

APPENDIX:

U21 Mixed Doubles (Open)

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. 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, 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>

With respect to an actual or potential date conflict:

- If a U21 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 U21 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 U21 Mixed Doubles and another category (eg. U20 (Junior) or Women's, Men's), and can subsequently be replaced for U21 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 Competitors' Guide on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. FOR ALL U21 MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS:

1. All games are 8 ends.
2. Coaches will utilize [Curling Canada's Coach Interactions Program](#). Games may be timed; [thinking time is 24 minutes; extra ends are 4 minutes](#).
3. 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 C of this Appendix for provincial playoff procedures.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. At the start of every end, the team with `hammer` will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
7. Each team is allowed one power play per game determined by the team with hammer.
 - 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.
 - b. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones will be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.
8. 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.](#)
9. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.
10. 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.
11. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta U21 Mixed Doubles competition.

B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in this competition. Instead, an unlimited number of teams may enter the Open Provincial Championship prior to the registration deadline.

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The format is an open championship, limited to 32 teams. 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 emailed to the registered skip of each team.
 - a. The championship will be limited to 32 teams, which will be based on first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling IO.
2. In all games, teams will deliver one (1) Last Stone Draw (LSD) to determine hammer only. First practice teams deliver the clockwise rotation and second practice teams deliver the counter-clockwise rotation.
3. [Coaches will utilize Curling Canada's Coach Interactions Program.](#) Games may be timed; [thinking time is 24 minutes; extra ends are 4 minutes.](#)
4. 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 the Competitors' Guide for details).

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.