

APPENDIX:

Canada Winter Games (CWG) U18 Trials (Open Boys & Girls)

This Appendix outlines competition-specific rules and procedures for the U18 CWG Trials category. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitors' Guide apply to these competitions. 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.**

With respect to an actual or potential date conflict:

- If a U18 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 U18 team in advance of any competition.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter U18 and another category (e.g. U20 (Junior), Women's, Men's) and can subsequently be replaced for U18 if they qualify for National or International competition in the other category.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
 - Olympic Games
 - World Men's or World Women's Curling Championships
 - World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships

Coaching Requirements:

- Coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be **Curling Canada NCCP Competition-Development In-Training** (Competition Coach certified + completion of "Manage a Program" and "Health and Wellness" Curling Canada modules and Managing Conflict module).
- Coaches should be at minimum, **Competition Coach Certified** prior to the Canada Winter Games Trials.
- Coaches must meet CWG eligibility no later than 45 days prior to the CWG Opening Ceremony (January 12, 2027).

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 the draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. FOR THE U18 CWG CATEGORY:

1. All games are eight (8) ends. No minimum number of ends to be completed.
2. Coaches will utilize Curling Canada's Coach Interactions Program for the U18 category. Coaches will be given one (1) Coach Interaction per end.
3. 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).
4. No fifth players or alternates are permitted to participate in the Canada Winter Games, and therefore a team may only register the U18 CWG Trials with four (4) players.
5. Pre-Game practice is 9 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. Following the first team's pre-game practice, two different players will deliver a Last Stone Draw (LSD) to the button. One player will deliver a stone to the button with a clockwise rotation to the home end and one player will deliver a stone with a counter-clockwise rotation to the home end. Both will be measured and combined to determine the team's LSD value.

- iii. Following the second team's pre-game practice, each player will deliver a stone to the button one clockwise to the home end and one counter-clockwise to the home end. Both will be measured and combined to determine the team's LSD value.
- iv. The better (lower) distance of the total of the two draws between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The format is an open championship, limited to 24 teams based on first-come first served registration of a full team in Curling IO.
 - i. 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.
2. Games may be timed. To match the Canada Winter Games timing guidelines, time between ends will be sixty (60) seconds. Coaches will be allowed up to forty-five (45) seconds of talking time with their team between ends and coaches may meet with their team either on the backboard or on the sideline between the hog lines. Coaches will then have 15 seconds of travel time to be seated before the first stone of the end is delivered.
 - i. Coaches will be allowed a maximum of one (1) interaction per end.
 - ii. Time clocks for four-person games will add an additional four (4) minutes to their time clock for a total of 34 minutes.
 - iii. When extra ends are required, the game clocks will be reset and teams given five (5) minutes for the extra end.
3. Playoff format will be determined based on the number of entries received and announced within 14 days of the registration closing.

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages or cannabis products during a U15, U18, or U20/U21 events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time period from departure to the competition through to, and including, arrival at home from the sanctioned event.