

APPENDIX:

Canada Winter Games (CWG) U21 Mixed Doubles Trials (Open)

This Appendix outlines competition-specific rules and procedures for the U20 Mixed Doubles 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.**

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 U21 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 U21 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 U21 Mixed Doubles and another category (e.g. U20 (Junior), Women's, Men's) and can subsequently be replaced for U21 Mixed Doubles 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 be 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 ALL U20/U21 MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS:

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 U20/U21 Mixed Doubles category.
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. 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.

5. 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.
6. Following the first 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.
7. 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.
8. Positioned Stones
 - i. 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. Umpires will identify the positioned stones and the spare stone for each draw prior to pre-game practice.
 - ii. The spare stone may be changed with non-positioned stone at the beginning of an end. The spare stone shall always be kept at the home end.
9. 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. If there is a disagreement between teams, the Chief Umpire will appoint a standard vertical stone placement for the Championship.
10. 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. Each team is allowed one (1) power play per game determined by the team last stone.
11. If the end was blanked, the team that delivered first in that end shall determine the placement of the positioned stones. As it cannot be determined which team scored the point (i.e. a 'tied' measure), the end is blanked, and Last Stone Advantage does not change.
12. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.
13. The no-tick rule does not apply.
14. Teams must have 1 male and 1 female. There is no Mixed Doubles 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. See the Curling Alberta Competitors' Guide for player replacement criteria and procedures.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The format is an open championship, limited to 32 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 two (2) interactions in the first half of the game and a maximum of two (2) interactions in the second half of the game. These Coach Interactions can occur in the same end or in different ends.
 - ii. Time clocks for Mixed Doubles games will add an additional two (2) minutes to their time clock for a total of twenty-four (24) minutes. Games will be eight (8) ends.
 - iii. When extra ends are required, the game clocks will be reset and given three minutes and thirty seconds (3.5) minutes for Mixed Doubles games.
3. Male athletes are eligible to compete in both the U-18 Men's and the U-21 Mixed Doubles events if they meet the eligibility criteria. However, female athletes are not eligible to compete in both the U-18 Women's and the U-21 Mixed Doubles events because the Canada Winter Games competitions are occurring during the same week.

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/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