

APPENDIX:

U15 (Combined Boy's and Girl's)

This Appendix outlines competition-specific rules and procedures for the U15 category. 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 takes precedence.

This Appendix is reviewed annually and is subject to updates.

Safe Sport Compliance

All participants are required to comply with Safe Sport Training requirements. Full details, including training expectations, deadlines, and compliance procedures, are outlined in the Competitor's Guide and on Curling Alberta's website. **Failure to comply may result in the participant being deemed ineligible to participate in competition.**

Alternates (5th players) are **not** permitted in the U15 competition.

Please note that teams in the U15 category can include any combination of male and/or female curlers.

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

1. Additional details and format are as described in Sections 1 and 2 of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy.
2. 12 Provincial berths are awarded in total, all through Provincial Qualifiers.
3. All U15 provincial qualifiers will be seeded using U15 Alberta Curling Tour points standings.
4. All games are 8 ends, plus extra end(s) if needed.
5. Coaches will utilize Curling Canada's Coach Interactions - U15 category rules.
6. Games will not be timed. Pace of play may be further managed by the

Chief Umpire.

7. Teams must have a coach during any Curling Alberta U15 competition, and the coach must be present at the event facility. Coaches at this competition are considered team members and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Competitors' Guide for details).
8. Broom checks will be done by the Chief Umpire and/or Game Umpires prior to all competitions, including Provincial Qualifiers to ensure broom handle, fabric and broom foam compliance.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. All team members are required to comply with the Cresting positioning noted in the Cresting Policy on the Curling Alberta website.
2. All games are 8 ends, plus extra end(s) if needed. Games will not be timed. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire.
3. Teams must have a coach, and the coach must be present at the event facility. Coaches at this competition are considered team members and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Competitors' Guide for details).
4. Substitutes, and/or replacements are allowed to have competed in another level of competition within the U15 Category.
5. Broom checks will be done by the Chief Umpire and/or Game Umpires prior to all competitions, including Provincial Qualifiers to ensure broom handle, fabric, and broom foam compliance.
6. Coaches will utilize Curling Canada's Coach Interactions - U15 category rules.
7. The U15 Championship will be a 12-team field split into two (2) pools of six (6) teams each. The top 2 teams in each pool will be seeded in advance of the Championship using U15 Alberta Curling Tour points. When ACT points are not available for the top 4 teams, teams will be given zero (0) points. Ties in points will be broken by random draw. The remaining 8 teams will be randomly drawn to complete the pools. Curling Alberta reserves the right to amend the seeding procedure at the discretion of the Competitions Committee should the format of the Championship change.

8. Each team will play a Round Robin within their pool, and the top three teams from each pool will advance to the six-team single-elimination playoff.
9. Pre-game practice:
 - a) Prior to the start of a game, teams are permitted a nine (9) minute practice with their stones.
 - b) Speed traps are not permitted in pre-game practice.
 - c) A coin toss will determine stone colour OR practice session. First practice will begin 30 minutes before the draw.
 - d) Teams are allowed to throw an unlimited number of stones in all pregame practices.
 - e) Practice sliding after completion of the practice is not permitted.
10. Last Stone Draw (LSD):
 - a) Teams will throw two (2) draws for Last Stone First End (LSFE), immediately following their pre-game practice.
 - b) Each player must deliver one (1) LSD, during the Round Robin during pool play.
 - c) All LSD procedures are identified in Section 1(D)(6) of the Competitor's Guide.
11. Championship Playoffs:
 - a) The 6-team elimination format shall be as follows:
 - i) After the Round Robin, the teams ranked 2nd and 3rd in each Pool will advance to the quarter-final round with 2nd Pool B vs 3rd Pool A (game 1), and 2nd Pool A vs 3rd Pool B (game 2), the winners advancing to the semi-final round
 - ii) The teams ranked 1st in each Pool will advance directly to the semi-final round. 1st in Pool A will play the winner of game 1 (game 3). 1st in Pool B will play the winner of game 2 (game 4).
 - iii) The winners of the semi-finals will compete in the final to determine a Champion.
 - b) Ties within pools will be broken based on the team's head-to-head record where possible and then Draw Shot Challenge (DSC).
 - c) A playoff meeting will be held after the completion of pool play with the coaches.
12. Consolation Playoffs:
 - a) The 6-team elimination format shall be as follows:
 - i) After the Round Robin, the teams ranked 5th and 6th in each Pool will advance to the quarter-final round with 5th Pool B vs 6th Pool A (game 1), and 5th Pool A vs 6th Pool B (game 2), the winners advancing to the semi-final round

- ii) The teams ranked 4th in each Pool will advance directly to the semi-final round. 4th in Pool A will play the winner of game 1 (game 3). 4th in Pool B will play the winner of game 2 (game 4).
- iii) The winners of the semi-finals will compete in the final to determine a Champion.

13. Playoff LSFE & Stone Selection:

- a) When teams are from the same pool:
 - i) **Better W/L record teams:** will have BOTH choice of colour (*stone handle colour*) AND LSFE (*Last Stone First End*) in the playoffs.
 - ii) **Same W/L record teams:** the team that won the Round Robin game will have choice of colour OR LSFE.
 - iii) If teams have the same W/L record and team Singles scores, the DSC (Draw Shot Challenge) will be used to rank teams. The team ranked higher will have choice of colour OR practice session, and teams will deliver LSD(s) to determine LSFE. Once DSC ranking is used, it is the only ranking factor, and head-to-head results are not used.
- b) When teams are from different pools:
 - i) If a team has a better W/L record they will receive **both** LSFE and stone colour.
 - ii) If teams have the same W/L record, and the DSC was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have **choice** of stone colour or practice session, and LSD will be delivered to determine LSFE.

As outlined in Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcohol or cannabis during Curling Alberta-sanctioned U15, U18, and U20 events. This prohibition applies for the entire duration of the event, beginning at the time of departure for the competition and continuing until arrival home following the conclusion of the sanctioned event.