

## APPENDIX:

# Senior (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 this competition. 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 minimum, an annual basis.

Curling Alberta requires all athletes in the Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Mixed, U20, U21 Mixed Doubles, Seniors and Wheelchair categories to complete the online Safe Sport Program in order to participate in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event. To complete Safe Sport training, athletes 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 Senior category and another category (e.g. Masters 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 Competitor's Guide on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding process.

## A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS - SENIOR MEN ONLY

1. The details and format are as described in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy, with the exception of the Senior Women's category as described below.
2. There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in the Senior Women's competition.
3. In the Senior Men's category, 8 provincial berths are awarded in total, all through results at the Provincial Qualifiers.

4. There are no pre-qualifying berths in the Senior category.
5. 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. SENIOR MEN'S PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The format is an eight team full round-robin with "top 3" playoffs.
2. Stone handle color is predetermined and dark (red) practices first.
3. All games are eight ends and are timed.
4. Thinking time is 30 minutes and 4 minutes and 30 seconds for each extra end. The fourth end break is 5 minutes.
5. Teams will deliver one (1) LSD in pre-game practice to determine hammer.
6. Each player must deliver one (1) LSD during the round robin.
7. 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 Competitors' Guide for complete details, including the procedure in the event of a tie for a playoff position).
8. 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. SENIOR WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The Senior Women's Provincial Championship for the 2023-24 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.
  - i. The format for the Senior Women's Provincial Championship 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. Teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or practice session.
3. All games are eight ends and are timed.
4. Thinking time is 30 minutes and 4 minutes and 30 seconds for each extra end. The fourth end break is 5 minutes.
5. If pool play format is chosen, each player must deliver one (1) LSD during the round robin.

6. PLAYOFFS:

- a. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.
- b. 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.