



CurlManitoba™
COMPETITOR GUIDE
2021-2022



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ALL CURLMANTOBA EVENTS

ELIGIBILITY

1. Each competitor must meet all eligibility conditions as established by CurlManitoba.
2. Each competitor shall adhere to the CurlManitoba residency requirements.
3. All players must be members of a Manitoba Club, which is in good standing with CurlManitoba to compete in the Provincial Championships.
4. All four or five competitors registered on a team must be members of the same CurlManitoba Winnipeg member club **or** members of any CurlManitoba rural member club within the same Sport Region (north, west, south or east).
5. Athlete verification shall be as shown on the list of members of the club for the current season filed with CurlManitoba. All curling clubs are required to submit their member list NO LATER than December 15, 2021.
6. If a team is declared ineligible after securing a provincial berth, then the team cannot compete in the Provincial Championship by dropping the ineligible athlete(s). They are simply not eligible and the entire team will be replaced.
7. In the event of a team who has earned a berth is not able to compete at a Provincial Championship, CurlManitoba will name an alternate team.

AGE REQUIREMENTS for the 2021-2022 Season

Curling Club One player allowed born after June 30, 2002

COACHING

Requirements

All coaches must have completed their certification requirements a minimum of 30 days prior to all Championships.

All Categories

- _____ All coaches must be a minimum of 21 Years of Age as of December 31, 2021.
- _____ Competition Coach Trained.
- _____ Making Ethical Decisions On-Line Evaluation-Competition Stream is mandatory.
- _____ Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders Certification is mandatory.

TIME OUTS

There are no time outs at the Curling Club Championship.

FIFTH PLAYERS

1. A Fifth Player may be registered prior to the event. Fifth Players must be identified 7 days (October 19th) prior to the start of a Provincial Championship.
2. The players on the ice must be four of the five players listed on the team personnel roster. The registered Fifth Player may only play lead.
3. Fifth Players must maintain the eligibility of the team.

4. Fifth Players will not receive berth winner crests, keeper awards, or a complimentary banquet ticket.

REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

1. One player may be replaced prior to the Championship.
2. A replacement player becomes a permanent registered member of the team and may play any position. The replacement player must meet all eligibility rules of the competition and must have done so prior to the commencement of the competition in which the team qualified. The CurlManitoba office must be advised in writing of any replacement no later than October 19th, 2022.
3. A team with a replacement player must be comprised of at least 3 of the 4 (or 5) original players who competed when the team qualified for the Championship.

MEDIA

CurlManitoba is fortunate to have great support from media across the province. Every player is asked to do their part in maintaining that support by cooperating with media when requested. The presence of photographers and cameramen is a fact during a CurlManitoba Championship. While it may seem courteous to you to stop your movement while they take their picture, it is not your responsibility to do so. Your job is to be in position to sweep or make your next shot. If you must move in front of their camera to do so, do not be concerned about it.

Social Media Guidelines for Athletes and Coaches

Definitions

The following term has this meaning in these Guidelines:

“*Social media*” – The catch-all term that is applied broadly to new computer-mediated communication media such as blogs, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter

Purpose

1. These Guidelines provide athletes and coaches with tips and suggestions for social media use. Athletes and coaches are strongly encouraged to develop their own strategy for social media use (either written down or not) and ensure that their strategy for social media use is acceptable pursuant to CurlManitoba’s *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*.
2. Given the nature of social media as a continually developing communication sphere, CurlManitoba trusts its athletes and coaches to use their best judgment when interacting with social media. These Guidelines are not hard and fast rules or behavioural laws; but rather ideas that will inform athletes’ and coaches’ best judgment.

Social Media Guidelines for Athletes

The following tips should be used by athletes to form their own strategy for social media use:

1. Set your privacy settings to restrict who can search for you and what private information other people can see.
2. Coaches, teammates, officials, or opposing competitors may all add you to Facebook or follow you on Twitter. You are not required to follow anyone or be Facebook friends with anyone.
3. If you feel harassed by someone in a social medium, report it to your coach, Umpire, or to CurlManitoba.
4. Do not feel pressure to join a fan page on Facebook or follow a Twitter feed.

5. Content posted on Twitter and Facebook, relative to your privacy settings, is considered public. In most cases, you do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy for any material that you post.
6. Avoid posting pictures of, or alluding to, participation in illegal activity such as: speeding, physical assault, harassment, drinking alcohol (if underage), and illicit drugs.
7. Model appropriate behaviour in social media befitting your status as a) an elite athlete, and b) a member of your club and of CurlManitoba. As a Member of CurlManitoba, you have agreed to CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies* and most follow that Code when you post material and interact with other people through social media.
8. Be aware that your public Facebook page or Twitter feed may be monitored by your club, coach, or by CurlManitoba and content or behaviour demonstrated in social media may be subject to sanction under CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*.

Social Media Guidelines for Coaches

The following tips should be used by coaches to form their own strategy for social media use:

1. Choosing not to engage with social media is an acceptable social media strategy. But you must have good reasons for your choice and be active in other communication media.
2. Despite what Facebook says, you are not actually "friends" with athletes. Resist commenting on athletes' personal activities, status updates, or tweets on Twitter.
3. Consider monitoring or being generally aware of athletes' public social media behaviour to ensure compliance with CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*.
4. Coaches may not demand access to an athlete's private posts on Twitter or Facebook.
5. Do not "friend" athletes on Facebook unless they request the connection. Never pressure athletes to "friend" you.
6. If you accept some "friend" requests, or follow one athlete on Twitter, you should accept all friend requests and follow all the athletes. Be careful not to show favouritism on social media.
7. Consider managing your social media so that athletes do not have the option to follow you on Twitter or "friend" you on Facebook.
8. Seek permission from athletes before posting pictures or videos of the athletes on publicly available social media like a blog or on YouTube.
9. Do not use social media to 'trap' athletes if they say one thing to you in person but their social media activity reveals they were doing something different.
10. Keep selection decisions and other official team business off social media.
11. Never require athletes to join Facebook, join a Facebook group, subscribe to a Twitter feed, or join a Facebook fan page about your team or organization.
12. If you create a fan page on Facebook for your team or athlete, do not make this social media site the exclusive location for important information. Duplicate important information in more official channels (like on a website or via email).
13. Ensure that parents are aware that some coach-athlete interactions may take place on Facebook.
14. Exercise appropriate discretion when using social media for your own personal communications (with friends, colleagues, and other athletes) with the knowledge that your behaviour may be used as a model by your athletes.

15. Avoid association with Facebook groups or Twitter feeds with explicit sexual contact or viewpoints that might offend or compromise the coach-athlete relationship.
16. Never misrepresent yourself by using a fake name or fake profile.
17. Be aware that you may acquire information about an athlete that imposes an obligation of disclosure on your part (such as seeing pictures of underage athletes drinking during a trip).
18. Attempt to make communication with athletes in social media as one-sided as possible. Be available for athletes if they initiate contact via social media – athletes may wish to have this easy and quick access to you – but avoid imposing yourself into an athlete’s personal social media space unless explicitly requested to do so.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING ON ICE SITUATIONS, THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE HEAD UMPIRE.

IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING OFF ICE ISSUES, THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE CURLMANITOBA EVENT MANAGER and/or COORDINATOR.

1. The draw shall be prepared by CurlManitoba and emailed to all teams who have provided email contact information.
2. A team line-up card must be completed and presented to the Umpire prior to their first pre-game practice of the competition. If a team’s personnel changes from the original line up card in a subsequent game, a new line-up card must be completed and presented to the Umpire prior to the practice of that game.
3. A minimum of thirty-five minutes before the draw, the teams shall toss a coin to determine the order of practice and stone colour. The winner of the toss shall have the choice of second practice or stone colour.
4. There will be a designated coin toss area. If a team is late they will be deemed to have lost the toss.
5. A pre-game practice of seven minutes will be provided.
6. Last stone for the game will be determined by a draw to the button, which will occur at the conclusion of each team’s pre-game practice.
7. During the Last Stone draw the coaches and fifth players are allowed in the ice area. They may not speak with their team.
8. Each player must throw one last stone draw during the round robin.
9. If an Umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the Umpire will notify the skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivering end within forty-five seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.
10. Curlers should be prepared to curl up to three games a day if required, excluding tie-breakers and playoff games.
11. Any team defaulting a game in the Provincial Championships for reasons other than extenuating circumstances (weather, multiple injury, etc) will be dealt with as follows:

All members of that team will be disqualified from further play in that competition and will not be allowed to compete in any CurlManitoba sanctioned competition for the remainder of the season in which the default takes place. As well, all team members involved will not be allowed to participate in any CurlManitoba sanctioned competition for the year (season) following the infraction.

12. In all games, where play cannot be continued due to ice conditions and/or problems within the building; such as power failure, condensation falling, etc., and subject to approval of the Umpire and CurlManitoba, play shall be resumed at the point of the last completed end. This rule shall not apply in games where the game has been declared due to a team being late.
13. So as not to disturb other curlers, all electronic communication devices brought on-ice must be turned off prior to play beginning. This includes but is not limited to cellular phones, electronic pagers, beepers, etc.
14. Consumption of alcohol on-ice is allowed.
15. Spares are allowed ONLY if a 5th player is not on the team roster. The spare /5th must play lead.
16. All equipment will be checked and tagged prior to the pre-event practice, any changes must be approved by an Umpire.
17. Any player may request that an Umpire inspect a brush prior to or during a game.
18. The CurlManitoba Umpires shall decide ice assignment for the tie-breaker game.
19. In all Championships the pre-game practice is considered a part of the game therefore no broom heads can be changed after pre-game practice.
20. It is understood that preliminary rounds, tiebreaker games and all playoff rounds are deemed to be one competition. Teams, having begun the competition, are expected to complete all games in the competition.
21. Please remember to keep your knees and hands off the ice surface after you have thrown a stone.

RULE ENFORCEMENT

Rule enforcement will operate on a complaint based system where the Umpires will not get involved unless requested by either of the two competing teams. The hog-line rule is that a stone must be clearly released BEFORE the hog-line. If you consider hog-line violations to exist and wish that it be addressed, an Umpire will be assigned to observe all players on the sheet. The Umpire will make hog-line calls for both teams and stones will be removed accordingly.

If you are leaving the ice area prior to other games being complete, please do not walk across the backboard while players are delivering their stones.

GAME TIME OPERATION

1. The Championship will have a bell to start the game; then at 1 hour and 50 minutes a bell will ring to indicate to finish the end and play one more; at 2 hour and 10 minutes a bell will ring to indicate to finish the end and the game is complete.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE ROUTINE 7 minutes (Championships in Curling Clubs)

Coin Toss – colour or 1 st /2 nd practice		35:00
	First team access the ice	27:00
	First Practice (7 minutes)	26:00
	Draw for Last stone (clockwise)	19:00
Practice Switch		
	Second team access the ice	16:00
	Second Practice (7 minutes)	15:00
	Draw for Last stone (counter clockwise)	8:00
Teams access ice for game		1:00

CRESTING STANDARDS

IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR EVENT TITLE AND PRESENTING SPONSOR CRESTS

For the 2021-2022 season at all Provincial Championships, the following shall apply to all team personnel including:

Matching uniforms are not required at the Curling Club Championship

If teams have crestring the following rules apply:

CURLMANITOBA TITLE AND PRESENTING SPONSORS: (Mandatory)

1. A 5 inch square area is reserved for the TITLE SPONSOR CREST on the left chest.
2. A 5 inch square area is reserved for the PRESENTING SPONSOR CREST on the right chest.
3. These areas are reserved even when sponsor crests are not available.
4. Title Sponsor crests earned by the participant in a previous year(s) may be worn on the left chest at the current year championship if the event is sponsored by the same title sponsor.
5. Title and Presenting Sponsor Crests from any current year championship may be worn at any other championship.
6. At all televised arena events no sponsorship is allowed unless the team has paid the required crestring fee of \$400.

RULES:

1. Team Sponsorship crestring shall not be in conflict with the Title/Presenting Sponsor or any other CurlManitoba Sponsors. To ensure that team sponsorship is not in conflict with CurlManitoba sponsorship it is the responsibility of the team to seek approval from CurlManitoba prior to each Provincial Championship.
2. Teams will not be permitted to transport and/or display on-ice any type of sponsorship signage in any CurlManitoba conducted events.
3. Teams will not be permitted to distribute promotional items to the fans while games are in progress.
4. Brooms, bags, broom bags and pants will not display sponsorship unless the crestring fee has been paid.
5. The individual participant's own name, the team's home club or home town may be worn at any championship.

6. Head Attire is acceptable as long as they are not derogatory. Once games are televised ONLY sponsor head attire or plain head attire may be worn.
7. It is **NOT** permissible to cover unacceptable cresting or advertising with duct tape or shiny fabric. It MUST be covered in like fabric of the same color the clothing worn.
8. Coaches must be dressed in black dress pants or black curling pants or pants that match the team's uniform to be allowed ice access.

BERTH CRESTS:

1. CurlManitoba Berth crests may be worn on the sleeves, below team sponsor cresting, or on the right chest if no Presenting Sponsor Crest is provided.
2. It is **NOT** mandatory to wear the CurlManitoba berth crest.

MANUFACTURERS LOGOS:

1. Garment manufacturer's logos may be of various dimensions but shall be no more than 2 in² (13cm²) in total area.
2. Garment manufacturer's logos may appear no more than twice on any garment.

CRESTING ALLOWED

Sleeves:

1. Team sponsorship crests are allowed between the shoulder and the elbow and may only cover an area of a maximum of 4" tall and a maximum of 4" wide in total.
2. Team sponsorship cresting on each player may be different and may represent more than one sponsor.

Back:

1. All team sponsorship on the back is limited to 8 inches wide and 4 inches high. Placement is as follows:

Top/Bottom of the Garment:

1. The bottom edge of the sponsor logo must be within 7 inches of the neckline/ the top edge of the sponsor logo must be within 7 inches of the hem.
2. Team sponsorship cresting on each player may be different but each player can only display one sponsor per jacket on the back of the jacket.

Permissible cresting is at the sole discretion of CurlManitoba Umpires.

All cresting and uniforms will be confirmed at the pre-competition practice. Please bring all curling attire and equipment to the pre-event practice.

LAST STONE DRAW (all categories)

1. The team with first practice will **always** deliver the clockwise rotation while the team with second practice will **always** deliver the counter-clockwise rotation.
2. Only the four 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface for the Last Stone draw in regular 4 person play. Full sweeping is allowed, however, one of the four players must hold the target broom. The sweeping line-up should be as it would be during the actual game.
3. A stone not delivered within the time allotted by the Umpire will be assigned a distance of 185.40 cm (the stone must reach the near T-line before the one minute time expires). A total of 199.6 is used with the app.
4. Stones moved by the delivery team before being measured will be assigned the distance of the next defined circle away from the button.

- On or touching the button = 15.24 cm (when a one foot button)
 - In or touching the four foot = 60.96 cm
 - In or touching the eight foot = 121.92 cm
 - In or touching the twelve foot = 199.60 cm
5. If a member of the non-delivering team or an external force moves a stationary stone or causes it to be moved before the Umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.
 6. The third from both teams shall confirm the distance measured with the Umpire.
 7. At the conclusion of the round robin, the single highest recorded distance will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance.

SPARE POOL

There will not be a spare pool available.

CURLMANITOBA BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

All athletes at any CurlManitoba Event must show respect for the game of curling.

Inappropriate behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated during a CurlManitoba Officiated Event.

- Verbal abuse directed at anyone including teammates, opposition, volunteers or CurlManitoba representatives. Rudeness to any timers, volunteers, Umpires, spectators, other athletes or CurlManitoba representatives.
- Obscene gestures that are deemed inappropriate by an Umpire and abusive behaviour to anyone.
- Behaviour that disturbs other athletes or games.
- Extreme broom slamming or breaking.
- Disrespect toward CurlManitoba partners.

Game Expulsion/Ejection

Inappropriate behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated during a CurlManitoba officiated event.

- The Umpires at all Championship events are empowered to eject/expel a player from a game for unsportsmanlike behaviour of any kind including verbal abuse directed at anyone including team mates, opposition, volunteers or CurlManitoba representatives
- There may be no warning for any infraction. Once a player or coach has been expelled the following procedures will be implemented:
 - a. The player/coach must leave the ice surface immediately. If the individual refuses to leave the team will then forfeit the game.
 - b. For the remainder of the game, the individual may not be in any public area of the facility or on the ice surface.
 - c. An ejected/expelled player will not be allowed a substitute/replacement for the remainder of the game. In mixed play where 4 players are mandatory, the game will be automatically forfeited.
 - d. In the matter of a coach being ejected/expelled, the team will forfeit their time outs.
 - e. If the player/coach is ejected/expelled for longer than the game in question, a substitute player/coach will be allowed.
- The behavioural rules will be strictly enforced by the Umpires.

- Bad behaviour at the conclusion of the event (final game) will be penalized by the athlete being ejected from the first game of the next event that they are competing in at the same level of play.
- For specific details on an appeal process contact CurlManitoba.

When a Championship is in an Arena.

- a. Coaches and athletes are expected to adhere to the policy in its entirety.

When a Championship is in a Curling Club with Bleachers on the ice.

- a. Coaches and Assistant coaches may not sit in the ice area for any games that their team is playing. If they are sitting in this area, they must be removed from the area and ejected from the game in progress as coach. The alternate coach may not be added. The team will play without a coach for the remainder of the game.
- b. Spectators at any Championship that are an issue by "coaching" from the sidelines or cheering inappropriately or using foul language will be asked to leave the ice area. The Umpires will determine unacceptable behaviour.

When a Championship is in a Curling Club with coaches behind the glass.

- a. Unacceptable behaviour behind the glass in a curling club includes banging on the glass, yelling out of the doorway, signalling from inside to the team by using hand signals, coffee cups, etc, pacing, standing up and sitting down in a demonstrative manner and all other behaviour that an Umpire deems as being an attempt to coach a team.

When a Team has completed an Event

- a. Athletes that use inappropriate behaviour in the ice area once they have been eliminated from an event will be penalized.
- b. The Umpire will present the athlete with a letter explaining the consequences of their behaviour.
- c. The athlete will be charged a donation to the Endowment Fund of \$100.00. CurlManitoba will administer this consequence. The Umpire will present the letter to the athlete.

**There will be no warning or appeal process with this type of misconduct.
BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE UMPIRE**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All teams at a Provincial Championship are competing for the Provincial Title. The winning team shall be eligible to represent Manitoba at the Curling Canada Championship. However, CurlManitoba reserves the right to select the team to represent Manitoba at the National Championship.

The National Championship will be held at the West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton, AB from November 20-26, 2022.

NATIONAL FUNDING

Travel Expenses:

Curling Club

Airfare 4 athletes

2 rooms at the Curling Canada designated hotel

Coaching:

Curling Club, Mixed Doubles Competition Coach Certification

Or

High Performance Consultant approved by Curling Canada

CURLING CLUB

LOCATION

Charleswood Curling Club
October 27-30, 2022

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Chairperson: Guy Beaudry
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CurlManitoba: Laurie Macdonell
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ACCOMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Airport West
2520 Portage Avenue
204-885-4478 or 1-800-665-0352
Group Code – W26
Deadline to book – October 11

COCKTAIL PARTY

Friday 7:30pm

EVENT TICKETS

TBD

REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT CHECK Prior to pre-event/pre-game practice

CURLING CLUB ELIGIBILITY

We trust all curling rinks will respect the intent of the spirit of the Curling Club Championships by engaging their members to participate and to represent their curling club in any process leading to the provincial / territorial championships and ultimately, leading to the Canadian Curling Club Championships. The event was created for true club-based teams. The objective is to support the development of grassroots curling across Canada.

Eligibility requirements for events leading to the national Curling Club Championship. Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of the event as it pertains to the rules below:

1. Participating curling clubs must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Curling Association. They must be in good standing with all applicable dues to the Association paid in full.
2. Any competitor (including 5th players and spares) must be members in good standing of an affiliated curling club for the duration of the process. Example, you compete in 2019-2020 to win your provincial / territorial event. You win the right to represent your province or territory at the Canadians which would be held in 2020-2021. All players including 5th players or spares must be members of the **same club in both years**. Note: residency exemptions may be granted if a player moved from one province / territory to another in the off season between events.
3. Any competitor is not required to be a Canadian citizen.
4. A 5th player may compete at any level of competition including the Canadian

Championships. If they play, they must play the traditional **lead position** throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. **No exceptions.** Any 5th player costs will be the responsibility of the team.

5. Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) spare from the club is allowed at any level of competition. A team can use an eligible spare for any game played assuming the spare is eligible based on Rule 2). The spare may be a different player each game. The spare must play the traditional **lead position** throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. **No exceptions.**
A team with a registered 5th player **may not** add a spare or replacement player.
6. **Prime Directive**
 - a) A team must field three of the four original players for each game played at any level of the Curling Club Championships. "Original" means signed up and registered for league play in their club, OR signed up and registered for a special curling club championship qualifying event created within their club (with the permission of their Member Association).
If an "Original" team only has three players, then those three players must be on the ice at all times up to and including the national championships.
 - b) If any team had only three players all year, or in the special qualifying event, the team may pick up an eligible spare who must play the traditional **lead position** throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8.
 - c) If a team has four players, they are good to go.
 - d) If a team has five players during the season, one player must be designated the "5th" who, if added to the line-up, must play lead and sweep stones 3-8. Or, they may choose four (4) players from the 5-person team to participate as a four-player only team in the competition.
 - e) If they have six or more players during the season, the team must declare four (4) players for the competition. They can pick up an eligible spare at any level and the spare must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. Or they can choose five players to advance but one player must be designated the "5th" who must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8
7. All four (4) competitors and any 5th or spare player must be bona fide residents within the geographical area of the Member Association they are intending to represent (unless granted an exception by the Member Association).
8. A competitor can participate for only one affiliated curling club in one season. If you lose out while playing for one club, you cannot then play for another club unless the Member Association accepts the competitor as an 5th player or spare player.
9. Each Member Association reserves the right to determine the number of team qualifying from each club.
10. Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
 - a) Regular league players, or;
 - b) A club championship process, or;
 - c) A special event to determine your Curling Club champions for your club that is not part of your formal club championships.

In each of rule 10. a), b). c) teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current curling season. Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e. no men's only league and/or no women's only league) may be granted an exemption to Rule 10 and allowing players to form teams for this special event. They must receive permission from their provincial/territorial Member Association.

11. The use of the delivery stick by any competitor (and any 5th player or spare) is acceptable subject to the Curling Canada rules of curling under Rule 19. Curling With A Delivery Stick.
12. Teams who play exclusively in leagues where teams from different clubs compete, and whose players may not be members of the club where the league is hosted, are ineligible to compete for the Curling Club Championships. For example, teams playing only in a city-wide super league or major league but not curling in a regular club league.

EXEMPTION:

NOTE: Previous three seasons are 2021-2022/2020-2021/2019-2020

Each four-person team is allowed to have one (1) player who, during the previous three (3) curling seasons, has participated in the Canada Cup; and/or, the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or, the Brier; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials or Pre-Trials event; or any provincial /territorial event leading to these events. This same player can have played in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Grand Slam event in the previous three (3) curling seasons.

However, the other three team members of the team cannot have played in the following:

1. Any Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the previous three (3) seasons. They could have played in a Tier 2 Grand Slam.
2. Any provincial / territorial championship leading to the Canada Cup; and/or, the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or, the Brier; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials or Pre-Trials event in the previous three (3) seasons; OR, unless their final ranking is less than the threshold established by the respective Member Association (see chart). Note: any player can have played in any of these events four (4) years and more back in time (regardless of finish) and not affect their eligibility for the Curling Club Championships.

Threshold: Therefore, if you are not the 'one' player on the team without any restrictions, you and/or the other three players and any 5th players and any spares may have competed in any provincial / territorial championship in the previous three (3) seasons and still allowed to play in the Curling Club Championships, as long as you don't match or surpass the thresholds set by your province (see chart below).

Member Association	You remain eligible if.....
Alberta	You qualified for the playoffs in the men's, women's, junior, senior, or mixed doubles provincial championships. This does not include the U21 mixed doubles
British Columbia	You competed in any provincial championship (not including 9th or lower in the Mixed Doubles)
Manitoba	You finish 8th or better in all championships with qualifying events. OR You finish 4th or better at all open entry championships.
New Brunswick	You finish in the championship round at provincials OR You finish 3 ^{tr} or better at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 3 ^{tr} or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 2 rd or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	You win a territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Nunavut	You win a territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 8 ^h or better at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You win a territorial championship
Quebec	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Saskatchewan	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
Yukon	You win a territorial championship

5th players at the Canada Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or, the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials or Pre-Trials event are considered as not to have played in those events.

Competitors (as individuals or as a team) who competed in the previous season's national Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following season at any level including as 5th players or spares.

A minimum of three (3) players must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age or over as of June 30th immediately prior to the national championships.

The one player under nineteen (19) years of age whom shall be considered a "minor". They must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible for all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.

Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Any request must be submitted by the Provincial / Territorial Member Association. Curling Canada will consult with the Provincial / Territorial Member Association and will notify them within five (5) business days in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.

FORMAT

The competition shall consist of two groups of six teams with each group competing in a round robin competition where the top two teams in each pool shall advance to the crossover round.

Games will be 8 ends.

The draw will be emailed to teams one week prior to the Championship.

There will be no pre-event practice.

TIE BREAKER

The Tiebreaker game will be limited to one game. When multiple teams are tied for a playoff position, their round-robin game against each other will determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in the playoff draw. If there is an insolvable tie, or teams are in separate pools the LSD will determine the rankings.

PLAYOFF

The playoff will be a crossover with the first place team in each pool will play the second place team in the opposite pool in the semifinal. The winners of the semifinal will play in the final game.

LAST STONE DRAW

1. Both teams will name one player delivering the stone before start of the first practice.
2. After pre-game practice, the player will deliver one stone, with their designated rotation to the button; the stone will be measured.
3. If the second team registers the same stone distance as the team with first practice, the teams will alternate delivering one stone with their designated rotation until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stones including the players who delivered the first two stones.
4. Each player must deliver a minimum of one stone during the round robin.

SEEDING

Teams are not seeded.

TEAM MEETING

A mandatory team meeting will be held on October 27 at 11:00 am Women and 2:30pm men.

STONE SELECTION

Game	Last Stone	Stone Colour	Stone Selection
Round Robin Tie Breakers	Last stone draw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coin toss for option of 1st/2nd practice or stone colour • Coin toss will occur a minimum of 35 minutes prior to the game time 	
Cross Over playoff systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top team in each pool plays the 2nd place team in the other pool • Teams ranked 1 in each pool will have the choice of Last Stone Advantage OR colour • The team with last stone shall practice first 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stone selection. • The stones on the assigned games sheet shall be used.
Final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winners of the crossover games will advance to the final game • A coin toss will occur for choice of colour OR practice • A LSD will determine the last stone advantage 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stone selection.