

APPENDIX:

Masters (Men's and Women's)

See below for competition specific details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitor's Guide apply to this competition. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor's 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.

Curling Alberta strongly recommends all athletes in the Masters category complete the online Safe Sport Program prior to participating in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event. To complete Safe Sport training, parents must sign up for 'The Locker' via the Coaches Association of Canada website. Access the Safe Sport Program website, information, and participant training here: <https://safesport.coach.ca/participants-training>

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 Masters category and another category (e.g. Seniors if eligible and/or Women's/Men's) 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 Draw Policy on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding process.

A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS - MASTER MEN ONLY

1. The details and format are as described in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy, with the possible exception of the Masters Women's category as described below.
2. In the Master Men's category, eight (8) provincial berths are awarded in total, all through results at the Provincial Qualifiers.
3. There are no pre-qualifying berths in the Masters category.
4. All games are 8 ends and are not timed, however, teams are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire (no minimum # of ends).

B. MASTER MEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The format is an eight (8)-team full round-robin with playoffs.
2. Alternates and/or replacements are allowed to have competed in another level of competition within the Masters Category.
3. All games are eight (8) ends (no minimum # of ends required) and are not timed. However, teams are still expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire.
4. Each team has two (2) time outs per 8 end game; 60 seconds meeting time or 90 seconds with travel time – Chief Umpire will advise.
5. A delivery stick may be used.
6. Playoffs
 - i. After the round-robin, the first place team will advance to the finals.
 - ii. The second and third place teams will play in a semi-final with the winner advancing to the finals (see Playoffs section 2(C)(5) in the Competitor's Guide for complete details, including the procedure in the event of a tie for a playoff position).
7. For playoff stone selections, the Chief Umpire will advise the sheets the Women select from and which sheets the Men select from during the playoff meeting immediately following the last draw.

C. MASTER WOMEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Master Women's Provincial Championship will be limited to 32 teams, which will be based on first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling I/O. To clarify, there will be no provincial qualifiers staged.
 - i. The format will be determined based 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.
2. Alternates and/or replacements are allowed to have competed in another level of competition within the Masters Category.
3. All games are eight (8) ends (no minimum # of ends required) and are not timed. However, teams are still expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire.
4. Each team has two (2) time outs per 8 end game; 60 seconds meeting time or 90 seconds with travel time – Chief Umpire will advise.
5. A delivery stick may be used.
6. If a pool play format is chosen, each player must deliver one LSD during the round robin.
7. Playoffs
 - i. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and emailed to team skips and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.
 - ii. For playoff stone selections, the Chief Umpire will advise the sheets the Women select from and which sheets the Men select from during the playoff meeting immediately following the last draw.