

Men's & Women's Canada Winter Games Trials

1. GENERAL

The Men's & Women's Canada Winter Games Trials will be held for teams who have previously qualified from the Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials. Teams and players must meet the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Canada Winter Games, players must be a maximum of seventeen (17) years of age as of dates shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players plus one (1) coach. There is no alternative allowed. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Final shall be modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of men and three (3) teams of women for the Modified Playoffs. All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Not Timed

4. RANKING / SEEDING

Trials – Teams will be ranked according to how they qualified at the Pre-trials events.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all stages of this championship a "coin toss" will be used to determine:
- Stone handle colour, or practice order 1st or 2nd.
- A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.
- Each team will name two (2) players who will deliver one (1) stone each for the draw to the button as pre "**Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for 2022 – 2023**".
- Each team member must throw one draw to the button before another player is allowed to throw a second draw to the button.

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.

6. 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).

Coaches must also:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Have a current Criminal Records Check on file with Nova Scotia Curling Association.
- Have a Child Abuse Registry Check on file with Nova Scotia Curling Association.

7. OTHER

- The Canada Winter Games Trials will have a pre-competition practice session prior to the start of competition, where each team will be given ten (10) minutes one each sheet.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Trials if held.
- The NSCA curling stones will not be used for the CWG Trials.
- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Trials.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- **The NSCA's ` Coach Interaction Rules ` will be in effect for 2022-23.**