

APPENDIX:

Alberta Winter Games (U15 Boys & U15 Girls)

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.

This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation on, at a minimum, an annual basis.

At least one parent/legal guardian of every curler under the age of 18 must complete the online Safe Sport Program in order to participate in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event, with the athletes within the U15, U18 and Masters categories being strongly recommended to complete the online Safe Sport Program as well. 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 Curling Alberta Alberta Winter Games Qualifiers do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including the Provincial Championship event, until they are eliminated. A competitor may enter the Alberta Winter Games category and another category (e.g. U18) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

Alternates (5th players) are not permitted in the Alberta Winter Games competition. Substitutes or replacement players must provide proof of birth date prior to playing their first game. See section 1(B)(1) in the Competitors' Guide for more information specific to substitution and replacement players.

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 for details on draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. ALBERTA WINTER GAMES (AWG) QUALIFIERS:

1. 8 Alberta Winter Games berths are awarded in total, all through Alberta Winter Games Qualifiers.
2. All games are 8 ends, plus extra end(s) if needed (no minimum # of ends). Games will not be timed. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire.
3. Teams must have a coach during any Alberta Winter Games Qualifier. Coaches at this competition are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see section 1(A)(7) of the Competitors' Guide for details).
 - All coaches in the Alberta Winter Games category must be at least 21 years old as of the beginning of the competition.
 - Although we encourage coaches to be Competition Coach 'Certified', there are no formal NCCP requirements at any stage of this competition. However, all coaches are required to complete the online Safe Sport Training and provide a criminal record check.
4. Coaches will utilize the Enhanced Coaching Involvement Pilot - U15 category rules. Two (2) interactions will be allowed per end.

Last-Stone Draw

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.

B. ALBERTA WINTER GAMES:

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, while 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

Last-Stone Draw

Two (2) different players will deliver LSD's prior to each game, with the combined distance determining 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.

Coach Interactions

Coaches will utilize the Enhanced Coaching Involvement Pilot – U15 category rules. Two (2) interactions will be allowed per end.

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a U15, U18 or U20 events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time period from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the sanctioned event.