Women's (Scotties Tournament of Champions) Championship

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, Curling Canada's Return to Play Plan must be followed.

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 <u>five (5)</u> players plus <u>one (1)</u> 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 open modified triple knockout.

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

Provincial: Teams will be placed into the official draw based on total CTRS point standings as of November 22.

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

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

VI - DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Provincial: During the <u>round robin</u> 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
 - o 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