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Section 1: Code of Ethics

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To ensure that all curlers are aware of their responsibilities when playing the game, Curling Canada has adopted the following Code of Ethics as an official supplement to the Rules of Curling:

Curlers' Code of Ethics

- *I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.*
- *I will conduct myself in an honorable manner both on and off the ice.*
- *I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach.*
- *I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates or umpires.*
- *I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.*
- *I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or rules of the game.*

Coaching Code of Ethics

- *The coach shall act with integrity in performing all duties owed to athletes, the sport, other members of the coaching profession and the public.*
- *The coach shall strive to be well prepared and current in order that duties in their discipline are fulfilled with competence.*
- *The coach shall act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.*
- *The coach shall accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules that define and govern the sport.*
- *The coach shall accept the role of umpires in providing judgment to ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.*
- *The coach's conduct toward other coaches shall be characterized by courtesy, good faith and respect.*
- *The coach shall maintain the highest stands of personal conduct and support the principles of Fair Play.*

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Fair Play

- *Fair Play begins with the strict observance of the written rule; however, in most cases, Fair Play involves something more than even unfailing observance of the written rule. The observance of the spirit of the rules, whether written or unwritten, is important.*
- *Fair Play results from measuring up to one's own moral standards while engaged in competition.*
- *Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for teammates and opponents, whether they are winning or losing.*
- *Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for umpires, an acceptance of their decisions and a steadfast spirit of collaboration with them.*
- *Sportsmanlike behavior should be demonstrated both on and off the ice. This includes modesty in victory and composure in defeat.*

Fair Play Code for Umpires

- *The Umpire shall strive to ensure that every athlete has the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability.*
- *The umpire shall strive to maintain a positive atmosphere and safe environment for competition.*
- *The umpire shall not permit the intimidation of any athlete either by word or action.*
- *The umpire shall not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward themselves, other umpires, athletes, coaches or spectators.*
- *The umpire shall handle all conflicts firmly and with dignity.*
- *The umpire shall accept their role as a teacher and role model for Fair Play.*
- *The umpire shall be open to discussion and contact with the athletes as required.*
- *The umpire shall remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.*
- *The umpire shall continue to obtain proper training and upgrade their officiating skills*

Section 2: NSCA Special Rules

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I – PREAMBLE

The Nova Scotia Curling Association (hereafter referred to as NSCA) shall govern all sanctioned Championships in Nova Scotia.

In addition to the information contained herein, the NSCA Rules for Championship Play also include the following:

- Curling Canada Official Rule Book (including addendums and moratorium statements), in effect as of the commencement of the curling season
- NSCA Event Descriptions (Section 3)
- NSCA Applicable Directives (Section 4)
- NSCA Eligibility Charts (Section 5)
- NSCA Local Rules (Section 6)
- NSCA Policies/Directives in Effect (Part VII below)

II – GENERAL DEFINITIONS

“NSCA” means the Nova Scotia Curling Association

“CTRS” means Canadian Team Ranking System

“NSCAJRS” means Nova Scotia Curling Association Junior Ranking System

“Bona fide member” means being an active member of a curling club with no outstanding dues as of by December 1, 2018.

Note: Possessing a social membership at a curling club is not considered a full member of a curling club.

“Championship” means all levels of play for that event: Regional Qualifiers/Qualifier #1, Qualifier #2, and the Provincial Championship

“Days” means calendar days

“Member Association” means a member association of Curling Canada

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III – ELIGIBILITY

All players must be bona fide members of a NSCA Member Club as of December 1st of the current curling season, except where permitted by the Championship.

All players entering any NSCA Championship must comply with the Canadian Residency Directive (as available on the NSCA website) and as such may be asked to sign a letter of compliance prior to the first game of their first NSCA Championship event, be it a qualifier or provincial final.

Note: Only one letter needs to be signed for a given Championship season.

A player who competes in any Championship of another Member Association leading to a Canadian Championship may not compete in the comparable NSCA Championship in the same curling season. Free agent players from other Provinces eligible to play in an NSCA Championship must be registered on the NSCA team 30 days prior to the event being played (the Free Agent application form is available on the NSCA website). Also, the free agent must be a Club member of their home Member Association for the current curling season. Only one (1) free agent per team is allowed.

Teams' 'on-line' entries of their four (4) team players and coach and fee payment must be received on or before midnight of the event entry deadline date.

Any player having played at any level of a Championship shall not be eligible to play for more than one team in the same level of a Championship. Once a team has been eliminated from a Championship (e.g. Qualifier), any member of the eliminated team becomes eligible to play with another team in the same Championship at the next level (e.g. Provincial).

Between levels in a Championship event, teams may change one (1) player on their team with an eligible player at least eight (8) days prior to the commencement of the event being played by submitting a written request to the NSCA Executive Director. Three (3) members of the original team must remain intact. CTRS/NSCAJRS points will be revised for that team to reflect the player change.

Teams may identify an eligible 5th player for that level of a Championship up until 24 hours of the event being played by submitting a written request to the NSCA Executive Director. Entry fees for the 5th player must be received by the NSCA Executive Director prior to close of team registration at the event. 5th players may be changed between events.

Interpretation: the 5th is the spare or alternate for that team and only for that level of the event.

Teams may request a 'medical substitute' for a team member that has been declared 'unfit to play by reason of medical condition or injury' with a written statement from a provincially certified medical doctor. Teams must identify an eligible medical substitute player within twenty-four (24) hours of the

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event being played by submitting a written request to the NSCA Executive Director. Entry fees for the replacement player must be received by the NSCA Executive Director at that time.

Teams may replace one (1) member of the team due to death with an eligible player up until day of the event being played by submitting a written request to the NSCA Executive Director. Entry fees for the replacement player must be received by the NSCA Executive Director at that time.

Provincial Championship Teams: Three (3) of the original four (4) members of a Provincial Championship team must go on to represent Nova Scotia at the subsequent National Championship. Eligibility requirements must be met by any replacement and 5th players. If these conditions are not met, the second place (or runner-up) team will replace the Championship team.

IV – SEEDING/RANKING

Seeding/Ranking is used to determine the order/ranking of teams entered into the draw at some Championships.

Whenever teams competing in a Championship are seeded or ranked, the seeding/ranking will be used to determine the initial position in the Championship draw.

If a Championship is seeded/ranked the actual process for seeding/ranking will be identified in the Event Description for that Championship (Section 3).

V – RULES OF PLAY

Team Names

The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under their name.

Maximum Number of Games per day

Teams attending an NSCA Championship may have to compete in a maximum of three (3) games per day, except when noted in a specific Event Description or as determined by the Head Umpire at officiated events or the NSCA Championship Liaison at unofficiated events.

Registration

Teams are required to register and confirm their stone delivery line-up at the host site of a Championship at least one (1) hour prior to the posted start of their first game.

Pre-Game Briefing

Each team competing in a Championship will receive a copy of the Team Briefing Document, the Event Guide (if provided) and the draw as an e-mail package opening of the e-mail by the team's designated

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contact will constitute the team's acceptance of such information. Time will be allocated just before the Pre-Event Practice sessions to address any questions arising from the Team Briefing Document. Unless otherwise specified in the Event Description, the pre-game briefing will be used ascertain either: 1) stone handle colour and pre-game practice order for Knock-Out competitions, or 2) team readiness for play in round robin competitions.

Pre-game Practices

Each team may be permitted a 5-to-10 minute practice time prior to each game at the discretion of the Head Umpire or NSCA Championship Liaison and as noted below

- each practice time will include:
 - one (1) minute for slider "cool down" with sliding
 - one (1) minute to comply with the "Last Stone Draw" at officiated events

Note: At the U11 and U13 Jamborees there is no pre-game practice time provided.

Last Stone Draw

Unless otherwise specified in the Event Description, Last Stone Advantage in the first end (hammer) will be decided by a draw(s) to the button during each team's pre-game practice.

In all competitions, the team with or choosing the 'dark coloured' handles (top of the scoreboard) will throw the 'clockwise' draw while the team throwing 'light coloured' handles (bottom of the scoreboard) will throw 'counterclockwise' for last stone advantage.

In competition, each player will deliver a minimum number of draw shots for last stone advantage prior to throwing their second draw. The actual number will be determined by the number of games being played for each competition and identified in the Event Guide.

Other

At all Provincial Championship events, all scheduled games must be played, with a minimum of 6 ends in a scheduled draw game and 8 ends in a playoff game (unless otherwise stated in the Event Guide.

Practice sessions: Special considerations and time allocations will be provided prior to tiebreaker and playoff games if teams were deemed to have been off the ice for an excessive period of time (typically 24 hours or more), with **permission** of the Chief Umpire. The normal allocation will be 20 minutes on the assigned sheet using the assigned coloured stones as per the draw. An umpire shall supervise all practice sessions. Teams wishing to spend additional time during the Championship draw will have access to the ice immediately following the last draw of the day for a maximum of 10 minutes on the assigned sheet and coloured handles as per the draw for the following day. A sign-up sheet will be administered by the Chief Umpire. An umpire shall supervise all practice sessions.

At all Junior Championships, the Curling Canada "Fair Play Time Out" rule shall be in effect.

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Helmets

All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during provincial events (see NSCurl.com).

Mandatory Attendances

Attendance by a team (3 of 4 members) *is* mandatory *at*: Opening Ceremonies, Championship Event Reception or Banquet. The 2 teams playing in the Championship finals must attend the closing ceremonies. ***Non-attendance*** will result in the loss of hammer for the duration of the event.

Host Club publications shall never take precedence over the NSCA Special Rules or Event Guide.

VI – APPEALS

In all cases the decision of the Head Umpire regarding on-ice violations is final and cannot be appealed beyond the Head Umpire. For all other matters, competitors, teams or coaches may appeal any decision at a Championship to the Championship Appeals Committee in accordance with the Code of Conduct Policy (Section 4 under construction).

VII – NSCA POLICIES/DIRECTIVES IN EFFECT

All NSCA policies are in effect for all NSCA Championships, regardless of level of play. (These policies may be found on the NSCA website and/or by requesting a copy from the NSCA. In case of disagreement, the policies published on the website will be considered correct.)

Section 3: NSCA Event Descriptions

Men's & Women's Under 21 - Junior Championship

I – GENERAL

The Men's & Women's Under 21 – Junior Championships are open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Curling Canada Under 21 Junior Championship.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Canadian Junior Under-21, players must be twenty (20) years of age or under as of dates shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

Please note this does not comply with the Curling Canada Special Rules. And only four (4) players and one (1) coach may attend the Canadian Junior Championship.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final shall be an eight (8) team men's and an eight (8) team women's, modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of men and three (3) teams of women for the Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final through either the accumulation of NSCAJRS points or the Qualifier.

Qualifier through NSCAJRS points: The two (2) teams with the highest NSCAJRS points for that time of year as shown in Table Y (Section 5).

Qualifier: The format of play shall be an open-entry triple knockout qualifying six (6) teams to the provincial Finals.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Zone Qualifiers – teams will be required to self-seed in the draw.

Provincial – teams will be required to self-seed in the draw.

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Qualifier – If number of games played during the Qualifier for the Junior Provincial allows, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second draw shot.

Provincial – If number of games played during Provincial Championship for the Junior Provincial allows, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second draw shot.

Interpretation: At any stage of the Championship, a player cannot deliver a second draw shot for last stone advantage until all the other members of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- All team members and coaches must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Final.
- The NSCA curling stones will be used for the Provincial Final.
- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- The draw of the combined event will alternate between men and women from year to year.
- All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.

IX – QUALIFYING SCENARIOS

1. If the number of teams entered in the Qualifier only has the minimum number of teams entered six (6) or less then the event will not be played and the entered teams will advance straight to the Provincial Final. The NSCA may provide an optional “Tune Up” event for the advancing teams.
2. Teams who get a direct advance to the Provincial Final will not receive a refund.

Under 18 Boy's & Girl's Under 18 - Championship

I – GENERAL

The Boy's & Girl's Under 18 – Provincial Championship are open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Curling Canada Under 18 Championship.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Under 18 Canadian Championship, players must be seventeen (17) years of age or under as of dates shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

Please note that this does not comply with the Curling Canada Special Rules. And only four (4) players and one (1) coach may attend the Canadian Under 18 Championship.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the championship shall be a minimum double knockout.

All games of the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

The Teams will be required to self-seed in the draw.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

In preparation for the National Championship without tiebreakers, each team will deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end (regardless of the format used).

Provincial – If number of games played during Provincial Championship allows, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second draw shot.

Interpretation: At stage of the Championship; a player cannot deliver a second draw shot for last stone advantage until all the other members of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- *Only four (4) players are eligible to attend the Canadian Under 18 Boy's / Under 18 Girl's Curling Championship*
- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of the combined event alternate as between boy's and girl's from year to year.
- All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.

Boy's & Girl's Under 15 - Greenspiel Championship

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this championship. Our Youth Championships are formulated to promote fair play, respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity, care, and joy. Our Youth Championships are designed to be entry level events for our advancing stream.

The Boy's & Girl's Under 15 – Greenspiel Championship are open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Under 15-Greenspiel, players must be fourteen (14) years of age or under as per Table X (Section 5).
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.
 - An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply with the Coach Eligibility Chart Table Z (Section 5).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Greenspiel Championship shall be a minimum of four (4) games guaranteed where possible.

All games of the Greenspiel Championship shall be:

- Six (6) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Untimed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection. Consideration may be given to ensure that teams from the same club do not play each other in their first game.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

The team with the last stone advantage in the first end will be assigned the first practice time, if practice time is allotted.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.

Under 13 Jamboree

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this event. The Jamboree is formulated to promote fair play, respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity, care, and joy. It is not about who wins or loses; it is about the fun, development, and excitement of curling.

The Under 13 Jamboree is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II – ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- Teams may be composed of players of either gender or of the same gender
- To be eligible for the Under 13 Jamboree, players must be twelve (12) years of age or under as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.
 - An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply with the Coach Eligibility Chart, Table Z (Section 5).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Jamboree shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee and shall depend on the number of entries. The format shall guarantee a minimum of four (4) games for each team.

All games of the Jamboree shall be:

- Four (4) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted four (4) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Non-officiated.
- Untimed
- The Curling Canada `on-ice coaching` will be piloted in 2018-19.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

There will be no pre-game practice time allotted.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Under 13 Jamboree.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.

Under 11 Jamboree

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this event. The Jamboree is formulated to promote fair play, respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity, care, and joy. It is not about who wins or loses; it is about the fun, development, and excitement of curling.

The Under 11 Jamboree is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- Teams may be composed of players of either gender or of the same gender
- To be eligible for the Under 11 Jamboree, players must be ten (10) years of age or under as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.
 - An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply with the Coach Eligibility Chart, Table Z (Section 5).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Under 11 Jamboree shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee and shall depend on the number of entries. The format shall guarantee a minimum of four (4) games for each team.

All games of the Under 11 Jamboree shall be:

- Four (4) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted four (4) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Non-officiated
- Untimed
- The Curling Canada `on-ice coaching` will be piloted in 2018-19.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of the Under 11 Jamboree a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

There will be no pre-game practice time allotted.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.

Junior Mixed Championship

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this championship. Our Youth Championships are formulated to promote fair play; respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity, care, and joy. Our Youth Championships are designed to be entry level events for our advancing stream.

The Junior Mixed Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

The Junior Mixed will be divided into two divisions of play: Under 16 and Under 19.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- Each team shall consist of two (2) males and two (2) females
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players plus one (1) coach
 - Teams cannot register alternates/spares.
- Under 19 Division:
 - To be eligible for the Under 19-Junior Mixed, players must be eighteen (18) years of age or under as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Under 16 Division:
 - To be eligible for the Under 16-Junior Mixed, players must be fifteen (15) years of age or under as shown in Table X (Section 5).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee and shall depend on the number of entries. The format shall guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

All games of the Championship shall be:

- Officiated
- Untimed

All games in the Under 19 Division shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared

All games in the Under 16 Division shall be:

- Six (6) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

The team with the last stone advantage in the first end will be assigned the first practice time, if practice time is allotted.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
- The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VII – OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than four players (2 male and 2 female) in all games.
- A spare pool must be maintained for this Championship.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.
- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.

Junior Mixed Doubles Championships

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this championship. Our Youth Championships are formulated to promote fair play, respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity, care, and joy. Our Youth Championships are designed to be entry level events for our advancing stream.

The Junior Mixed Doubles Championships is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II – ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- Each team must consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of two (2) players plus one (1) coach.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee. The format shall guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

Within this Championship, there will be three (3) divisions: Under-21, Under-18 and Under-15. Teams will not be permitted to play outside their respective age division. The NSCA Competitions Committee reserves the right to merge the Under-21 and Under-18 divisions into a combined event should there be not enough teams in either division to guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

All games in the Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration for the Under-21 and Under-18 divisions. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Six (6) ends' duration for the Under-15 division. If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Untimed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- A spare pool (male and female) must be maintained for this Championship and readily available for use at all times during the Championship.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.
- Teams may be required to play four (4) games in a day should time restraints warrant it.

Refer to the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play for more information about the rules of play for Mixed Doubles.

Women's (Scotties) Championship

I – GENERAL

The Women's Championship is open to any female curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

There will be a requirement to adhere to NSCA sponsorship agreements for all levels of play.

The winning team earns the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Women's Curling Championship (Scotties Tournament of Hearts).

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Section Two, Part III above.
- There is no minimum age restriction for eligibility.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

Please note that Curling Canada provides no travel subsidy for a team's 5th player to attend at the Canadian Women's Curling Championship (Scotties Tournament of Hearts).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final (the Nova Scotia Scotties Tournament of Hearts) shall be an eight (8) team round robin, qualifying three (3) teams for the Un-Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final either through accumulation of CTRS points or the Qualifier:

Qualifier through CTRS points: The two (2) teams with the highest CTRS points for that year as shown in Table Y (Section 5).

Qualifier: The format of play shall be an open-entry triple knockout qualifying six (6) teams to the provincial.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Qualifier: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

Provincial: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 5).

V – PRE-GAME

Qualification Event: During the knock-out qualification event, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

1. Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw a counter-clockwise draw.
2. Pre-game practice order. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

Provincial Championship Last Stone Draw: During the Provincial Championship (round robin) event, the team throwing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) (the top of the scoreboard) will have 1st practice and throw the clockwise turn. The team throwing yellow handle (bottom of scoreboard) will have second practice and throw the counterclockwise turn.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Qualifier: If the number of games a team plays during the Qualifier #1 allows, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second.

Interpretation: At the Qualifier, a player cannot deliver a second draw for last stone advantage until at least four (4) different members of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

Provincial: During the round robin of the Provincial, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Final
- The NSCA curling stones will be used at the Provincial Final
- The NSCA curling stones may be used at the qualifying levels of this Championship
- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of a combined Championship, as well as the first semifinal playoff game, alternate between men and women from year to year.

IX – QUALIFYING SCENARIOS

1. If the number of teams entered in the Qualifier is six (6) or fewer, then the event will not be played and the entered teams will advance straight to the Provincial Final. The NSCA may provide an optional “Tune Up” event for the advancing teams.
2. Teams who get a direct advance to the Provincial Final will not receive a refund.

Men's (Tankard) Championship

I – GENERAL

The Men's Championship is open to any male curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning team earns the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Men's Championship (Tim Horton's Brier).

III - ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Section Two, Part III above.
- There is no minimum age requirement.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

Please note that Curling Canada provides no travel subsidy for a team's 5th player to attend at the Canadian Men's Curling Championship (Tim Horton's Brier).

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final (the Tankard) shall be an eight (8) team round robin, qualifying three (3) teams for the Un-Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final through either the accumulation of CTRS points or the Qualifier.

Qualifier through CTRS points: The two (2) teams with the highest CTRS points for that year as shown in Table Y (Section 5).

Qualifier: The format of play shall be an open-entry triple knockout qualifying six (6) teams to the provincial.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Qualifier: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

Provincial: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

V – PRE-GAME

Qualification Event: During the knock-out qualification event, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

1. Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw counter-clockwise.
2. Pre-game practice order. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

Provincial Championship Last Stone Draw: During the Provincial Championship (round robin) event, the team throwing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) (the top of the scoreboard) will have first practice and throw the clockwise handle. The team throwing yellow handle (bottom of scoreboard) will have second practice and throw counterclockwise.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Qualifier: If the number of games a team plays during the Qualifier #1 allows, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second.

Interpretation: At the Qualifier, a player cannot deliver a second draw for last stone advantage until at least four (4) different member of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

Provincial: During the round robin of the Provincial, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before delivering their second draw shot.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Final.
- The NSCA curling stones will be used at the Provincial Final.
- The NSCA curling stones may be used at the qualifying levels of this Championship.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of a combined Championship, as well as the first semifinal playoff game, alternate between men and women from year to year.

IX – QUALIFYING SCENARIOS

1. If the number of teams entered in the Qualifier is six (6) or fewer, then the event will not be played and the entered teams will advance straight to the Provincial Final. The NSCA may provide an optional “Tune Up” event for the advancing teams.
2. Teams who get a direct advance to the Provincial Final will not receive a refund.

Men's and Women's Senior Championships

I – GENERAL

The Men's and Women's Senior Championships are open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Senior Curling Championship.

II – ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two, Section III above.
- To be eligible for the Canadian Senior Championships, players must be a minimum of fifty (50) years of age by June 30th of the year of the Canadian Championship as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach. *Please note: Only four (4) players are eligible to attend the Canadian Senior Men's / Senior Women's Curling Championship.*

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for both Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of entries. The exact format of play will be determined by the NSCA Format of Play Directive (Section 4).

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

V – PRE-GAME

For those events with a knock-out competition, a "coin toss" will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

In preparation for the National championship without tiebreakers, each team will deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end (regardless of the format used).

During preliminary play of the Senior Championships, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage before throwing their third draw, if number of games played allows.

Interpretation: At either Championship, a player cannot deliver a third draw for last stone advantage until at least four (4) different members of the team have delivered two (2) last draw shots.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by one (1) coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet.

Men's and Women's Masters Championship

I – GENERAL

The Men's and Women's Masters Championships are open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Masters Curling Championships.

The winning and runner-up teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Masters Championships.

II – ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- To be eligible for the Canadian Masters Championships, players must be a minimum of sixty (60) years of age as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

Please note this does not comply with the Special Rules for the Canadian Masters. And only four (4) players and one (1) coach may attend the Canadian Masters Championship.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for both Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of entries. The exact format of play will be determined by the NSCA Format of Play Directive (Section 5).

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- A total running time will be allocated for all games.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

V – PRE-GAME

If a knock-out competition is used a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

In preparation for the National championship without tiebreakers, each team will deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end (regardless of the format used).

During preliminary play of the Masters Championships, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage before throwing their third, if number of games played allows.

Interpretation: At either Championship; a player cannot deliver a third draw for last stone advantage until at least four (4) different members of the team have delivered two (2) last draw shots.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- No team shall be required to play more than two (2) games per day unless:
 - in a tie breaker scenario when prescribed by the NSCA Head Umpire.
 - in the semifinals or finals when both teams involved consent to do so and have the approval of the NSCA Head Umpire.

Men's and Women's Curling Club Championship (formerly Travelers)

I – GENERAL

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship which is for curling clubs to engage their members to participate in a club championship to declare a club champion to represent the curling club. The event is formulated for true club championship teams, not elite, past or present. The objective is to support the development of curling across Canada. We keep this objective in mind as we set our eligibility requirements and on-ice rules, including the CC Rules of Curling for General Play.

The Men's and Women's Curling Club Championships are open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial and Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Curling Canada Curling Club Championship.

II – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for both Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of entries. The exact format of play will be determined by the NSCA Format of Play Directive (Section 4), in consultation with the Drawmaster and the Director of the Competitions Committee.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Finals through a Club Playdown process.

All games at the Provincial Finals shall be:

- Officiated
- Timed

III – RULES

1. The curling club represented by each team, must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Association, in good standing and all applicable dues paid in full.
2. Players of any club team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
3. Canadian citizenship is not a requirement.
4. Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club, but must declare one "home club" for this competition.

5. Each Member Association reserves the right to limit the number of teams qualifying from each club. (**NOTE: NSCA is limiting participation to one team per club for the 2019 Championship event as there are no regional (zones) for this event at this time.**)
6. Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
 - a. Regular league play, or;
 - b. A club championship process, or;
 - c. A designated Curling Club Championship event within the club;
 - d. In each of Rule 6) (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.
 - e. Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and / or women's set team leagues) may be granted an exemption to Rule (6)(d) by written request to their provincial / territorial Member Association.
7. The use of the delivery stick by any or all four players (and any alternate) is acceptable subject to the Curling Canada Rules under **Rule 19. Curling With A Delivery Stick**.
8. Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) replacement player from the club is allowed.
9. The replacement player must play the lead position (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
10. If the Member Association process includes a number of steps before declaring a champion, then the team may add a different spare at each level provided they play lead and are a member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
11. Teams who play exclusively in a major / super league - where teams from more than one club compete - are ineligible for the Curling Club Championships unless the team competes in another eligible league in an affiliated club.
12. Each team will be allowed one (1) player:
 - a. Who has played in any named **Curling Canada** event in any season or,
 - b. Who has played in any provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event in any season or,
 - c. Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in any season.
 - d. **Definition:** Curling Canada events include: mixed, Canada Cup, under-21, tournament of hearts, brier, seniors, mixed doubles, university, college, under-18.

Example: Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends but he also represented Ontario at the Brier with his elite team. Craig and his Wednesday night team

of friends are eligible for the Curling Club Championships. However, the other three (3) team members of Craig's Wednesday team cannot have played in:

- i. Any provincial / territorial championship leading to any Curling Canada event in the current season and the past two (2) seasons, unless their final rank is within these minimums per respective Member Association. We have established different levels of participation for all provinces & territories in events leading to a Curling Canada event (Rule 12(d)(iii)).

Member Association	Final Rank Minimum to Disqualify
Alberta	in the final 8 teams at provincials
British Columbia	competed in a provincial championship
Manitoba	in the final 8 teams at provincials
New Brunswick	finished in the championship round at provincials OR top 3 at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	3rd or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	2nd or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	territorial champion
Nova Scotia	3rd or better at provincials
Nunavut	2nd or better at territorials
Ontario	in the final 8 teams at provincials
Prince Edward Island	provincial champion
Quebec	3rd or better at provincials
Saskatchewan	in the final 8 teams at provincials
Yukon	2nd or better at territorials

- ii. Any Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current season and the past two (2) seasons.

13. Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having not to have played in those events.
14. Players who competed in the previous season's Canadian Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following year at any level.
15. Each team must be comprised of three (3) players that are a minimum of 19 years of age or over as of June 30th the year prior to the national championship. For example, a player must be 19 years of age on June 30th, 2019 for the November 2019 National Curling Club Championship.
16. Any team is allowed one (1) player under 19 years of age whom shall be considered a "minor" and 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 to cover all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.

17. 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 in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Clubs will be ranked by average wins earned over the prior three (3) Championships. A minimum of four (4) and a maximum of the top third (33%) of clubs entered, rounded to the closest even number, will be placed into the official Draw as appropriate based on their seeding. The remaining teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

Club Playdowns: The Member Club will determine its method to award first rock advantage in the first end. However, they are encouraged to use the method described for the Provincial Finals.

Provincial Finals: a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order.

A draw to the button will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

During preliminary play of the Championship, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before throwing their second, if number of games played allows.

VII – COACHES

In compliance with the Rules for the National Championship, coaches will **not** be permitted at the Provincial Championship.

VIII – OTHER

- Players who were registered fifth (5th) team member during previous seasons provincial or national events are not considered a player under these rules.
- Players who are registered fifth (5th) team member during the current season’s provincial events are considered a player under these rules.

Men's and Women's Open Club Curlers Championship

I – GENERAL

The Men's & Women's Open Club Curlers Championship are open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Open Club Curlers Championship players must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may not be composed of more than two (2) players who have purchased a Curling Canada Competitor's Card in the current season.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players.

III – ATHLETES

- The players of any open club champion team must be members in good standing of any affiliated curling club.
- Players who
 - have ever played in a World Championship,
 - have ever played in two (2) or more National Championships, or
 - have earned the right to represent any Curling Canada Member Association at a National Championship in the last 15 yearsare ineligible to compete.

Note: For the purpose of the Nova Scotia Open Club Curlers Championship, a National Championship is defined as any of: Canadian Men's (Brier), Canadian Women's (Scotties), Senior Men's, Senior Women's, Travelers, Junior Men's, Junior Women's, U18 Boys and Girls, Men's Masters, Women's Masters, Canadian Mixed, and Canadian Mixed Doubles.

IV – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for both Provincial Open Club Curlers Finals shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee and shall depend on the number of entries. The format shall guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.

- Non-Officiated
- Untimed

V – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection. Consideration may be given to ensure that teams from the same club do not play each other in their first game.

VI – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

At all stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

The team with the last stone advantage in the first end will be assigned the first practice time, if practice time is allotted.

VII – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VIII – COACHES

No coaches will be permitted for the Open Club Curlers Championship

IX – OTHER

The Championship is to be completed by Sunday evening. Play shall commence no earlier than the preceding Thursday evening.

Provincial Mixed Championship**I – GENERAL**

The Mixed Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning team earns the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Curling Canada Mixed Championship.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- Each team shall consist of two (2) males and two (2) females.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players plus one (1) coach.
 - *Please note: Only four (4) players are eligible to attend the Curling Canada Mixed Championship.*

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for both Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of entries. The exact format of play will be determined by the NSCA Format of Play Directive (Section 4).

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

V – PRE-GAME

If a knockout competition is used for this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

In preparation for the National championship without tiebreakers, each team will deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end (regardless of the format used).

During preliminary play of the Mixed Championships, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage before delivering their third, if number of games played allows.

Interpretation: At either Championship, a player cannot deliver a third draw for last stone advantage until at least four (4) different members of the team have delivered two (2) last draw shots.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII - OTHER

- Teams cannot play with fewer than four (4) players (two (2) male and two (2) female) in all games.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet.
- A spare pool (male and female) must be maintained for this Championship and readily available for use at all times during the Championship.

Open Club Mixed Championship

I – GENERAL

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship which is for curling clubs to engage their members to participate in a club championship to declare a club champion to represent the curling club. The event is formulated for true club championship teams, not past or present elite. The objective is to support the development of curling across Nova Scotia. We keep this objective in mind as we set our eligibility requirements and on-ice rules, including the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for General Play.

The Open Club Mixed Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

II – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final shall be a double knockout and, if feasible, there may be consolation divisions (i.e. double, double format).

Each Member Club can submit one representative team for a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams in the Championship.

Please Note: The NSCA would like to have a minimum of sixteen (16) team field for this event which should allow for consolation divisions. Therefore, should there be fewer than 16 entries we will allow additional teams (through their Club playdowns) to enter the Event to an overall maximum of 16 teams is reached. However, no club shall have more than two (2) entries.

All games in the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Non-officiated
- Untimed

III – ELIGIBILITY**MEMBER CLUBS**

- The curling club, represented by a team, must be affiliated with the NSCA and all dues must be paid in full as of the deadline for this Championship.

ATHLETES

- The players of any Member Club championship team must be members in good standing of the Member Club. Any player can be a member of more than one Member Club, but shall declare one “home club” for this competition.
- Stick curlers are eligible
- To be eligible for the provincial event players must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Players who play in a major/super league are ineligible to compete.
- Players who have ever played in a World Championship, have ever played in two (2) or more National Championships or have earned the right to represent any Curling Canada Member Association at a National Championship in the last fifteen (15) years are ineligible to compete.

Note: For the purpose of the NS Club Mixed, a National Championship is defined as one of: Canadian Men’s (Brier), Canadian Women’s (Scotties), Senior Men’s, Senior Women’s, Junior Men’s, Junior Women’s, U-18 Boys and Girls, Men’s Masters, Women’s Masters, Canadian Mixed, and Canadian Mixed Doubles.

TEAMS

- Teams must be composed of four (4) regular full-time players from the same Member Club as of the registration deadline for this Championship.
- Each team will be allowed only one (1) player who has:
 - Played in a Men’s, Women’s, Junior Women’s or Junior Men’s Provincial Championship in the previous four (4) years
 - Placed in the top twenty-five percent (25%) of a Mixed, Senior Women’s or Senior Men’s Provincial Championship in the previous four (4) years
 - Played in a Grand Slam event in the current or previous 15 years

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Club Playdowns:
 - If a replacement fourth player is used, that player **MUST** play the appropriate front end position.

- Provincial Championship:
 - Once a four (4) person team has been declared a club champion and registered for the Open Club Mixed Championship, a maximum of one (1) replacement/substitute player from the Member Club can play the appropriate front-end position.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection. Consideration will be given to ensure that teams from the same Member Club do not play each other in their first game.

V – PRE-GAME

Club Playdowns: The Member Club will determine its method to award first rock advantage in the first end. However, they are encouraged to use the method described for the Provincial Finals.

Provincial Finals: At the Provincial Finals a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last stone advantage in the first end

The team with the last stone advantage in the first end will be assigned the first practice time, if practice time is allotted.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

VII – COACHES

Coaches will **not** be permitted at the Provincial Championship.

VIII – OTHER

- Teams cannot play with fewer than four (4) players (two (2) male and two (2) female) at all games.
- A spare pool (male and female) must be maintained for this Championship and readily available for use at all times during the Championship.

IX – ADDITIONAL TEAMS

- Each club will declare and rank its slate of first and second place mixed teams. This declaration shall be submitted to the NSCA prior to the registration deadline.
- Should there be fewer than 24 teams entered, additional teams will be permitted to enter as follows:
 - Clubs shall be ranked according to its total full time playing membership from largest to smallest
 - The Host Club will be ranked first
 - Additional vacancies will be assigned to each club with more than one declared team based on its ranking

Mixed Doubles Championship**I – GENERAL**

The Mixed Doubles Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

II – ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- Each team shall consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of two (2) players plus one (1) coach.

Only the two (2) players are eligible to attend the Curling Canada Mixed Doubles Championship.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee. The format shall guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

All games in the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by self-seeding.

V – PRE-GAME

If a knock out competition is used for this championship a "coin toss" will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Both players will deliver a stone to the button: one (1) clockwise rotation and then one (1) counter-clockwise rotation. The team with first practice will deliver one (1) stone to the away end using the clockwise motion, then one (1) stone to the home end using the counter-clockwise turn. The team with second practice will deliver the first stone to the away end using the counter-clockwise turn, then one (1) stone to the home end using the clockwise turn. Both will be measured to determine the team's distance to determine choice in the first end.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VIII – OTHER

- Teams must play with two (2) players (one (1) male and one (1) female) at all games.
- Teams may be required to play four (4) games in a day should time restraints warrant it.

Refer to the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play for more information about the rules of play for Mixed Doubles.

Wheelchair Championship

I – GENERAL

The Wheelchair Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning team has the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Curling Canada Wheelchair Championship.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams may be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible to play in the Provincial Wheelchair Curling Championship, players must be restricted in their mobility such that they are unable to deliver a curling stone without the use of a wheelchair.

Note: Although wheelchair curling is intended to be played by athletes who use wheelchairs for their daily mobility, it should not exclude those who don't use wheelchairs for daily mobility but are unable to participate in "stick curling" because they are unable to safely deliver a stone while walking or standing.

- All participating teams shall be comprised of both genders for all games.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of entries. The exact format of play will be determined by the NSCA Format of Play Directive (Section 4).

All games in the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection.

V – PRE-GAME

If a knockout competition is used for this championship, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing yellow handle will throw the counter-clockwise.
- Pre-game practice order. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

V – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

During preliminary play of the Wheelchair Championship, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage before throwing their second, if number of games played allows.

Interpretation: At this Championship, a player cannot deliver a second draw for last stone advantage until all members of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

VI – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5).

VII – OTHER

- Any qualification rules imposed by Curling Canada as a requirement to attend the Canadian Wheelchair Championship will be qualification rules of this event.

Note: Curling Canada has indicated that players can choose to appeal their eligibility. To do so, a wheelchair curling player, at their own expense, must be able to provide to Curling Canada documentary evidence, such as medical, paramedical or medical legal reports, and/or investigation results which clearly describe the nature and history of their disability and justify the player’s eligibility to play wheelchair curling. The information must be received by a recognized classifier no later than September 1st the year prior to the event.

Refer to the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play for more information about the rules of play for Wheelchair curling.

Stick Championship

I – GENERAL

The Stick Championship is open to any curler in Nova Scotia who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

While a single winner will be declared, the top four (4) Men's and top two (2) Women's finishing teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Stick Curling Championship.

Note: These teams shall be selected in the fairest way possible considering the format of play.

The Local Rules of Play governing this Championship can be found in Section 6.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams may be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- Players must be nineteen (19) years of age, or older, as of December 31 of the year prior to the Championship
- Teams may consist of a maximum of two (2) players plus one (1) coach.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial shall be determined by the NSCA Competitions Committee in collaboration with the Nova Scotia Stick Committee. The format shall guarantee a minimum of four (4) games for each team.

All games in the Championship shall be:

- Six (6) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Untimed

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

See Local Rules for specific Seeding procedure.

V – PRE-GAME

At all stages of this championship a "coin toss" will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour
- Last Shot Draw order

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – DRAW TO THE BUTTON

During preliminary play of the Stick, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage, if number of games played allows.

Interpretation: At this Championship, a player cannot deliver a third draw for last stone advantage until at least both members of the team have delivered two (2) last draw shots.

VII – COACHES

- Each team may be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
 - The minimum standard for this event is shown in Table Z (Section 5)..

VIII – OTHER

- The Championship is to be completed by Sunday evening. Play shall commence no earlier than the preceding Thursday evening.
- A team shall not be scheduled to play more than three (3) games each day, unless time constraints require teams to play tie-breaker or playoff games.
- A team will not be scheduled for more than two (2) games within a four (4) hour period, unless time constraints require teams to play tie-breaker or playoff games.
- A spare pool must be maintained for this Championship.

Wheelchair athletes – at the discretion and responsibility of any wheelchair athlete participating in this Championship an on-ice assistant will be permitted. The on-ice assistant may:

- provide assistance in cleaning and positioning rocks prior to delivery,
- provide an “anchor” for the wheelchair during the athlete’s delivery process,
- help to clean up, post and hang the score, but
- not provide strategic advice.

The NSCA reserves the right to hold a Men’s and Women’s Division if the number of teams allows.

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Residency Requirements and Free Agent Rule

Date Approved: June 2015 – Curling Canada AGM

Please refer to the Curling Canada directive on Residency and the rule governing Free Agents (and the Free Agent Application form) on the NSCA website.

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Submission of Championship Entries

Date Approved: **September 2018**

I – GENERAL

The NSCA shall determine the processes and procedures for submitting 'on-line' entries to championships and shall notify the Member Clubs of these.

Note: The Executive Director shall ensure that the Official Draw is published at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the Championship except where the Provincial Seeding Rules apply, in which case the Official Draw will be published no later than two (2) days prior to the first draw of the Championship Final.

II – PROCEDURE

The NSCA prescribes the following procedures for submitting entries:

- Entry forms must be fully completed 'on-line', including payment, with the names of all 4 team members.
- On-line Entries, together with any fees required, must be received at the NSCA office by midnight on the closing date for entries.
- Entrants will receive an automated receipt when their entry has been accepted for that event.

III – REFUNDS

The NSCA Competitions Committee shall use the following guidelines for refunding entry fees due or paid prior to the commencement of the event:

- A team may withdraw from an Event with good and sufficient reason prior to the close of entry deadline and any entry fee paid shall be refunded in full subject only to a handling fee which shall not exceed Forty Dollars (\$40.00).
- Any team withdrawing after the Entry deadline without good and sufficient reason will not receive reimbursement of their entry fee AND all players will be disqualified from competing in the same competition the next curling season.

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NSCA Entry Deadlines

Date Approved: *September 2018*

I – GENERAL

The NSCA shall establish the deadlines to signify the close of entries for each of its Championship events. This shall be done and posted on the NSCA website by October 1st annually.

II – PROCEDURE

The NSCA shall ensure that the deadline is set no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Championship, except where:

- The Championship begins prior to December 15th, in which case the deadline shall be no fewer than twenty-one (21) days.
- The number of entries is impacted by a preceding event for the same pool of athletes, in which case the deadline shall be no fewer than fourteen (14) days.

III – EXTENSIONS

From time to time the NSCA may need to extend the deadline for the close of entries. Generally, this will only occur when:

- The NSCA Online registration fails on the day of the deadline;
- A significant change to an event was not published at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a deadline;
- Other reasons deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.

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Provincial Championship Ranking Rules

Date Approved: *September 2018*

I – PURPOSE

At a Provincial Championship final, the placement of the competing teams will be decided by a ranking of the participating teams (or coaches in the case of the Men's and Women's Junior Provincial Championships)

II – PROCEDURE

In the men's and women's championship, teams will be ranked by their position in the CTRS based on the point totals after the completion of the qualifying events (if the qualifier was played). Any change of team membership prior to the Championship will be reflected in their CTRS points. Teams that have pre-qualified for a Championship will not gain any Qualifier CTRS points.

Interpretation: The final seeding for the Championship draw will be based on the ranking of the teams as based on all the CTRS points accumulated by that team, allowing for any player changes. The two teams that pre-qualified by virtue of their CTRS points, prior to the qualifying event, will be ranked for the draw based on their total points, allowing for any player changes.

In other self-seeded events, each team will be asked to rank all participating teams in their Championship including their own as follows:

- one (1) ballot for each team competing
- ballots will be distributed by the NSCA via email and are to be returned via a reply to the email no later than two (2) days prior to the first draw of the Championship Final
- the Executive Director of the NSCA or her designate will tally the ballots
- teams will be ranked based on the ballots received and placed into the draw accordingly
- in the case of a tie, the teams tied will be placed in the draw in random order

The official draw will be revealed no later than the evening before the first scheduled draw of the Championship.

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NSCA Junior Ranking System Under-21 (NSCAJRS)

The NSCAJRS points model for the 2018-19 season is based on the comments received from the 2016-17 season. Several of the comments submitted were looked at and added to this document to improve the way points are calculated by the NSCAJRS. This points model operates on a similar basis to the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS).

The NSCAJRS will use a ranking of all teams participating in the Maritime Junior Curling Tour (MJCT) events to calculate the strength of field for MJCT events. The NSCAJRS will be updated weekly. The results will be calculated and maintained by the NSCA Technical Director. Only the Nova Scotia Team Rankings will be displayed on the NSCA website (nscurl.com).

The top two (2) male and top two (2) female teams based on the points received as of November 26, 2018 will receive automatic berths into the NSCA Under-21 Provincials.

1. Maritime Junior Curling Tour events -
 - This category represents the seven (7) sanctioned events that are part of the NSCAJRS Points System for the 2018-19 season:
 - **Sep 21-23** – U21 Aquarius Junior Slam, Thistle St. Andrews
 - **Sep 28-30** – U-21 Nautilus Slam, CFB Halifax, NS
 - **Oct 12-14** – CCE Annual Maritime Junior Bonspiel, Moncton NB
 - **Oct 26-28** – Lakeshore Cashspiel, Sackville NS
 - **Nov 2-4** – TSA Junior Spiel, Saint John NB
 - **Nov 9-11** – Oak Island Junior Cashspiel, Chester NS
 - **Nov 16-18** – PEI Fall Fling, Summerside, PE
2. Adult Cash Spiels -
 - Only Adult Cash Spiels sanctioned for the CTRS/OOM will be eligible for points on the NSCAJRS.
 - All CTRS/OOM points awarded will count on a full point value for the NSCAJRS
3. Ottawa Super Spiel -
 - The strength of field will be set as per the chart below.
4. Other Junior Events –
 - If a junior team enters a Junior Cash Spiel outside of the Maritime Provinces they will be eligible to collect points as per the SFM chart below.

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Registration:

- For a team to be eligible to receive NSCAJRS points they must be registered.
- To register, e-mail the following information to aparis@nscurl.com:
 - Team name
 - Full Names of team members including 5th if applicable
 - Birthdates
 - Home Club
 - Coach Name and Contact information

Notes:

- All teams enter the 2018-19 season with no NSCAJRS points
- Points will be awarded for an event that takes place in the period September 1, 2018 to November 26, 2018.
- Teams must register so the organizing committee can ensure teams keep the same players from one event to another.

Junior Event Formats:

The events above were approved as NSCAJRS events based on their meeting the following criteria:

- The event must have a U21 division
- The event must have a minimum field of six (6) team entries from either category, teams do not necessarily have to be from Nova Scotia and registered in the NSCAJRS,
- Double knockout, triple knockout and/or round robin pool formats are acceptable
- The Five Rock Free Guard Zone Rule must be used
- All games must be eight (8) or ten (10) ends in length.

How points are determined and allocated:

- Points will be determined separately for each sanctioned NSCAJRS event based on where the team finishes using the Strength of Field Multiplier (SFM).
- Points will be allocated to registered teams only.
- Teams must have three (3) of their registered players participate to qualify for points. Teams can still compete if they only have two (2) registered players but points will not be awarded.
- Points are only awarded if three (3) out of five (5) registered players are competing for event.
- A team that enters in an Adult cash Spiel with a spare who is not eligible to compete in U21 Provincials will be considered an adult team and will receive no NSCAJRS points.
- Points will be allotted for wins.

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Points:

- The seven (7) Maritime Junior Curling Tour events will all receive the same SFM number no matter how many registered Nova Scotia teams enter.
- The SFM will only be used for teams making the Semi's and Finals.
- Teams will receive base points based on each win during the event.

SFM given to top 4 teams only

Where a team finishes (Placing)	Base Point Value
1 st	7.1565
2 nd	5.2591
3 rd -4 th	3.3549

How the Strength of Field Multipliers (SFM) Are Determined:

These Base Points will then be subject to the Strength of Field Multiplier (SFM). The SFM will be assigned to each event.

JUNIOR MEN & JUNIOR WOMEN	
Categories for points	SFM
Maritime Junior Curling Tour events	2.5194
U21 Junior Slam series	2.96
Adult Cash Spiels	As per CTRS points given
Ottawa Super Spiel	2.96
Junior Cash Spiels Outside Maritimes	2.728
Points per Win	1.064

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Here are some examples of how Points are calculated:

MJCT

1st = base value X SFM + points per win = Total

2nd = base value X SFM + points per win = Total (etc.)

Team has 4 wins and wins the event.

$(7.1565 \times 2.5194) + 4.256 = 22.2860861$

Adult Cash Spiel

Points given based on CTRS calculations.

Ottawa Super Spiel / Junior Slam

Same as MJCT example using the allotted SFM.

Junior Cash Spiels outside Maritimes

Same as MJCT example using the allotted SFM.

Points per Win

Team only wins 2 games and does not make the playoffs.

Total points: 2.128

U21 Provincial Seeding

The top two teams in the NSCAJRS points will proceed directly to U-21 Provincials.

The remainder of the teams for the Qualifier will be seeded using self-seeding.

All teams will be self-seeded for U-21 provincial championships.

U18 Provincial Seeding

Self-Seeding will be used for U18s, NSCAJRS points will have no impact.

Note: This is an update to the 2017/18 initial points system. Please forward your suggestions on how this system may be improved in future years to the NSCA Competitions Director.

Important: For a junior team to receive CTRS points and have them allotted to the NSCAJRS points system that team must be signed up for the CTRS points system. Follow the link below to sign up for the CTRS points system.

<http://teams.curlingzone.com/index.php?task=Register&etregister=21>

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Social Media

Date Approved: *September 2018*

Unquestionably, the landscape has changed in terms of the ways that players, fans and the media interact, and it's recognized that the various forms of social media represent a valuable opportunity for communication. Competitors are encouraged to embrace these social media, as they present avenues to promote the game of curling as well as their own teams. But there must be certain responsibilities attached to the use of these social media outlets, particularly when competitors are participating in national and world championship events and visibility is at its highest. With that in mind, here are some guidelines:

- Be aware of the fact that as high-profile athletes, competitors are in the spotlight, and competitors are always representing not only themselves, but also their teams, teammates, families and the Nova Scotia Curling Association as participants in a major championship. There is no on-off switch when it comes to this responsibility.
- There is no such thing as "off the record" when it comes to communication via social media. Hitting the "post" button on a Tweet makes it part of the public record, and it can be distributed to thousands of people in just a few seconds. Avoid using social media when angry or consuming alcohol. Also, during events it's recommended to avoid reading Twitter responses or Facebook posts to your team. It's a fact of life that there will be naysayers who take pleasure in trying to bring competitors and/or their teammates down. Responding to them achieves nothing. Avoiding them is the best idea. Ideally, have someone external to the team filtering the responses to prevent negative messages getting through.
- Be smart about what is presented as a message. There's never anything wrong with taking the high road when it comes to discussing events, officials, or opponents. Competitors help their sport and their team by presenting a positive, respectful image to those who read your message. Thanking fans and praising teammates and opponents are good ways to do this.
- Competitors hurt the sport and hurt their teammates by sending out negative messages of their own, or by sharing/re-tweeting negative messages from other people. These can consist of criticism of opponents, teammates, officials, events, sponsors, facilities and playing conditions, or sexist, racist or homophobic slurs. This is a year-round consideration, but be aware that if it happens during a championship event (provincial, national, world, or any other event operated by the NSCA or CC), competitors can and will be fined for anything that the NSCA decides is bringing the sport, an event, or an event official, into "disrepute".

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- During championship events, competitors should be conscious of sponsors. It is a given that the NSCA's partnerships are responsible for the successful operation of our events. The Nova Scotia Curling Association would ask competitors to respect those partnerships by not:
 - Distributing messages that may be seen as critical of the sponsors; and
 - Distributing messages praising direct competitors of our sponsors. This applies specifically during championship events. The NSCA acknowledges that some teams have partnerships with competing sponsors. The fact is there are more than 340 days in a year to praise team sponsors; the NSCA would ask that during the event itself, please refrain from praising conflicting sponsors out of respect to our partners who make events possible.
- During championship events, out of respect for the integrity of the game, players, coaches, and alternates on the field of play will be prohibited from using any form of social media from 15 minutes prior to games until the completion of the game. Teams can, however, appoint someone sitting in the stands or watching on television to send messages via social media so long as there is no direct contact with the players, coach or alternate in the field of play.

Bluetooth and Cellular Technology

Date Approved: September 2018

During championship events, out of respect for the integrity of the game:

- players and alternates on the field of play during the game, will **turn off and secure** their cellular and Bluetooth devices; and
- Coaches and alternates will refrain from using their cellular communication devices during the game.

The penalty for breaching this directive during a NSCA Championship event will be the removal of the stone that was played. A second breach by the same team will result in the forfeit of the game.

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Championship Player Penalties

Date Approved: *under review*

Currently under review

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Games per Day

Date Approved: September 2018

I – PURPOSE

To establish the maximum number of games teams can be scheduled for each day during a NSCA Championship event.

II – GENERAL

No team shall be required to play more than three (3) games per day unless:

- i. in a tie breaker scenario when prescribed by the NSCA, or
- ii. in the semifinals or finals when both teams involved consent to do so and have the approval of the NSCA (applies only to games of 8-ends or less), or
- iii. in the case of “force majeure” and the NSCA is forced to revise a schedule during a Championship event

III – SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This directive applies to all NSCA Championship events except as noted in the Event Description.

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Format of Play

Date Approved: September 2018

I – PURPOSE

To establish a consistent model of determining Nova Scotia’s representative at Canadian Championships (not Canadian Trials) where a non-club-based provincial qualifying system is not used.

II – GENERAL

The format of play will be determined by the number of entries in accordance with the following:

- Two (2) teams – Best of Five head to head match up
- Three (3) Or Four (4) teams – Double Round Robin with teams advancing to the Adapted Playoffs
- Seven (7) teams or less – Single Round Robin with teams advancing to the Adapted Playoffs
- Eight (8) teams or more – Triple Knock Out with teams advancing to the Modified Playoffs

III – SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This directive applies to:

- Senior Men’s
- Senior Women’s
- Men’s Masters
- Women’s Masters
- Mixed
- Mixed Doubles
- Wheelchair
- Curling Club Men’s
- Curling Club Women’s

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Round Robin Tiebreakers

Date Approved: *September 2018*

NSCA follows the Curling Canada protocols and operates events with no tiebreaker games when teams are tied for the last playoff berth, **or** tiebreaker games when teams are tied for the last playoff berth. For events without tiebreakers, teams will be delivering **two (2)** draws to button after their pre-game practice. This representative sample of their skill level is used for breaking ties in insoluble scenarios.

NSCA will operate the following events **with** tiebreakers if a round robin format is used:

- Curling Club,
- Juniors,
- Scotties,
- Tankard,
- Wheelchair and
- Stick.

At these events, each team will deliver one (1) draw to the button to determine hammer for the first end. Tiebreakers are used to break insoluble scenarios when teams are tied for the last playoff berth.

NSCA will operate the following events **without** tiebreakers if a round robin format is used:

- Mixed,
- University,
- Colleges
- Seniors
- Masters and
- Under-18.

In preparation for the National championship without tiebreakers, each team will deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end (regardless of the format used). At the conclusion of round robin playdown event, the two (2) highest individual recorded distances will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance. The final accumulated distance is used to break insoluble scenarios when teams are tied for the last playoff berth.

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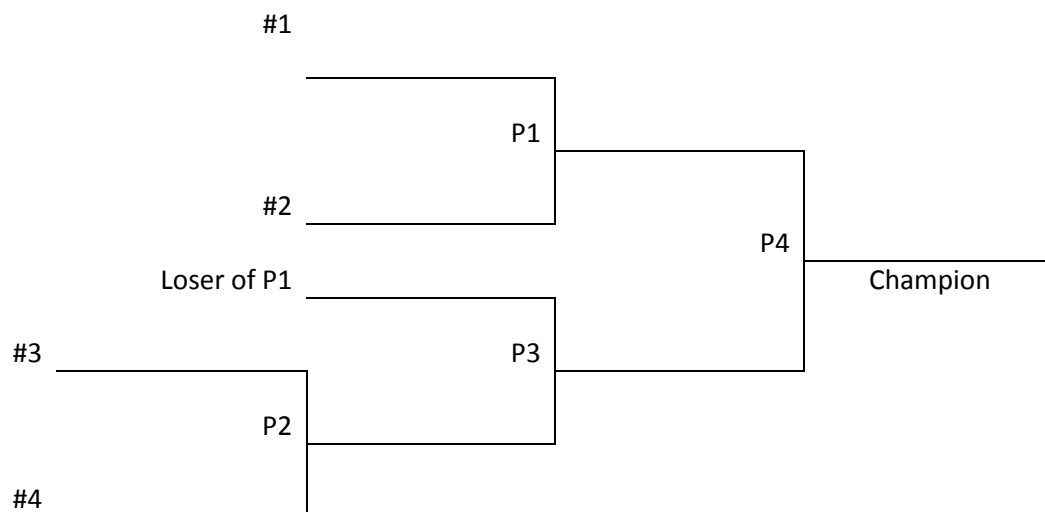
Playoff Structure Directive

Date Approved: September 2018

I – GENERAL

The following directive explains the various applications of four (4) types of playoff scenarios used in our Championships.

Page Playoffs



NOTE: This format will be primarily used for Full Round Robin play; if used for another format variation operational guidelines will be presented by the NSCA prior to the Championship.

- In page playoff games, last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the preliminary play.
- **IF** the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone handle colour.
- Notwithstanding the previous points, if the second ranked team defeats the top ranked team in the 1 versus 2 Page Playoff Game (P1) **and** the top ranked team qualifies for the championship final, the top ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone colour.

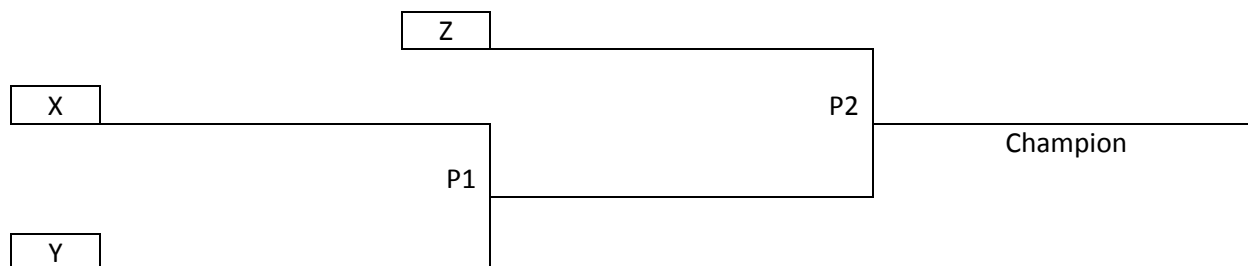
Playoff Structure for Double Knockout Events using Sections:

- The two Sectional (e.g. A & B event) winners will meet in the P1 playoff. A coin toss will determine either stone handle colour or practice session and a last stone draw will determine hammer. The winner will play in the P4 Championship game with last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone handle colour. The loser will play in the P3 game with the choice of either last stone advantage **OR** stone handle colour.

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- The Sectional Runners-up will play in the P2 playoff. A coin toss will determine either stone handle colour or practice session and a last stone draw will determine hammer. The winner will advance to the P3 game.
- The team with last stone advantage in P3 and P4 will have 1st practice.

Modified Playoffs



NOTE: This format will be primarily used for Triple Knock Out play, if used for another format variation operational guidelines will be presented by the NSCA prior to the Championship.

Last stone advantage AND choice of rock handle colour shall be awarded to the higher ranked team. If the teams ranking is equal then the team who qualified first will have choice of last stone advantage OR choice of rock handle colour. The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first.

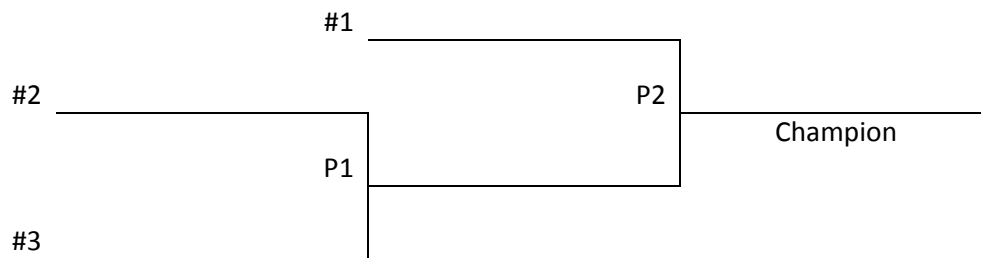
The teams advancing to the Playoffs will be ranked accordingly:

- A. One (1) team goes undefeated (AAA) winning all three qualifiers.
 - No Playoff Games are required
- B. One team wins two qualifiers and a second team wins one qualifier (AAC, ABA, or ABB)
 - The team who won two (2) qualifiers is ranked #1 – for all playoff games and has last stone advantage AND choice of rock handle colour in both games.
 - The other team is ranked #2
- C. Each qualifier is won by a different team (ABC)
 - The team who played in the most qualifying games is ranked #1
 - The team who played in the next most qualifying games is ranked #2
 - The team who played in the least qualifying games is ranked #3

If there is a tie in the number of qualifying games played, the tied teams' ranks are deemed equal. The team who qualified earliest (A qualifier > B qualifier > C qualifier) in each playoff game will have choice of last stone advantage OR choice of stone handle colour.

Section 4: Applicable Directives

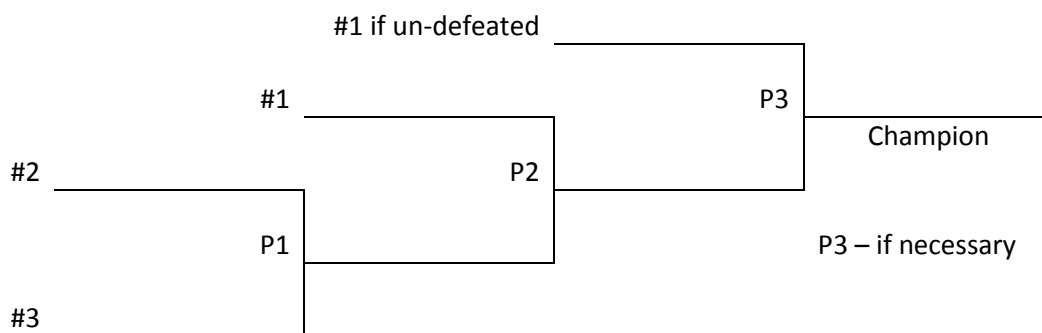
Un-modified Playoffs



NOTE: This format will be primarily used for Full Round Robin play, if used for another format variation operational guidelines will be presented by the NSCA prior to the Championship.

- In page playoff games, last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the preliminary play.
- **IF** the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone handle colour.

Adapted Playoffs



If the team that advances to the Finals has not lost during the preliminary play, they must be beaten twice. Otherwise use Un-Modified Playoffs.

In playoff games, last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the preliminary play.

IF the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone handle colour.

The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first. A team is allowed to throw its own stones during practice and not those of the opposition.

Section 5: Eligibility Charts

Chart of Coach Eligibility (Table Z)

Date Approved: September 2018

I – PURPOSE

Commencing the 2009/2010 curling season, coaches are required to conform to new coaching standards as established by the National Coaching Association and Curling Canada.

The purpose of this chart is to outline the minimum coaching certification requirements for all coaches participating in NSCA Championship Events effective immediately.

All Coaches should be aware that all Curling Canada National Events require the Coaches to comply with the new certification requirements.

All Coaches and designated Chaperones are considered Volunteers and as such are required to comply with the NSCA Volunteer Screening Policy.

II – APPLICATION

The minimum coach certification requirements for each Championship Event are as follows:

- *Unless otherwise specified, coach requirements apply to all levels of play in a particular Championship (i.e. the Junior Provincial Regional Events require a minimum coaching certification of that equal to the Provincial Championship. i.e. “Competition Coach – Certified”)*
- *The Coaching standard for all Curling Canada Championships and Trials is Competition Coach – Certified.*
- *The Coaching standard for the Canada Winter Games is Competition Coach – Certified and CC Canada Games Module*

Section 5: Eligibility Charts

Event	Minimum NCCP Coaching Certification Required
Under 11 Light Rocks Jamboree Under 13 Jamboree	Club Coach: Youth
Under 16 Junior Mixed Under 19 Junior Mixed Junior Doubles Masters Stick	Club Coach
Under 15 Provincials Under 18 Provincials Canada Winter Games Introspiel	Competition Coach: Introduction – TRAINED
Under 21 Qualifier & Provincials Canada Winter Games Qualifiers & Finals* Wheelchair Seniors Mixed Mixed Doubles	Competition Coach: Introduction – CERTIFIED
Tankard Scotties	Competition Development – CERTIFIED**

* - To participate as a coach in the Canada Winter Games, the Canada Games Module must be taken as well.

** - As per Curling Canada rules, a coach may participate in a Scotties or Tankard (Brier) as a Certified Competition Coach or Competition Development "In-Training". A coach may use this status for a maximum of one Curling Trials and a maximum of two Canadian Men's /Women's Championships. Curling Canada's position is that an individual coaching at this level should be working towards achieving a Certified Competition Development status. For more information regarding Curling Canada's Coaching Qualifications for National Events, please contact the NSCA Technical Director.

Section 5: Eligibility Charts

Chart of Athlete Age Eligibility (Table X)

Date Approved: *September 2018*

I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to highlight the future direction of the age requirements at the provincial championships.

II – APPLICATION

Under 21	20 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 18	17 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 15 – Greenspiel	14 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 13 Jamboree	12 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 11 Jamboree	10 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 21 Junior Mixed Doubles	20 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 19 Junior Mixed	18 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Under 16 Junior Mixed	15 years or under as of June 30, 2018
Women’s (Scotties)	None
Men’s (Tankard)	None
Seniors	50 years or older as of June 30, 2019
Masters	60 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2018
Curling Club	19 years or older as of Nov. 31, 2018
Open Club Curling	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2018
Provincial Mixed	None
Open Club Mixed	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2018
Stick	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2018
Wheelchair	None
Mixed Doubles	None

Section 5: Eligibility Charts

Chart of CTRS and NSCAJRS Points for Championship Pre-Qualification (Table Y)

Date Approved: September 2018

I – PURPOSE

The purpose is to identify the closing date for the accumulation of total points to determine the two 'pre-qualifiers' for the following NSCA Provincial Championships.

II – APPLICATION

U-21 Men's: NSCAJRS point closing date will November 20, 2018.

U-21 Women's: NSCAJRS point closing date will be November 20, 2018.

Provincial Men's (Tankard): CTRS point closing date will be December 10, 2018.

Provincial Women's (Scotties): CTRS point closing date will be November 27, 2018.

Section 6: Local Rules

Rules of Play – Stick

1. Rules of Play

- (1) Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play shall apply, except where modified by Stick Curling Canada Rules or as presented below.

2. Coin Toss

- (1) Coin toss is fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posted draw time.

3. Pre-game Practice

- (1) Both teams will practice together. Each team has the option of throwing a maximum of four (4) stones up and back down.

4. Draw to the button

- (1) Following the completion of the Pre-game Practice, the Last Stone Draw (LSD) will take place.
- (2) All LSD shots will be thrown towards the home end.
- (3) The Coin-toss winner delivers their LSD first. If the two stones are tied in distance, or if neither team finds the House, then Hammer goes to the coin-toss winner.
- (4) Both stones will be measured and used for tie breakers.

5. Last Stone Advantage

- (1) In the first end the team who had the shorter pre-game Last Shot Draw distance is awarded the Last Stone Advantage.
- (2) Following the first end, the team that did not score shall have Last Stone Advantage.
- (3) If neither team scores in an end (Blank End), the team that delivered the last stone in that end shall have Last Stone Advantage.

6. Delivery

- (1) Each team shall deliver six (6) stones per end.
- (2) Each stone must be delivered with a curling / delivery stick, from a standing or sitting (in a wheelchair) position.
- (3) Except for wheelchair curlers, each delivery must begin with the right foot in the left hack, for right-handed curlers, or with the left foot in the right hack, for left-handed curlers.
- (4) All stones must be released before reaching the near hog line, and with some part of the stone within two (2) feet of the center line.
- (5) The two delivering Curlers alternately deliver six (6) stones each per end, while their teammates skip that end. Then roles are reversed.

Section 6: Local Rules

7. Position of Players

- (1) One member of each team stays at each end of the rink, and **must not** cross center ice (except as provided for in Rule 12).

8. Sweeping

- (1) Sweeping/brushing is allowed by the delivering team only from the hog line to the back line or by the opposition team from the tee line to the back line at the playing end. This applies during all of the team's delivered stones, including the LSD.

9. Displaced Stationary Stone – Four Rock Rule

- (1) No stone in play, including those in the house, can be removed from play prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of an end (the fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play).
- (2) If there is a violation, the delivered stone shall be removed from play, and any displaced stone(s) shall be replaced, as close as possible, to their original position by the non-offending team.

10. Scoring

- (1) The scoring shall be the same as in a regular game of curling.

11. Extra-Ends

- (1) All games are six (**6**) ends. In case of a tie, an extra end is played, with each player delivering three (3) stones (skips and deliverers exchange roles at the midpoint of an extra end without moving the delivered stones).

12. Timeouts

- (1) Each team may request two (2) time-outs per game and one (1) time-out during any extra end. The time-out will be a maximum of sixty (60) seconds in length.
- (2) During timeouts teams may cross the centre line and assemble at either playing end.

13. Pace of Play

- (1) Please play steadily, keep the pace. Six-end games should normally be completed in 60 minutes. The draw schedule does not allow for extended game times.
- (2) At the discretion of the NSCA Umpire, slow players may be put on a "shot clock".

14. Tie Breakers

- (1) Teams tied for a Playoff position cannot be excluded from the playoffs without having played a tie-breaker game(s).
- (2) The tie-breaking process shall be:
 - (a) Most wins.
 - (b) Results of head-to-head play.
 - (c) Draw to the button (LSD) accumulated distances.
 - (d) Closest draw to the button.

Section 6: Local Rules

15. Ranking / Seeding

- (1) The following seeding system has been adopted for seeding teams at the Provincial Stick Championships.
- (2) Points will be awarded for each person on the team.
- (3) Points are based on the prior season's Stick Championship results.
- (4) If only one person from a team returns the next year they will carry only their own points forward plus the points of their new partner.
 - (a) Winner 65
 - (b) Finalist 50
 - (c) Semi Finalist 40
 - (d) Quarter Finalist 30
 - (e) Non-Playoff teams per win 07
 - (f) Teams with no wins 05
 - (g) New Entries this year 00

16. Assignment of Teams to the Official Draw

- (1) Teams will place themselves in the official draw
- (2) The process to do so occurs two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled game at the host club.
- (3) The process shall be known as the Selection.
- (4) Each team will be provided copy of the Draw schedule showing game times, ice assignment and team number matchups.
- (5) If there are an exceptionally large number of teams entered in the event, the selection process articulated in item (6) below will not be used. Instead, the teams will be seeded and placed into pools so that there is an equal allocation of seeds among the pools.
- (6) The Selection will be conducted in the following manner:
 - (a) Based on seeding teams seeded 12 or higher will be put into groups of three (3). All remaining teams will form the starting group.
 - (b) Step 1 - The starting group will be selected in random order (regardless of seed) to place themselves in the official draw.
 - (c) Step 2 – Teams seeded #10, 11, 12, - in randomly selected order, will place themselves in the official draw.
 - (d) Step 3 – Teams seeded #1, 2, 3 - in randomly selected order, will place themselves in the official draw.
 - (e) Step 4 – Teams seeded #4, 5, 6, - in randomly selected order, will place themselves in the official draw.
 - (f) Step 5 – Teams seeded #7, 8, 9, - in randomly selected order, will place themselves in the official draw.
- (7) A more finite set of instructions will be circulated to the teams once the official format has been announced.