

## APPENDIX:

# U20 (Men's and Women's)

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.

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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, U20 Mixed Doubles, Seniors, Club Championships, Stick Curling, 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://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 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>

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 events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the sanctioned event.

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 U20 category and another category (e.g. Mixed

Doubles, U18, 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. Reference the Competitor's Guide for details on draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

## A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS

1. All competitors must abide by policies laid out in Section 1 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy.
2. There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in the U20 category. Instead, an open Provincial Championship will be played to determine a Provincial Champion. There are no pre-Qualifying berths in the U20 category.

## B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The U20 Provincial Championship for the 2025-2026 season will be limited to 32 teams, per gender, which will be based on first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling IO.
  - i. The format for the U20 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 players.
  - ii. To clarify, there will not be any Provincial Qualifiers or pre-Qualifiers in this category for the 2025/26 season.
2. All games are **8-ends** and are timed (for Game Duration, refer to the Competitors' Guide).
3. Pre-event seeding shall occur using the Alberta Curling Tour (ACT) - U20 Division Points. When ACT points are not available for teams, teams will be given zero (0) points. Ties in points will be broken by random draw. Curling Alberta reserves the right to amend the seeding procedure at the discretion of the Competitions Committee should the format of the Championship change.
4. Coaches will utilize Curling Canada's Coach Interactions Program for the U20 category.
5. Teams must have a coach. Coaches must be present within the event facility. 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).

6. PLAYOFFS:
  - i. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received, emailed the teams' skips, and announced within 14 days of the registration closing. See Competitors' Guide 2(C)(5) for playoff formats.
  - ii. Playoff stone colour/LSFE selection(s) will follow policies described in Competitors' Guide, Section 2(C)(6).

## C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The team in each gender that wins the Provincial Championship will represent Alberta at the 2026 U20 Canadian Championships.
2. Alberta has been awarded a second berth per gender to the 2026 U20 Canadian Championships. [Curling Alberta will award the second berth to the team that places second at the 2025 U20 Provincial Championships.](#)