

APPENDIX:

Mixed Doubles

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 first.

This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation, at a minimum, on 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>

Please ensure that proof of Safe Sport Training completion is uploaded to the curler's Curling Alberta Sideline Learning profile prior to the start of competition. If it is not uploaded to Sideline, then the requirements have not been met to compete. Curling Alberta's Sideline Learning can be found here: <https://curlingalberta.sidelinelearning.com/login>

Teams competing in a Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifier event do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including provincials, until they are eliminated.

- If a Mixed Doubles team member has a conflict because they are representing Alberta or Canada at a National or International level in another category, he/she may be replaced on the Mixed Doubles team in advance of any competition. A mixed doubles team cannot replace more than one player.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter mixed doubles and another category (eg. U20 (Juniors) or Women's, Men's), and can subsequently be replaced for Mixed Doubles if they qualify for National or International competition in the other category.

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.

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The format is an open championship, limited to 32 teams. The format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration deadline closing. The format will be email to the registered skip of each team.
 - i. To clarify, there will not be any provincial qualifiers or pre-qualifiers in this category.
2. The event will be seeded, in advance of the championship, using an equally weighted (50/50) formula combining CMDR and the results of submitted team ranking ballots from all

participants.

- i. "CMDR" means the Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking. See more information at <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/mixed-doubles-rankings/>
 - ii. Teams will be ranked 1-32 (assuming there is 32 registered teams) using CMDR, and will be given 32 points for 1st, 31 for 2nd, and so on. Teams will also be ranked 1-32 using averages from the self-seeding forms, and will be given 32 points for first, 31 for second, and so on using those rankings.
 - iii. Teams will be seeded based on their sum of the CMDR and self-seeding ranking points. Teams are required to submit bio's to improve the accuracy of ranking ballots. CMDR points will be collected until December 13th, 2023 for seeding.
 - iv. Should a tie occur, the self-seeding results will be considered first. Should there still be a tie, the CMDR tie breaking procedure will be used. If none are available, teams will be randomly placed into the draw.
 - v. Any team without points will be appointed zero points and teams will be placed in the draw utilizing a standardized random procedure.
3. All games are a minimum of eight (8) ends, with a minimum of four (4) ends in pool play and six (6) ends in playoff games.
 4. Games may be timed; thinking time is 22 minutes; extra ends are 3 minutes. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire.
 5. Each team has two 60 second timeouts (with travel time to be determined); and one timeout in each extra end.
 6. In the Mixed Doubles competitions, teams can be expected to play four (4) games per day, if necessary, to avoid an extra event day.
 7. In all Mixed Doubles competitions, with the exception of Provincial Championship playoffs, teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or practice order. See section B of this Appendix for provincial playoff procedures.
 8. Pre-Game practice is 6 minutes per team.
 - a. Teams can throw all eight stones in pre-game practice and then select only five stones to throw for game play. They must keep those five stones for the entire game.
 - b. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones will be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.
 9. No stone in play, including the positioned stones and those in the house, can be moved to an out of play position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of the end. The fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play.
 10. At the start of every end, the team with 'hammer' will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
 - a. Vertical stone placement (depth of guard in front of the rings) is decided by the teams after the second practice and remains the same throughout the game.
 11. Each team is allowed one Power Play per game determined by the team with hammer.
 12. If the end was blanked, the team that delivered first in that end shall determine the placement of the positioned stones. [If the end is blanked, as it cannot be determined which team score the point \(ie. a 'tied' measure\), the end is blanked and the hammer does not change.](#)
 13. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.

14. Teams must have 1 male and 1 female. There is no mixed doubles spare pool. Mixed Doubles are not permitted a substitute and therefore a team would be disqualified if the original 2 players were unable to compete. However, a permanent replacement for one of the players may be granted by Curling Alberta, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by policy. See the Curling Alberta Competitors' Guide for player replacement criteria and procedures.
15. PLAYOFFS:
 - a. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries recieved and emailed to the team skips and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.
 - b. Playoff stone colour/hammer selection(s) will follow policy described in Competitors' Guide, section 2(C)(6).

B. NATIONAL TEAM FUNDING:

Each team is responsible for their transportation to and from the host location. Each team is also responsible for their accommodation costs. Curling Canada may have rooms booked at hotels near the arena. Further information will be available in the National Mixed Doubles Guide provided to the winning team.