



## Curling Alberta – Safe Sport Policy

Policy Statement: 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](#) 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.

If a player in non-compliance registers for an event, he/she will be removed from that competition and will remain ineligible until the [Safe Sport Program](#) is completed by the athlete or his or her parent/guardian. There will be no warning for any category.

Parents/guardians who have completed the Safe Sport Training with another sport are not required to complete the program again but can transfer their certification to the Curling Alberta database by following the online instructions. Families only need to complete the course once but must list all children who are curling and under the age of 18 to ensure they are all Safe Sport trained.

Safe, inclusive sport environments help make sport rewarding and enriching for all. The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) offers a free, 90-minute eLearning module that will give coaches the knowledge to recognize, address, and prevent maltreatment in sport and includes tools and resources to help embed Safe Sport principles throughout Curling Alberta and teams. Find more details here: <https://curlingalberta.ca/safe-sport/>  
Required to be Safe Sport trained?

| Who             | Category   |
|-----------------|--|
| Athletes        | Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, U20, U21 Mixed Doubles, Mixed, Seniors, Wheelchair, Club Champions                    |
| Coaches         | U15, U18, U20, U21 Mixed Doubles, Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Mixed, Seniors, Wheelchair, Masters, Club Champions |
| Parent/Guardian | Any athlete under 18 in any category   |
| Officials       | Chief and Deputy Umpires, Game Umpires recommended   |

### Recommended to be Safe Sport Trained

| Who           | Category          |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Athletes      | U15, U18, Masters |
| Curling Clubs | All               |



Upon registration of Curling Alberta competitions, athletes, coaches and parents are informed of Safe Sport Training requirements.

Curling Alberta and competition officials will check for completion of training for all required parties before the start of competition. Failure to comply will result in the inability to access the field of play, including the coach's area, until training is complete and submitted to Curling Alberta.

Safe Sport training will be tracked using Sideline Learning. Upon registration for competition, a Sideline Learning account will be created for each athlete or parent using the email address specified in the registration document. If you have previously completed the training in the last 3 years, you can upload your completion into Sideline Learning. If you have not completed the training, you can access the training through Sideline Learning and upload completion when training is finished. To access the training, you require an NCCP#. If you do not already have one, there is an option to create one on the main screen of the Safe Sport training.

\*Note: if completed training is not uploaded to Sideline Learning, Curling Alberta will not have a record of completion, and the associated individual will not have met requirements to participate.

### **Curling Centre Safe Sport Certification**

Curling Alberta has initiated a Safe Sport Certification Program within its member curling centers. The certification is not a requirement currently but is encouraged.

To be a Safe Sport Certified Center, the center must:

1. Have the manager of the center, president of the board of directors and any program heads complete the Safe Sport Training,
2. Have the manager of the center, president of the board of directors and any program heads complete the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion online training session provided by Curling Alberta,
3. Adopt the Curling Canada Safe Sport Policies shared to member centers by Curling Alberta.

These are program minimums, and it would be best if more than these individuals completed the training.

Tracking of Safe Sport Certified Centers will also be done through Sideline Learning. Details to come on how to access this feature.