

## APPENDIX:

# Womens

## Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties

## Tournament

See below for competition specific details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitors' Guide apply to these competitions. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitors' Guide and this appendix, this appendix is considered to take priority.

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This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation on, at a minimum, 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 do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including Provincial Championships, until they are eliminated. In effect, this means a competitor may enter the women's competition and another category (e.g. Mixed Doubles, Mixed, Seniors, etc.) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

Teams will be given two chances to win a provincial berth through provincial qualifying events. If a team is unsuccessful at one qualifying event, they may enter the final qualifying event referred to as the Last Chance.

Teams may only register for one of two qualifiers by the registration deadline, in other words please do not register for the Last Chance unless that is the only women's qualifier you will enter. Registered teams that were not successful in winning a provincial berth will be sent a private link to register for the Last Chance and are required to pay another entry fee minus the competitor fees. The Last Chance registration will not reopen to the public following the registration deadline.

NOTE: Teams which may become eligible for a pre-qualifying berth on **November 27th must enter one of the Provincial Qualifiers** by the registration deadline (November 8, 2023) and pay the entire entry fee, including the Curling Canada Competitor's Card fee.

Non-resident "free agents" are permitted in Curling Alberta women's competitions. Relevant rules and procedures are described in the Competitors' Guide and must follow Curling Canada guidelines at <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/canadian-team-ranking-system/residency-rules/residency-eligibility-rules>. Note deadlines for applications. Free agents must also be a member of a Curling Alberta affiliated club.

In summary, eight (8) provincial berths are awarded in total.

- Four (4) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: three WCTR berths, and one Alberta Curling Tour (ACT) berth). A team accepting a pre-qualifying berth is ineligible to compete in a Provincial Qualifier. See the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details.
- Four (4) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, per category, all through the Provincial Qualifiers. Two (2) berths will be assigned to Provincial Qualifier #1, and two (2) berths will be assigned to the Last Chance Provincial Qualifier.

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 on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding process.

## A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. The details and formats are as described in section 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy. Note a maximum of two separate Provincial Qualifiers will be offered in 2023-24. Seeding of Provincial Qualifiers will occur based on WCTR totals.
2. All games are 10 ends (no minimum # of ends).
3. Pace of play will be managed by the Chief Umpire.

## B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The event will be an eight (8) team full round-robin championship, with "top 3" playoff.
2. All eight (8) teams will be seeded based on their ranking using WCTR point totals. The four (4) teams that received pre-qualifying berths will receive seeds 1-4 based on their WCTR point totals, and the rest of the field will be ranked 5-8 according to WCTR point totals, **two weeks prior to the competition starting**. Match ups will be discussed with Host Committees and placed at key times, when possible.
3. All games are 10 ends and are timed. A minimum of five (5) ends in RR and eight (8) ends in playoffs must be played, depending on streaming requirements.
4. Thinking time is 38 minutes per 10 ends; 4 minutes and 30 seconds are allowed for each extra end. The fifth end break is 5 minutes.
6. **Pre-Game Practice & Last Stone Draw (LSD) for Hammer**
  - i. Teams will name the players delivering the last stone draws, including which turns, before the start of the first team practice. Failure to do so will result in an assigned

distance of 399.20 cm.

- ii. Coaches may NOT deliver stones in the pre-game practice.
  - iii. Speed traps are NOT allowed in the pre-game practice.
  - iv. The teams listed on the top / first in the draw will practice first and will be assigned dark handled stones. The team throwing light-handled stones will have the same period of practice starting immediately following the dark handled stone draws for last stone advantage.
  - v. Each team's pre-game practice will be nine minutes. First practice will commence thirty minutes prior to the posted draw time.
  - vi. Last stone advantage will be determined by the Last Stone Draws before each round robin game and will be completed immediately following each team's pre-game practice.
  - vii. Following each team's pre-game practice, the two different previously named players from the team will each throw a stone. There will be an announcement to deliver each Last Stone Draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counterclockwise rotation.
  - viii. During pool play, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two LSD's. The 2 LSD's can be taken anytime during the round robin but not in the same game and must be one of each rotation. Based on the Original Team Lineup form, the four players must fulfil the minimum number of LSD deliveries.
7. PLAYOFFS:
- a. After the round-robin, the first place team will advance to the finals
  - b. The second and third place teams will play in a semi-final with the winner advancing to the final. See Playoffs section 2(C)(5) in the Competitors Guide for complete details, including the procedure in the event of a tie for a playoff position.

## C. PLAYOFF MEETING:

- 1. Immediately following the last round-robin draw a meeting will occur between the Chief Umpire and a team member from the remaining playoff teams.
- 2. It is mandatory that a designated member of each team be present for this meeting.
- 3. The Chief Umpire will further identify each team's responsibilities with respect to stone or hammer selection(s), and any adjustments to scheduling or ice allocations if necessary.

## D. TEAM FUNDING POLICY: TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Curling Canada's team funding and alternate player policy for the Tournament of Hearts can be found on the Curling Canada Website: <https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/>.