

CurlManitoba Releases Competition Contingency Policy

Curling Manitoba Competition Contingency Policies brought about by COVID-19 address a range of potential scenarios. These Competition Contingency Policies provides general information around the status of CurlManitoba sanctioned events.

Although the realities of the COVID-19 certainly have the potential to impact any sporting competition, CurlManitoba is committed to running all events on our schedule, if it is safe to do so. Optimistically we will endeavor to complete our competitive season and that our current barriers to competing will loosen as our province continues to evolve its relaunch strategy. The cancellation of a national competition would not necessarily mean the cancellation of a CurlManitoba competition, as we would still hope to name a Provincial Champion. U18 and Junior competitions have been cancelled nationally while the senior nationals has been postponed until December 2021. Therefore, our Senior provincial competition has been moved to April 2021.

All competitions will adhere to the Provincial Health Authority restoring safe services guidelines, CurlManitoba Return to Play protocols and the Curling Club protocols. Events may be cancelled at any time as the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, volunteers is a top priority in these unprecedented times.

If it happens that, a berth bonspiel cannot occur the allotted berths from the berth bonspiel will revert to our regional qualifiers pool to be distributed based on entry numbers. CurlManitoba believes that our teams in any regional qualifier are low numbers with low risk and can proceed.

If it happens that, our provincial competitions cannot occur all provincial competitions, for any category where there is not a national competition, The Provincial competition will be cancelled.

For categories where a national competition is being hosted (Men, Women, Mixed Doubles), a CurlManitoba representative will be determined as follows:

Scenerio 1: When a playoff of 6 teams is acceptable for the Viterra and Scotties Championship, the teams will be determined by

- a) Last year's champion
- b) Last year's finalist
- c) The top two teams on last year's CTRS point standing
- d) The two teams who have Qualified through the MCT bonspiels as of November 15th, 2020

Scenerio 2: When a playoff of 4 teams is acceptable the teams will be determined for the Viterra and Scotties by

- a) Last year's champion
- b) Last year's finalist
- c) The top two teams on last year's CTRS point standing
- d) Mixed Doubles will be determined the a playoff with the final 4 teams from the 2020 Championship

- Scenerio 3: When there is no curling allowed the team to represent Manitoba for the Brier, Scotties and Mixed Doubles will be determined by
- a) The 2020 Champion for the Men's competition
 - b) The 2020 Finalist for the Women's competition
 - c) The 2020 Champion for Mixed Doubles