

APPENDIX:

Arctic Winter Games Qualifiers

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 Arctic 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.

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. ARCTIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFIER:

1. Each Participating Unit may enter a team comprised of a maximum of four (4) players and one (1) coach per team. Players must be born on or after January 1, 2006.
2. Athletes must meet the eligibility requirement of the Arctic Winter Games. Competitors must meet the following eligibility guidelines to participate in the Arctic Winter Games.
 1. Be a "Developing Athlete"
 - A Developing Athlete is one who has not represented one's nation in international competition (outside of an Arctic Winter Games) in the sport they are competing in.
 - An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;

- An athlete who is a member of one's national team, but has not represented one's nation in international competition is considered a developing athlete.
- 3. Teams must have a coach. 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). Also see additional reference to U15 team uniforms and cresting at section C(5) of this Appendix.
- 4. The format for the provincial qualifiers will be determined based on the number of registered teams. One team per gender will qualify for the Arctic Winter Games.
- 5. Each team will be allowed 9 minutes practice prior to each game. Teams will flip a coin, the winner choosing between stone colour or practice order. The first practice shall be from 20 to 30 minutes prior to game time. The second practice shall start at the conclusion of the first practice team's Last Stone Draw.
- 6. Last Stone Draw: The Last Stone Draw will match what is required at the 2024 Arctic Winter Games. At the conclusion of each team's pre-game practice, two stones will be delivered to the tee at the home end, by different players – both clockwise rotation for the first practice and both counter-clockwise for the second practice. Sweeping is allowed. The distance between the stone and tee, if it finishes in the house, will be measured in centimeters. A stone not finishing in the house will be recorded as 185.4 cm. Stones that finish so close to the tee that they cannot be measured are recorded as 0.0 cm. The first stone will be measured and removed from play before the second stone is delivered. The distances recorded for each stone will be added together to give the team its LSD total for that game. The team with the lesser LSD total will have the choice of delivering the first or second stone in the first end of that game. If the LSD totals for both teams are the same then a coin toss will decide which team has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end.
- 7. All games are eight (8) ends. A mandatory break of five (5) minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- 8. Coaches will not utilize Curling Alberta's Enhanced Coaching Involvement Program. Coaches will be given two (2) 90-second timeouts during each game, and one (1) 90-second timeout in the extra end. Timeouts cannot be carried over into extra ends.
- 9. Game timing will not occur. However, teams are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire (no minimum # of ends).

B. ARCTIC WINTER GAMES:

The team in each gender that wins the Arctic Winter Games Qualifier will represent Alberta North at the 2024 Arctic Winter Games in Mat-Su, Alaska. The competition has been set from March 10-16, 2024.

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/U21 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.