

APPENDIX:

Masters (Men and Women)

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 minimum, an annual basis.

Curling Alberta **strongly recommends** all athletes in the Masters category complete the online Safe Sport Program prior to participating in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event. Access the Safe Sport Program website, information, and participant training here: <https://coach.ca/sport-safety/safe-sport-training> . Please upload proof of Safe Sport Training completion to the curler's Curling Alberta Sideline Learning profile. 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 the Provincial Championships, until they are eliminated. In effect, this means a competitor may enter the Masters category and another category (e.g. Seniors if eligible and/or Women's/Men's) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

The draw and schedule for the Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta Website.

A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS – MASTER MEN ONLY

1. The details and format are as described in Sections 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy.
2. In the Masters Men's category, 8 provincial berths are awarded in total at the Provincial Qualifiers. There are no Master Women's Provincial Qualifiers.
 - a. There are no pre-Qualifying berths in the Master category.
3. All games are 8 ends and are not timed. However, teams are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire (no minimum number of ends).
4. A delivery stick may be used.

B. MASTER MEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The format is an eight-team Round Robin (RR) with a 4-Team Page Playoff.
2. All games are 8 ends and are not timed. However, teams are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire (no minimum number of ends).
3. Alternates, substitutes, and/or replacements are allowed to have competed in another level of competition within the Masters Category.
4. Each team has one (1) 60-second time out per eight (8) end game. Travel time may be added.
5. A delivery stick may be used.
6. Pre-Game Practice:
 - a. Prior to the start of a game, teams are permitted a nine (9) minute practice with their stones. **Teams may throw an unlimited number of stones in their pre-game practice.**
 - b. Last Stone Advantage (hammer) in the first end will be decided by a draw to the button following each team's pre-game practice.
 - c. LSD's will be delivered toward the home end only.
 - d. In the event a team does not finish in the rings, a second team member will be required to deliver a measurable stone.
7. During RR, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) Last Stone Draws (LSD). The two (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 fill in the minimum number of LSD deliveries. Refer to Competitors' Guide for more information.
8. No Tie Breaker games will be played. Teams tied for a playoff position shall be ranked first by their head-to-head results and then by Draw Shot Challenge (DSC).
9. Post-Round Robin:
 - a. After the Round Robin, the Chief Umpire will notify each team of their playoff position. There will be no formal meeting held following the Round Robin. Teams advancing to the playoffs will receive their playoff information directly from the Chief Umpire and will not need to attend a post-Round Robin meeting. To streamline the process, any decisions such as stone colour or last stone advantage will be communicated to the Chief Umpire via text or email.
 - b. Teams must be prepared to make their choices within 15 minutes of notification and communicate those decisions to the Chief Umpire.
 - c. Teams must be prepared to select colour of stone and/or LSFE (hammer) following their last round robin game. In the event a team does not finish in the rings, then a second team member will be required to deliver a measurable stone.
10. PLAYOFFS:

Playoffs - The top four (4) teams advance to the Page Playoffs. Refer to the Competitors' Guide for format breakdown.

11. Playoff stone selections:

The Chief Umpire will advise which sheets the Women select from, and which sheets the Men select from.

C. MASTER WOMEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Master Women's Provincial Championship for the 2025-2026 season will be limited to 32 teams which will be based on first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling IO. To clarify, no Provincial Qualifiers will be staged.
 - a. The format for the Master Women's Provincial Championship 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 all team members.
2. All games are 8 ends and are not timed. However, teams are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play as managed by the Chief Umpire (no minimum number of ends).
3. Each team has one (1) 60 second time out per eight (8) end game. Travel time may be added.
4. A delivery stick may be used.
5. Alternates, substitutes, and/or replacements are allowed to have competed in another level of competition within the Masters Category.
6. Pre-Game Practice:
 - a. Prior to the start of a game, teams are permitted a nine (9) minute practice with their stones. [Teams may throw an unlimited number of stones in their pre-game practice.](#)
 - b. [Playoff stone colour/LSFE selection\(s\) will follow policies described in Competitors' Guide, Section 2\(C\)\(6\).](#)
7. PLAYOFFS:
 - a. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.
 - b. The Chief Umpire will advise which sheets the Women select from, and which sheets the Men select from, following the last draw.