

CURLING

AGE GROUP

Under 15 years of age (as of June 30, 2023).

Athletes must also meet the minimum age of 11 years old at the start of the Games to be eligible for competition.



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

8 athletes per Zone (# of females 4 # of males 4)

1 coaches per Zone (Total of 1 coach)

1* chaperones per Zone (Total of 1 chaperone [if needed*])
**only needed if Coach is different gender than the athletes*

FILL POLICY

A Team Fill Policy will be in effect in both the male and female events whereby if one (1) or more teams withdraw they will be replaced as follows:

1. First consideration goes to the team or teams that lost the final berth game at the same qualifying event as the team that has withdrawn. If more than one team is equally entitled, then a playoff game will determine the berth. In the event a play-off game is not possible, Curling Alberta's tie-breaking procedure for berth allocation will apply as described in the 2023-2024 Competitor's Guide.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 16, 2024**.*

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Each player must meet all age, gender, and residency requirements, and must be a member of a Curling Alberta affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club. In this case a "Member" defined as follows:
 - A curler who has paid a fee known as a "Membership Fee" or equivalent to a Curling Alberta affiliated organization known as a curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent.
 - A curler who has paid league dues or similar registration fees to a Curling Alberta affiliated curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent, within which is included a membership fee or an inferred membership privilege in such curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent.

Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games. For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca

Coaches

- All teams must have a coach.
- All coaches must be at least 21 years of age as of the beginning of the competition.
- A criminal records check is mandatory.
- Complete the online Safe Sport Program.
- Coaches are encouraged to be Competition Coach Certified as recognized by Curling Alberta and the Coaching Association of Canada. Note: this is not a requirement for the AWG Curling Competition.
- Teams are allowed a maximum of one (1) coach, except in an approved mentor situation.
- Coaches may only coach one team at the AWG Curling Competition (i.e., a coach may not coach in both the male and female events at the same time).

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

AFFILIATION

Athletes must be members of a curling club affiliated with Curling Alberta.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- Eight (8) teams per gender will qualify through three (3) Zone Qualifiers (i.e., South, North, and West), each of which will be open to curlers from all Zones. All three Qualifiers will be completed on or before **January 12, 2024**.
- The specific dates and host clubs for these Qualifiers will be announced on or before **September 1, 2023**. Berths to the AWG will be distributed among the Qualifiers as per the method described in [Curling Alberta's 2023-2023 Competitor's Guide](#).
- Only teams consisting of (4) four players and (1) one coach meeting the described requirements are permitted to enter. All entries will be submitted through the Curling Alberta website. The team entry fee will be \$225.00

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.curlingalberta.ca or www.albertawintergames.ca

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2024 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee is payable to your provincial sport organization and must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games.

Please note the registration deadline for Curling is **December 31, 2023**.

EVENTS

The Alberta Winter Games (AWG) Curling Competition will consist of (8) eight teams per gender, with the identical format used in both the male and female events. Preliminary round play will employ a two (2) pool round robin format (i.e., 2 pools of 4 teams each). Following the preliminary round the teams in each pool will be ranked 1st to 4th based on:

- A. win-loss record
- B. head-to-head result(s) if needed, and
- C. aggregate last stone draw distance (LSD), if needed.

The 1st and 2nd ranked teams from each pool will advance to the A Playoffs, while the 3rd and 4th ranked teams from each pool will compete in the B Playoffs. The semi-final play-off matchups will be as follows: A-Playoffs (Pool X 1st vs. Pool Y 2nd, Pool Y 1st vs. Pool X 2nd), B-Playoffs (Pool X 3rd vs. Pool Y 4th, Pool Y 3rd vs. Pool X 4th). The winners of the A semi-finals will advance to the A championship final, will the losers will play in the A consolation final. The winners of the B semi-finals will advance to the B championship final, while the losers will play in the B consolation final.

The above format will require a total of 5 draws (i.e., 3 in the preliminary round and 2 in the playoffs). The general draw schedule is as follows: Draw 1: Saturday AM, Draw 2: Saturday PM Draw 3: Sunday AM, Semi-Finals: Sunday PM, Finals: Monday AM.

Rules & Regulations

With the exception of the rules and regulations included within this [document](#), those laid out in Curling Alberta's Competitors' Guide will apply:

All games in the AWG Curling Competition will be eight (8) ends in duration, plus extra end(s), if needed.

There will be no time clocks used in this event. However, teams will be encouraged by the Umpires to maintain a reasonable pace of play.

Two (2) different players will deliver LSD's prior to each game, with the combined distance which team has hammer in the first end. The teams that practices first will throw both LSD's with the clockwise rotation, while the team that practices second will throw both LSD's with the counter-clockwise rotation. Please note that each player on the team must deliver at least (1) LSD during the Preliminary Round, and that all six (6) draws (i.e., 3 games x 2 draws per game) will be included in the aggregate LSD calculation noted within the tie-breaking protocols.

Spare Pool

A Spare Pool will be established by January 15 thereby ensuring that substitute curlers can be registered and available for the AWG. This Spare Pool will consist of a maximum of 4 male and 4 female curlers who meet the necessary age and residency requirements for the AWG. Furthermore, to ensure that they are readily available as needed at the AWG, all curlers in this Spare Pool will need to live within approximately one (1) hour of Grande Prairie. Please note that all spares must be drawn from this Spare Pool.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

On-Ice Protests

1. The Chief Umpire shall hear and determine appeals of decisions made by teams. The Chief Umpire's decision is final. The rules pertaining to on-ice violations cannot be appealed beyond the Chief Umpire.
2. The Chief Umpire shall be approved by Curling Alberta and the Host Community Sport Chair(s) and is responsible for the rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the "rules of play".
3. Protests of any other aspect of competition must be submitted within one (1) hour of detection.

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

The Provincial Sport Coordinator, indicated above, has been appointed by Curling Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the Association's participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Curling in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator or visit www.curlingalberta.ca

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