2023-24 Alberta Curling Tour Points (u20, u18, & u15)

The Alberta Curling Tour has included the U-20, U-18, and U-15 divisions for the 2023-24 season. The Alberta Curling Tour standings will rank youth teams based on their performance at Alberta Curling Tour events and Curling Alberta Provincial Championships. This ranking will be used for the purpose of rewarding one U18 men’s, U18 women’s, U20 men’s, and U20 women’s team with a pre-qualifying berth to their Curling Alberta Provincial Championships and will be used to assist with seeding at each provincial championship.

Breakdown by Result

Points breakdown by result is as follows:

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| Champion  | 100%  |
| Finalist  | 70%  |
| Semifinalist  | 50%  |
| Quarterfinalist  | 36%  |

 *\*If a third-place or bronze medal game is played, the team finishing in 3rd place will receive 56%, and the team finishing in 4th place will receive 50% of the Champion’s points.*

NEW: Points per Division (No Tiering)

There are different points awarded based on the age category and event. Teams will be listed on the Alberta Curling Tour in every division that they earn points. For example, if a U18 team participates in a U20 event, their result will be listed on standings for both the U18 and U20 categories. However, if that same team plays in a U18 event, their result will only be listed on the U18 standings.

**To register your team for the Alberta Curling Tour, please follow this** [**link**](https://ab.curling.io/en/products/6917-alberta-curling-tour-team-registration-u20-u18-u15).

Placement points (Champion, Finalist etc.) will only be awarded to 50% of the number of teams in an event (i.e., a 12-team event should have 6 qualifier spots to playoffs, thus 6 teams will be awarded placement points). *If more teams qualify to the playoffs than positions available in the event, the value of points will be awarded based on the charts below and divided between the teams reaching the quarterfinals (or semifinals if applicable), OR points-per-win values, whichever is higher.*

*Example: If 7 teams enter an event, there should only be 3 teams awarded Placement Points. However, if 4 teams qualify for the playoffs, the two semi-finalist teams will split the point value. This ensures that the event is worth the same number of points as it would with only 3 teams qualifying to the playoffs.*

Points per category (U20, U18, U15)

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| **Event Placement**  | **U20 (1.5x)** | **U18 (1.0x)** | **U15 (0.67x)** |
| Champion  | 45 | 30 | 20 |
| Finalist  | 31.5 | 21 | 14 |
| Semifinalist  | 22.5 | 15 | 10 |
| Quarterfinalist  | 16.2 | 10.8 | 7.2 |
| Points per Win  | 3 | 2 | 1.33 |

World Curling Tour (WCT) Events

World Curling Tour Events will be divided into two tiers based on the strength of field multiplier (SFM) as determined by the WCT. If an event meets or exceeds a SFM threshold of **5.0**, the event will be classified as Tier 1 WCT. If not, the event will be classified as Tier 2 WCT. Alberta Curling Tour (ACT) events qualify as World Curling Tour (WCT) events.

Tier 2 WCT Events: 1.33 x U20 Event Point Values

Tier 1 WCT Events: 1.667 x U20 Event Point Values

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| **Other Events**  | **Tier 1 WCT Events (SFM ≥5)**  | **Tier 2 WCT Events (SFM <5)**  |
| Champion  | 75 | 60 |
| Finalist  | 52.5 | 42 |
| Semifinalist  | 37.5 | 30 |
| Quarterfinalist  | 27 | 21.6 |
| Points per Win  | 5 | 4 |

Other Events

The following points will be awarded for other events as listed below. The U20 Excel Cup will remain a premier Alberta Curling Tour – U20 event, and teams will be awarded with 1.33x U20 Event Point Values.

Curling Alberta acknowledges that travel to many of the events on the Alberta Curling Tour may be a restriction for teams in the Peace region. Peace Curling Tour’s “Challenge Division” is a great building block for Under-18 teams in the Peace region, and Curling Alberta will acknowledge this division as an event for Under-18 teams to compete.

Peace Curling Tour Challenge Division events will earn teams point values equal to U18 events.

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| **Other Events**  | **U20 Excel Cup**  | **Peace Curling Tour** **Challenge Division (U18 Teams Only)**  |
| Champion  | 60 | 30 |
| Finalist  | 42 | 21 |
| Semifinalist  | 30 | 15 |
| Quarterfinalist  | 21.6 | 10.8 |
| Points per Win  | 4 | 2 |

Curling Alberta Provincial Championships

Curling Alberta U20, U18, and U15 Provincial Qualifiers will no longer earn teams Alberta Curling Tour points.

U20 Provincials (1.5x U20 Event Point Values)

U18 Provincials (1.5x U18 Event Point Values)

U15 Provincials (1.5x U15 Event Point Values)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Curling Alberta Provincial Championships | U20 Provincials | U18 Provincials | U15 Provincials |
| Champion | 67.5 | 45 | 30 |
| Finalist | 47.25 | 31.5 | 21 |
| Semi-Finalist | 33.75 | 22.5 | 15 |
| Quarter-finalist | N/A | N/A | 10.8 |
| Per Win | 4.5 | 3 | 2 |

Placement Points

In each event, placement points will be awarded to half of the teams entered in the event. We will use the following guidelines when determining how many teams receive placement points. These guidelines are subject to change.

* Number of teams receiving placement points will change based on the number of entries and number of qualifiers to the Championship Round
* Teams who are not awarded placement points will be awarded points per win, while teams who are awarded placement points will not receive points per win

Event Restriction Guidelines for Teams

To help teams manage their training-competition ratios at the U-20, U-18, and U-15 levels, we are placing a cap on the number of ACT events a team may count in 2023-24.

1. Only a team’s top 5 results from Alberta Curling Tour events will be included in points calculations. These include Alberta Curling Tour events at any category. Results from Curling Alberta Provincial Championships will not count towards this 5 event maximum and will still be included in a team’s point totals.

**Example 1:** A U20 team competes in five (5) AJCT events, U20 Qualifiers and U20 Provincials and has all seven (7) events included in their total points calculation.

**Example 2:** A U18 team competes in seven (7) AJCT events, U18 Qualifiers and U18 Provincials. Only their top 5 results from the AJCT events as well as their results in the Qualifiers and Provincials will be counted towards their total points calculation.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. Teams are allowed to compete in AJCT events with substitute players. The substitution policies for Curling Alberta events can be found in their most recent Competitors Guide (Insert competitor’s guide). A team eligible for Alberta Curling Tour points must maintain 3 of 4 original roster players on the ice, during every end of every game, to maintain ACT eligibility for the event. If two original roster players cannot play, a team may play with 3 players on the ice to maintain 2 of 3 original roster players. A team cannot compete with more than one substitute on the ice to maintain ACT eligibility.
2. Teams competing in a category must meet age eligibility guidelines for the provincial championships in that category for every end of every game.

i.e. If a U20 team competes in a men’s/women’s event, and uses a substitute player that is ineligible for the U20 provincial championships, that team is not eligible for U20 Alberta Curling Tour points for the event.

If a team is ineligible to earn points in a particular category, please bring it to the attention of the coach of the team in question, the event organizer, and the Alberta Curling Tour contact, Jason Ginter.