



## Team Funding Policy: Tournament of Hearts and Brier (effective January 1, 2018):

- Curling Canada team funding for the Tournament of Hearts and Brier will include four (4) players and one (1) coach **only**. Teams **will be allowed** to bring one (1) alternate player with them but at their own team's expense including on-ice clothing.
- **Alternates**
  - Cannot be a Free Agent if the team already has a Free Agent in the line-up.
  - The alternate must meet the eligibility requirements of the Member Association they represent.
  - An alternate for Team Canada must be a resident of the Member Association they represent. For example, Alberta wins the Brier. Next year as Team Canada, their alternate (their choice) must meet Alberta's eligibility (unless they are a free agent with no other free agent on the team).
  - Teams may play with three (3) players at any time, even with an alternate on the team.
  - If a team loses more than two (2) players, they will default until they can field at least three (3) players.
  - A team of four (4) players losing a player to catastrophic reasons will be allowed to replace that player with an eligible alternate player at the discretion of Curling Canada. Catastrophic is defined as unable to play for the remainder of the event due to physical injury as determined by a third-party physician.
- **Alternate Player Pools** in all other Curling Canada events are no longer offered. **Exception:** the Canadian Mixed.
  - Teams will be allowed to bring an eligible alternate player with them **at their own team's expense**.
  - Teams may play with three (3) players regardless if they have an alternate player or not in the building.
  - If a four-person team loses more than two (2) players, they will default until they can field at least three (3) players.
  - A four-person team losing a player to catastrophic reasons will be allowed to replace that player with an eligible alternate player. Catastrophic is defined as unable to play for the remainder of the event due to physical injury as determined by a third-party physician.
  - **4-person Mixed:** This event will continue to provide a pool of local alternate players because the Mixed Rules require that four (4) players are on the ice at all times.
  - **Mixed Doubles:** Alternate players are not allowed for this discipline. If one (1) of the two players cannot play, the game will be defaulted.