (Women) High Prairie C.C. Brooks C.C. (Women) Olds C.C. (Men)	N/A	Dec. 12	Jan. 31 - Feb. 5 Ellerslie C.C. (Women's)* Spruce Grove C.C. (Men's)*
MIXED DOUBLES	Jan. 26-29 Jan. 27-29 Feb. 2-5	Leduc C.C. High Prairie C.C. Crowsnest C.C.	Dec. 28	Jan. 9	Feb. 14-19 Granite C.C. Edmonton
MASTERS	Open	N/A	Nov. 30	N/A	Jan. 3-8 Grande Prairie C.C.
WHEELCHAIR	Open	N/A	Dec. 7	N/A	Jan. 6-8* St. Albert C.C.
MIXED	Open	N/A	Jan. 25	N/A	Feb. 21-26 Leduc C.C. *
U15	Feb. 9-12 Feb. 9-12 Feb. 17-19	Airdrie C.C. Lacombe C.C. Grande Prairie C.C.	Jan. 11	N/A	Mar. 8-12 Grande Prairie C.C.
SENIORS	Open	N/A	Feb. 22	N/A	Mar. 21-26 Red Deer C.C.
U21 MIXED DOUBLES	Open	N/A	Feb. 1	N/A	Mar. 2-5 Saville Community Sports Centre
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	Mar. 9-12	Ottewell C.C. (Men) Ardrossan/Strathcona C.C. (Women) Huntington Hills C.C. (Men) Coaldale Granite Club C.C. (Women) Slave Lake C.C.	Feb. 1 (Intent) Mar. 6 (Roster)	N/A	Mar. 28-Apr. 2 Lethbridge C.C.
NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Open	N/A	Feb. 24	N/A	Mar. 9-12 Airdrie C.C.



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PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS				PROVINCIALS		
EVENT	DATES	LOCATIONS	DEADLINE	PROV. CHAMP. DEADLINE		
VETERAN'S CUP	Oct 24-25	Okotoks C.C.	Aug 18	Nov 27		
U20	Dec 8-9	Brooks C.C. (Boys)	N/A	Nov 28		
	Dec 9-10	Grande Prairie C.C.				
	Dec 10-11	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)				
WOMEN	Dec 8-9	Brooks C.C. (Boys)	Nov 9	Nov 28		
	Dec 9-10	Grande Prairie C.C.	Nov 9	Nov 28		
	Dec 10-11	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)	Nov 9	Nov 28		
MEN	Dec 8-9	Brooks C.C. (Boys)	Nov 9	Nov 28		
	Dec 9-10	Grande Prairie C.C.	Nov 9	Nov 28		
	Dec 10-11	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)	Nov 9	Nov 28		
ARCTIC WINTER GAMES	Dec 10-11	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)	Nov 9	Nov 28		
U20	Dec 24-25	Okotoks C.C.	Nov 27	Jan 2		
	Dec 26-27	Grande Prairie C.C.	Nov 27	Jan 2		
	Dec 28-29	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)	Nov 27	Jan 2		
MIXED DOUBLES	Jan 24-25	Okotoks C.C.	Dec 29	Jan 9		
	Jan 26-27	Grande Prairie C.C.	Dec 29	Jan 9		
	Jan 28-29	St. Mary's C.C. (Boys)	Dec 29	Jan 9		
MASTERS	Open	N/A	Dec 14	N/A		
WHEELCHAIR	Open	N/A	Jan 25	N/A		
MIXED	Open	N/A	Jan 25	N/A		
U20	Feb 8-9	Okotoks C.C.	Jan 9	N/A		
U20	Feb 10-11	Grande Prairie C.C.	Jan 9	N/A		
SENIORS	Open	N/A	Feb 22	N/A		
U21 MIXED DOUBLES	Open	N/A	Feb 22	N/A		
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	Mar 8-9	N/A	Feb 10 (Boys)	N/A		
NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Open	N/A	Feb 10	N/A		

## COMPETITION UPDATES AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There have been a few changes to the previously released schedule to accommodate conflicts such as the Alberta Diploma exams in the U20 category. Additionally there are a number of changes to Curling Alberta competitions that we are excited to share with you.

- The U20 Men's and Women's Provincial Championship is being held on January 24-29, 2023. The U20 Women will be hosted at the Eiderslie Curling Club, while the U20 Men's will be hosted at the Spruce Grove Curling club.
- A friendly reminder the current season is the last year for overage athletes who can attend the U21 Nationals. When looking to form your team next season, please keep the following age eligibility in mind

4 players: less than 21 years of age on June 30, 2024

Born: July 1, 2003 or later

### No overage players

- Curling Alberta will be aligning with the World Curling Federation and Curling Canada to adopt the recently announced trial "no-tick rule" for the 2023 season for the men's and women's category provincial qualifiers, 2023 Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the 2023 Boston Pizza Cup.
- Curling centres with a membership of 300 or more curlers may now **enter two teams** of each gender for the Curling Alberta Club Championship, Presented

by Original 16. Centres will be notified in the New Year when registration opens and will have until February 1st to declare their registration intent and until March 6th to declare the team(s) that will be representing their club.

If you are an eligible team and interested in the club championships, we encourage you to speak with your club to learn their process in determining their representative. Complete eligibility can be found on our website under [Competitor's Guide and Policies](#).

- The Canada Games Council (CGC) has the removal of its Policy on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccines for accredited individuals for the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island. This decision was made in collaboration with key stakeholders following a review of the policy with the Chief Public Health Office of PEI.

The Chief Public Health Office of PEI still recommends that all participants at the 2023 Canada Winter Games be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations including a booster dose within the last 6 months.

For your information, the CGC's statement regarding the removal of the Policy can be found [here](#).

## CLASSIFIED & BONSPIEL LISTINGS

Are you a member club looking to promote an upcoming bonspiel or a team starting to plan your upcoming season? To see what events are on deck in all levels of competition within our boundaries, visit the [Bonspiels](#) section on Curling Alberta's website under Competitions, where a detailed list of bonspiels will be listed and updated as soon as clubs add them.

Curling Alberta's [Classifieds](#) are a great resource whether you are looking to build a new team, fill a vacancy, or recruit a coach. It also offers our members a platform to buy and sell curling equipment or supplies.

Listings are posted on behalf of teams, curlers and member clubs, so head to the Bonspiels and Classifieds pages now to post your ad.



# ALBERTA JUNIOR CURLING TOUR UPDATE

The 2022-2023 season is underway and we are almost done our bonspiel season. With all 7 events completed on the U20 side and 5 of 6 events finished for the U18s, I am proud to say that the competition amongst the Alberta Junior curlers is once again second to none. There have been some fantastic games with great shot-making, and it is sure to continue throughout the playdown season.

Recently the Canada Winter Games U18 Team Trials were completed in Lacombe, Alberta. Congratulations to Team Plett and Team Hiebert for earning the right to represent Team Alberta at the games in PEI in February and March, 2023.

Here is a look at the Alberta Junior Team Ranking System standings as of Dec 1, 2022:

We are excited to announce the second edition of the AJCT U21 Mixed Doubles Tour! After the resounding success and positive feedback from last season, we are looking forward to hosting 3 Mixed Doubles Bonspiels across the province once again.

**Airdrie:** February 17 - 19

**Curling Alberta Provincials (Saville):**  
March 2 - 5

**Innisfail:** March 10 - 12

**Sherwood Park:** March 17 - 19

Thank you to the Airdrie, Innisfail and Sherwood Park Curling Clubs for stepping up to host the events again this year. Please stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for more information coming soon.

Next up on the Tour are the Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifiers and Championships. The U18s will compete Dec 8-11 in Brooks and Grande Prairie, and Dec 15-18 in Spruce Grove and in Edmonton at the Jasper Place CC. The U18 Provincial Championships run January 3-8, 2023 at the Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre in Cochrane.

The U20s will begin December 29-January 1 in High Prairie, Spruce Grove and in Edmonton at Jasper Place, and January 12-15 in Olds and Brooks. The U20 Provincial Championships run January 24-29, 2023 in Spruce Grove and in Edmonton at the Ellerslie Curling Club.

Good luck to all teams and we look forward to watching some great competition over the next few months!

U18 WOMEN		
1	Plett	177
2	Jackson	85.5
3	Shannon	85
4	DeSchiffart	84.6
5	Johnson	66.6

U18 MEN		
1	Hiebert	117
2	Davies	104.25
3	Perozak	66.75
4	Hlushak	40.5
5	Hofstra	18

U20 WOMEN		
1	Booth	174
2	Richards	154.2
3	Plett	132
4	Shannon	82
5	Libbus	60.7

U20 MEN		
1	Crough	166.5
2	Wipf	153
3	Tao	138.75
4	Hiebert	78.15
5	Vikings	66

*Submitted by  
Mark Taylor,  
AJCT Chairperson*

## CURLING ALBERTA RELEASES TRANSGENDER AND NON-BINARY INCLUSION POLICY



Curling Alberta is committed to being a transgender and non-binary inclusion leader in sport and promoting substantive equality and has released a policy supporting our commitment. We welcome participation from all curlers at all levels of competition and support those who are transgender or non-binary.

In partnership with Curling Canada, provincial partners, and thought leaders, we are devoted to maintaining a policy which addresses the needs of transgender and non-binary athletes and endorsing the adoption of best-practices within the curling community. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines about the inclusion of transgender and non-binary curlers in Curling Alberta events. It

also provides guidance on how to support transgender and non-binary curlers in provincial, local and curling centre events. We are further committed to working with curling centres within our boundaries to provide education on transgender-inclusion to its stakeholders and transition support measures for its participants. The following policy will apply to all of Curling Alberta's programs and competitions up until the point they must comply with the rules of the national or international governing body which may or may not align with this Policy.

Please review the updated [Curling Alberta Policy and Procedures Manual](#) on the website for the Transgender and Non-Binary Inclusion Policy.



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# OFFICIALS' CORNER

The 2022 Everest Canadian Club Championships was held November 22-28, 2022, and it was a great event!

Held at the Ice Palace in the West Edmonton mall, this event was a huge success thanks to the 26 teams, Everest as a sponsor, Greg Ewasko and assistant Matt Yeo and their local ice volunteers, and Curling Alberta umpires and volunteers!

The ice had an unfortunate setback when the Zamboni was not fully operational and delayed the event by one day with the ice crew working literally around the clock. The Crestwood Club opened Sunday for the umpires to have on-ice measure practices and we thank Darcy for opening the doors to us! Play started Monday morning with practice ice for all teams followed by 3 draws in the afternoon. Every day was 4

draws a day until Friday when we had a back breaking 5 draw day starting with 7:30 am pre game practice and getting off the ice at 11:15 pm with little more than a 30-minute break at dinner time.

There are several exciting parts to this event with one showcasing our sport to non-curlers. These people were happy shoppers and Black Friday shoppers that knew nothing about curling! They had lots of questions and we had a steady crowd of people on two levels – it was awesome!

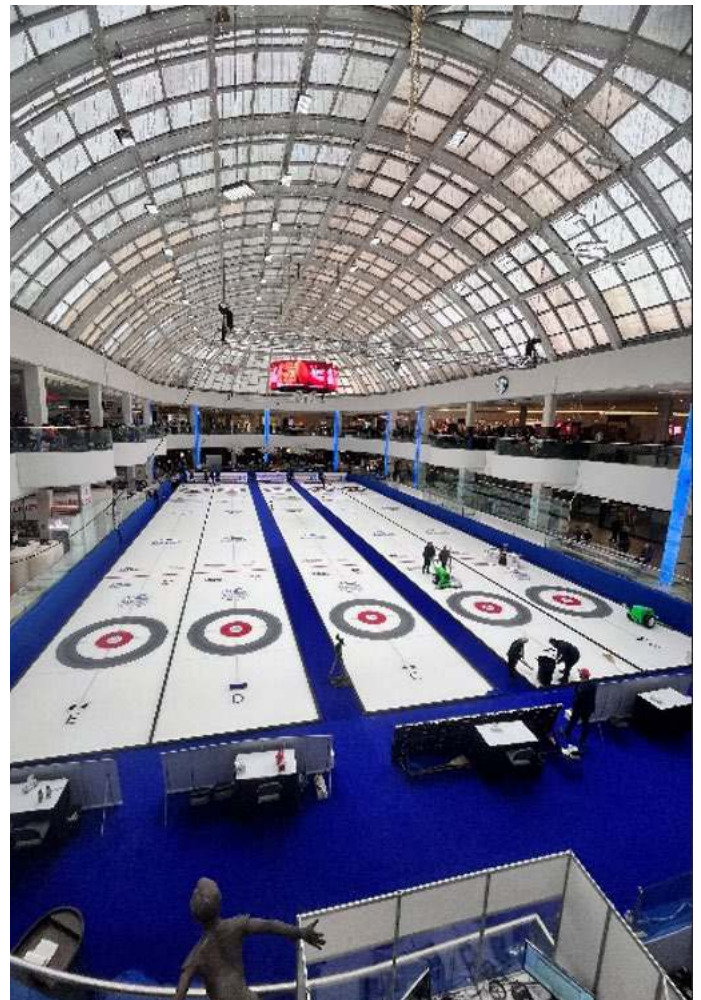
The other exciting part for me was I was invited by Curling Canada as the Chief Umpire and all of the Game Umpires are part of Curling Alberta and umpires that you will see at your qualifiers and

provincials. Thanks to Tom McPhee, Cheryl Minns, Sharon Hays, Janie Hobart, Christina Wards and Sherry Cormier for their great team work during the long week.

Thanks also to Curling Alberta staff Shannon Kleibrink and Julia Harrish for organizing the volunteers and spending full days at the Ice Palace – your support was appreciated even if we didn't have time to thank you!

Please feel free to contact me at [brenda.rogers@curlingalberta.ca](mailto:brenda.rogers@curlingalberta.ca) if you require any rules interpretations.

*Brenda Rogers, Chief Umpire, Curling Alberta*





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## 2022 – 23 QUALIFIERS AND OPEN PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION

Registration for all upcoming Curling Alberta competitions opened up on September 1, 2022. Teams must be registered and prepaid prior to the registration deadline. Registration for the U18 Boys & Girls, Women's and Men's Provincial Qualifiers closed on November 9, 2022.

### **Curling Alberta Wheelchair Championship** (open registration)

Registration Deadline: December 7, 2022 at 12:00pm

### **Curling Alberta Mixed Doubles Provincial Qualifiers** (all event locations)

Registration Deadline: December 28, 2022 at 12:00pm

### **Curling Alberta U15 Provincial Qualifiers** (all event locations)

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2023 at 12:00pm

### **Curling Alberta Mixed Championship** (open registration)

Registration Deadline: January 25, 2023 at 12:00pm

### **Curling Alberta U21 Mixed Doubles Championship** (open registration)

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023 at 12:00pm

### **Curling Alberta Senior Men's & Women's Championship** (open registration)

Registration Deadline: February 22, 2023 at 12:00pm

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For a complete listing of Curling Alberta's provincial qualifiers and championships, or to register, please visit the Curling Alberta [website](#).





# THE CALGARY YOUTH CURLING ASSOCIATION (CYCA)

The CYCA is a volunteer based non-profit organization started in April 1991, formed in the interest of promoting youth curling in Calgary and the surrounding area.

The CYCA provides many ways for youth of all ages to get involved in the sport.

CYCA Development Camp is a 1-day event at the beginning of the season to get youth on the ice after the summer break. Curlers with previous experience are instructed by highly experienced coaches, competitive Junior curlers and often with guest appearances from pro curlers on the WCT. Brett Gallant, Jocelyn Peterman, Laine Peters, Darren Moulding and Team Kevin Koe have been a few of our guest coaches over the last several years.

CYCA Sunday League is an introduction to competitive curling that has youth teams, age 10-18 from various clubs playing against each other for points and rankings. An A pool and B pool champion is

determined at the end of each season.

CYCA Jam Can is a one-day little rocks bonspiel for kids aged 7-10. Clubs enter teams to play against each other in a fun and energetic event. All the kids are winners, each receiving a medal for their participation.

CYCA Friends & Family bonspiel is a 1-day event that encourages youth of all ages to get their friends & family involved for a great day of fun.

The Ray Kingsmith Memorial Bonspiel is CYCA's flagship bonspiel held Dec 28-30 each year. This is a U18 event in memory of Ray Kingsmith who tirelessly worked to get curling recognized as a medal sport in the Winter Olympics. Sadly, Ray passed away shortly after the demonstration of the sport at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary and would not see his dream come true in 1998 in Nagano, Japan. The bonspiel offers cash prizes for pool playoff standings as well as \$8,000 in scholarship bursaries for each winning men's & women's team. This arguably makes the Ray Kingsmith the richest junior bonspiel in the world.

The CYCA will also be trialing a Mixed Doubles Development Camp in January

2023 to introduce this fast-growing version of the game to youth that may wish to pursue this avenue.

The CYCA supports local curling clubs by offering a skills Badge program where clubs can evaluate their youth against an established and progressive list of skills. This would typically take a youth 5 or 6 years to achieve the 6 skill levels through their junior curling program.

As well, the CYCA offers curling clubs a collection of teaching tools for their junior programs through the 'Tickle Trunk' program. The tickle trunk is a large plastic bin that contains various toys, tools and drills to help clubs engage their younger youth in a fun & playful manner. The tickle trunk is free to any club that wishes to receive one.

With the recent inauguration of the Edmonton Youth Curling Association (EYCA), the CYCA is looking forward to some possible North vs South rivalry in the coming years!

More information is available on our [website](#).

*Submitted by Glenn Darichuk, President CYCA*

## SIDELINE LEARNING

As previously published in the 2022-2023 Competitor's Guide and on the Curling Alberta website, Curling Alberta has partnered with the Coaching Association of Canada and Curling Canada to provide Safe Sport, an educational tool that will further our commitment to fostering a safe and fun environment for all participants.

As per our policy, Curling Alberta requires coaches and at least one parent/legal guardian of every curler under the age of 18 to complete the free, 90-minute online program in order to participate in any Curling

Alberta sanctioned event.

Those that are required to complete this training will receive an email from Sideline learning. As an organizational tool, we will be using Sideline Learning to track competition and program requirements within one convenient dashboard, including Safesport and criminal record checks.

Please mark emails from [info@sidelinelearning.com](mailto:info@sidelinelearning.com) as safe and look out for ones with the subject: Sideline Learning | Your temporary account details | Curling Alberta.

Once you have an account, please complete all required tasks in your dashboard to be eligible to compete in Curling Alberta sanctioned events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paige Papley at [paige.papley@curlingalberta.ca](mailto:paige.papley@curlingalberta.ca)





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