

APPENDIX:

Stick Curling (Mixed)

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.

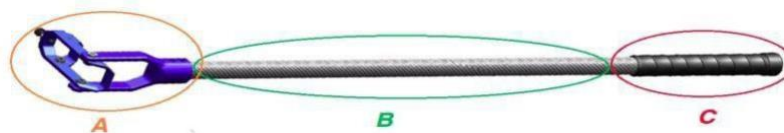
Curling Alberta requires all athletes in the Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Mixed, U20, U21 Mixed Doubles, Seniors, Stick Curling, and Wheelchair categories to complete the online Safe Sport Program to participate in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event. To complete Safe Sport training, athletes must 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>

The draw and schedule for the Open Provincial Championships will be provided to all teams. The draw will be conducted using a random selection process, and the entire procedure will be recorded. A copy of the recorded draw will be made available upon request via email to info@curlingalberta.ca to any interested parties.

A. FOR ALL STICK COMPETITIONS

1. Delivery Stick Standards & Equipment:

The delivery stick shall not convey any mechanical advantage other than acting as an extension



of the arm/hand. Mechanical advantage is defined as the amplification of a force. Examples that can exert such a force are springs and pistons. This diagram describes the terminology of a delivery stick. The delivery stick must also abide by the following:

A = Delivery Head

B = Tube

C = Handle

- i. It cannot contain any part that automatically aims or assists in aiming the stone.
- ii. It cannot contain any part that adjusts the weight/speed of the stone.
- iii. The overall length of the delivery stick must be no greater than 2.45 m/8.04 ft. This measurement is taken when the stick is lying on a horizontal plane. It is defined as the distance from the furthest point on the handle to the outstretched end of the delivery head.
- iv. The tube must be hollow and static in length throughout the delivery. However, adjustment of tube length is allowed between shots.
- v. Customization of the handle, tube, and delivery head is allowed if they fall within the "Wheelchair Curling Policy". Examples include tape, Velcro, and silicon.
- vi. If the delivery stick conforms to the standards given, it does not matter where the force is applied to the stone handle.
- vii. Throughout the delivery movement, a fixed connection must occur between the athlete through the handle, tube, and delivery head.

2. **BRUSH:**

- i. Any commercially available, non-hair curling brush may be used in a two person (2) stick competition.
- ii. The same brush and brush head must be used for the entire game.
- iii. WCF approved brush heads are not required.

3. **FOOTWEAR:**

Both a two-gripper walking delivery and a one-gripper sliding delivery are permitted. Any footwear must provide safety and stability for the player, be clean, and may not negatively impact ice conditions.

B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS

1. There will be NO Provincial Qualifiers held in the Stick Curling category. Instead, each club is invited to send two (2) teams to compete at the Provincial Championship.

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **Championship Format:**

To support participation, each club is invited to enter two (2) eligible teams. The specific format will be determined based on the number of entries and will be announced within 14 days of the registration deadline. The format will be communicated via email to all team members.

2. Team Registration:

Registration will be taken via Curling IO.

3. Championship Rules:

A. Game Duration:

- i. All games will be played under the official rules of the **Canadian Stick Curling Association**.
- ii. All games will consist of **six (6) ends**. In the event of a tie after the six (6) ends, extra ends will be played to determine the winner.
- iii. Extra ends will be played toward the home end, with each player delivering **three (3) rocks** per extra end.
- iv. **Games are not timed**. It is expected that proper pace of play will ensure that all games can be completed in 60 minutes.
- v. Sweeping is allowed from the hog line.

B. Non-Officiated Play:

- i. All games will be **non-officiated**. Any disputes that cannot be resolved by the two (2) teams may be referred to the Chief Umpire or his/her assistant umpire.
- ii. Competitors are responsible for making their own measurements, including rock measurements during the game. Last Stone Draw (LSD) will be measured by umpires.
- iii. Curlers must promptly mark the score after each end, including the **6th end**.
- iv. A game may be conceded at any time; no minimum number of ends are required.

C. Wheelchair Competitor Guidelines:

- i. Wheelchair competitors may use an **on-ice player assistant (IPA)** and/or place a **gripper** or other approved material under the wheelchair wheels for stabilization during delivery.
- ii. When the opposition is in the delivery position, the wheelchair competitor should position themselves behind the back line, in the corner.

D. Pre-Game Practice:

- i. Each team will have **simultaneous practice**, with players alternating shots.
- ii. Teams will flip a coin to determine either the choice of side AND first or second stone, OR the color of the rock.
- iii. One (1) team will use one side of the ice, and the other team will use

the opposite side. Players may alternate between throwing clockwise and counterclockwise.

- iv. Each team will deliver three (3) stones. The **Last Stone Draw** measurement will be conducted on the third stone. Sweeping is allowed from the hog line. You may not sweep the opposition's rock.
- v. When using Last Stone Draw measurements, the measurement will alternate between team members for each Round Robin game.
- vi. Depending on which teammates' stone is being measured, measurements may take place at either end of the sheet.
- vii. If both members of a team are not present at the pre-game practice, the team will forfeit Last Stone First End (LSFE).
- viii. During **Round Robin games**, the measurement of Last Stone Draw will alternate between team members.

E. Scorecards:

- i. Teams must update the scoreboard at the completion of each end.
- ii. Game Scorecards will be at the end of each sheet. Complete the Scorecard and deliver it to the Chief Umpire with the final score.

F. Code of Ethics:

- i. Curling is based on principles of fair play, personal integrity, and respect. All participants are expected to adhere to the traditions of etiquette and the official rules throughout the Championship.
- ii. Violations of the Code of Ethics (e.g., swearing at officials, damaging the playing surface, broom banging, etc.) will result in immediate disqualification of the offending player for the remainder of the Championship.
- iii. Any violation must be reported immediately to the Chief Umpire. The issue will be escalated to Curling Alberta, and the player will be disqualified without the option of appeal.
- iv. Refer to Curling Alberta's Policy manual on the Curling Alberta website for more information.

G. Dress Standards

- i. Although teams are encouraged to wear matching uniforms, dress standards noted in Section 2(A)(1) of the Competitors' Guide do not apply as this is an Open Championship. Curling appropriate attire is expected, and jeans are not permitted
- ii. **HEADWEAR** may be worn if it matches the team uniform or is plain black. Only one (1) logo on the front. That logo can be a sponsor, a curling club, or curling association. Baseball style hats can be worn with the peak to the front or back. If more than one (1) team member wears headgear, they must be the same color. Protective headgear is permitted and is not required to match.

H. Rock Timing:

- i. In accordance with **CSCA National Championship** rules, the **Alberta Stick Curling Association** will enforce a **7-second maximum speed** for any rock.

I. Advancement to Playoffs:

- i. If two (2) teams are tied for first place, in a pool that sends 2 teams to the playoffs, 1st place will be declared using their head-to-head record during Round Robin (RR).
- ii. If 3 teams tied for first place, in a pool that sends 2 teams to the playoffs, 1st place will be declared using head-to-head during Round Robin. If there is an unsolvable tie, then the cumulative total of Last Stone Draw (LSD) will declare 1st place. 2nd place will be declared by head-to-head results in RR between the remaining 2 teams.
- iii. If 4 teams are tied in a pool that sends 2 teams to the playoffs, 1st will be declared using head-to-head during Round Robin. If there is an unsolvable tie, then cumulative of LSD totals will declare 1st. 2nd will be declared by head-to-head results, in RR between the remaining teams, if unsolvable the cumulative of LSD process will declare 2nd.
- iv. This process is to be applied similarly to situations whereby first place in a pool is clear in RR record and 2 or more teams remain tied in RR for 2nd place.

J. Playoffs:

- i. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of registration closing.
- ii. During playoffs, the highest-ranked team shall have the choice of side of ice
AND throwing first or second, OR rock colour. If teams are tied, a coin flip will determine the first choice. Refer to Curling Alberta's Competitors' Guide for ranking guidelines.
- iii. Playoff Stone Selection, in the Stick Club Curling Championships, stones are used from the assigned game sheet.

K. Teams in Pool Play:

- i. Depending on the number of teams entered, the following table will determine the pool sizes for Round Robin play, with a minimum pool size of 4 teams.
- ii. If more than 24 teams participate, Curling Alberta will determine whether a Round Robin or Triple Knockout format will be used.

Number of Teams	Total Number of Pools	Pool Sizes
4	1	4
5	1	5
6	1	6
7	1	7
8	2	4,4
9	2	4,5
10	2	5,5
11	2	5,6
12	3	4,4,4
13	3	4,4,5
14	3	4,5,5
15	3	5,5,5
16	4	4,4,4,4
17	4	4,4,4,5
18	4	4,4,5,5
19	4	4,5,5,5
20	4	5,5,5,5
21	5	4,4,4,4,5
22	5	4,4,4,5,5
23	5	4,4,5,5,5
24	5	4,5,5,5,5

L. TEAM ALBERTA

The winner of the Provincial Championship will represent Alberta at the 2026 Canadian Stick Curling Championships, in Wolfville, Nova Scotia on March 25-29, unless they are deemed ineligible. These Champions, or the replacement team, become a Provincial team representing Alberta, rather than representing their local club. National event paperwork must be completed immediately following the closing ceremonies.