

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 to take priority.

This Appendix is subject to further review and evaluation on, at minimum, an annual basis.

Curling Alberta requires all athletes in the Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Mixed, U20, U20 Mixed Doubles, Seniors, Stick Curling Club Championships, 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://coach.ca/sport-safety/safe-sport-training>

Please ensure that proof of Safe Sport Training completion is uploaded to the curler's Curling Alberta Sideline Learning profile before the competition starts. 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. With respect to an actual or potential date conflict:

- 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 (1) player.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter Mixed Doubles and another category (e.g., U20 (Juniors), Women's, Men's) and can subsequently be replaced by 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 draw-making procedures and seeding if applicable.

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The format is an Open Championship, limited to 32 teams based on a first-come first serve registration for a full team. 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 emailed to all team members.
 - i. To clarify, there will not be any Provincial Qualifiers or pre-Qualifiers in this category.
2. All games are eight (8) ends.
3. The event will be seeded in advance of the Championship using an equally weighted (50/50) formula combining the Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking (CMDR) and the results of submitted team ranking ballots from all participants.
 - i. "CMDR" see more information at <https://www.curling.ca/events/competitor-information/canadian-mixed-doubles-rankings/>
 - ii. Teams will be ranked 1-32 (assuming there are 32 registered teams) using CMDR, and will be given 32 points for 1st, 31 points for 2nd, and so on. Teams will also be ranked 1-32 using the averages from the self-seeding forms, and will be given 32 points for 1st, 31 for 2nd, 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 Bios to improve the accuracy of ranking ballots. CMDR points will be collected until two weeks prior to the start of the competition.
 - 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.
 - v. Any team without points will be appointed zero (0) points and teams will be placed in the draw utilizing a standardized random procedure.
4. Games may be timed. Thinking time is 22 minutes for eight (8) ends. Extra ends are three (3) minutes. There is a mandatory four (4) minute mid-game break. The between-end break is one (1) minute. If games are not timed, the pace of play will be monitored by the Umpires.
5. Each team has one (1) 60-second timeout (with travel time to be determined); and one (1) time out 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. Pre-Game practice is 7 minutes per team:
 - i. Teams can throw all eight (8) stones in pre-game practice and then select five (5) stones to deliver for the game play. Teams may deliver an unlimited number of stones during their pre-game practice.
 - ii. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones will be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.

8. 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.
9. Immediately following each team practice, each player will deliver one (1) Last Stone Draw, to the home end. First practice will deliver both LSD's with a clockwise rotation and the team practicing second will deliver both with a counterclockwise rotation.
10. Rock rotation: each draw, Curling Alberta will label two stones as "positioned stones". These stones will not be delivered by teams for the pre-determined draws. Rotation of positioned stones will be determined based on event format and number of teams in the Provincial Championships.
11. At the start of every end, the team with Last Stone Advantage will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
 - i. 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.
12. Each team is allowed one (1) Power-Play per game determined by the team with the last stone.
13. 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 and it cannot be determined which team scored the point (i.e. a 'tied' measure), the end is blanked, and the hammer does not change.
14. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.
15. The no-tick rule does not apply.
16. Teams must have 1 male and 1 female. There is no 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.
17. PLAYOFFS:
 - a. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and emailed to the teams and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.
 - b. Playoff stone colour/LSFE 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.