

I – GENERAL

The Women's Championship is open to any curler in NS 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 Curling Canada Women's Championship.

*For the 2021 National Championship, there may be Covid-19 pandemic self-isolating rules in effect.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Section Two, Part III.
- There is no minimum age restriction for eligibility.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.

III – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final (the NS Scotties Tournament of Hearts) shall be an eight (8) team modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams for the Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final through either through the Qualifier.

Qualifier—the two (2) teams with the highest total team prize money earned in the following 2020 Nova Scotia Cashspiels: 2020 Curling Store Cashspiel (Lakeshore Sept. 25-27), New Scotland Cashspiel (CFB Halifax Oct. 10-12), Dave Jones Cashspiel (Mayflower Oct. 29 – Nov. 1).

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. Based on total team prize money earned in the following 2020 Nova Scotia Cashspiels: 2020 Curling Store Cashspiel (Lakeshore Sept. 25-27), New Scotland Cashspiel (CFB Halifax Oct. 10-12), Dave Jones Cashspiel (Mayflower Oct. 29 – Nov. 1) and Stu Sells 1824 Halifax Classic (Halifax Curling Club Nov. 12-15).

Provincial: teams will be placed into the official based on total team prize money earned in the following 2020 Nova Scotia Cashspiels: 2020 Curling Store Cashspiel (Lakeshore Sept. 25-27), New Scotland

Cashspiel (CFB Halifax Oct. 10-12), Dave Jones Cashspiel (Mayflower Oct. 29 – Nov. 1) and Stu Sells 1824 Halifax Classic (Halifax Curling Club Nov. 12-15).

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

Qualification Event: During the knock-out qualification event, 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.
- **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 counter-clockwise turn.
- **For both events:** 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.

Interpretation: At the Provincial, each player of the original team line-up must deliver one (1) last draw shot before the end of the round robin event.

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
- The 1st draw of a combined Championship, as well as the semifinal playoff game, will alternate between men and women from year to year.

IX – QUALIFYING SCENARIOS

1. If the Qualifier only has the minimum number of teams six (6) entered 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.