

NSCA Rules
of Championship Play
2022-2023

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Code of Ethics

To ensure that all curlers are aware of their responsibilities when playing the game, Curling Canada has adopted the following Codes of Ethics and Fair Play as an official supplement to the Rules of Curling which Codes are adopted by the NSCA in respect of all competitions organized and sanctioned by NSCA:

Curlers' Code of Ethics

- *I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.*
- *I will conduct myself in an honourable 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 judgement to ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.*
- *The coach's conduct toward other coaches shall be characterised by courtesy, good faith and respect.*
- *The coach shall maintain the highest stands of personal conduct and support the principles of Fair Play.*

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 a consistent demonstration of respect for teammates and opponents, whether they are winning or losing.*
- *Fair Play is a consistent demonstration of respect for umpires, an acceptance of their decisions and a steadfast spirit of collaboration with them.*
- *Sportsmanlike behaviour should be demonstrated both on and off the ice. This includes modesty in victory and composure in defeat.*

Umpires

In curling, as in most sports, umpiring is performed by dedicated volunteers without whom the sport could not progress.

The role of the Umpire has been established to ensure fair play between two or more teams in any competition. Umpires act as a complement to the game, working with the teams in a fair and neutral manner within the rules of the game, doing measurements and intervening only to make a correction or following a breach of the rules.

Umpires' decisions must be made in fairness and sound judgement relative to the rules in Curling Canada's 'Rules of Curling for Officiated Play' rulebook.

All Umpires must have a thorough knowledge of the rules, their interpretation and implementation. Within the umpiring system, dependent on the assignment, the Umpire should have a sound knowledge of the record sheets, scoreboards, measuring devices, hog lines, statistics, and time clocks. Each plays an important part in the smooth running of any competition.

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.*

Preamble

The Nova Scotia Curling Association (hereafter referred to 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)

Note: Prior to registering a team for an event, please ensure that eligibility rules are read to ensure the registering team meets the criteria listed for the specific competition.

General Definitions

“**NSCA**” means the Nova Scotia Curling Association and is the member association of Curling Canada

“**CTRS**” means Canadian Team Ranking System

“**JTRS**” means Nova Scotia Curling Association Junior Ranking System

“**Bona fide member**” means a member who, as of December 1.

- (a) Is a voting member of a Member Club;
- (b) Has met his or her financial responsibilities to the Member Club; and
- (c) Whose rights to participate in NSCA events are not in suspension either as a consequence of disciplinary proceedings or by operation of some specific provision in the bylaws or policies of NSCA.

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

Eligibility

All participating curling clubs must be affiliated with the NSCA. They must be in good standing with all applicable dues to the NSCA paid in full.

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 and as such may be asked to sign a letter of compliance prior to their 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 Province for the current curling season. Only one (1) free agent per team is allowed.

Teams online entries of their four (4) team players and coach and fee payment must be received 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 within eight (8) days 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/JTRS 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 substitute player within 24 hours 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. Should a team member die before an event, the team may replace the deceased member of the team with an eligible player up until the 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.

If a Provincial winner is declared and there is no Canadian Championship for the 2023 season, there will be no provincial team assistance or provincial uniforms issued to the winning team.

Note: Prior to registering a team for an event, please ensure that eligibility rules are read to ensure the registering team meets the criteria listed for the specific competition.

If there are insufficient number of teams registered for an event the registration deadline, at any time the Nova Scotia Curling reserves the right to cancel an event that does not allow due to Force Majeure ...any unforeseen event that does not allow for safe play or travel. If the event is cancelled, all entry fees will be returned.

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 a 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 un-officiated events.

Registration

- Teams are required to register and confirm their throwing 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 and opening the e-mail will constitute the team's acceptance of such information. Time will be allocated just before the Pre-Event Practice sessions to address any questions from the briefing document. Unless otherwise specified in the Event Description, or 2) to ascertain team readiness for play in round robin competitions.

Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for 2022 - 2023

- 1) Teams will name the players delivering the last stone draws, including which turns, at time of coin toss. Failure to do so will result in an assigned distance of 399.20 cm.
- 2) Umpires will assume that every team that wins the Last Stone Draw will want the last stone in the first end. If a team does not want the last stone, IF they win the Last Stone Draw, they must inform the Umpire before the start of their practice.
- 3) Coaches may NOT deliver stones in the pre-game practice.
- 4) Speed traps are NOT allowed in the pre-game practice.
- 5) In Round Robin Play the teams listed on the top / first in the draw will practice first and will be assigned dark handled stones. The team throwing light-handled stones will have the same period of practice starting immediately following the dark handled stone draws for last stone advantage. For Knock-Out competitions A coin toss will be used to select either (a) stone handle colour, or (b) practice time (1st or 2nd).
- 6) Teams will be allowed up to one minute of sliding time immediately prior to their pre-game practice. Each team's pre-game practice will be nine minutes unless otherwise stated in the Team Briefing (seven-minutes Mixed Doubles).
- 7) First practice will commence thirty-five minutes prior to the posted draw time

- 8) Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass or be positioned behind the scoreboard if in an arena setting, if space permits, for pregame practice and Last Stone Draw(s).
- 9) Last stone advantage will be determined by the Last Stone Draws before each game and will be completed immediately following each team's pre-game practice.
- 10) The Last Stone Draw distance is calculated using the Curl Distance last stone draw measuring tool app. The distance is measured either from the centre of the house to the nearest point of the stone or, if the stone covers the centre, from two points 61 cm away from the centre using Triangulation. The app calculates the real distance from the centre to the centre of the stone in both cases, using the official formula from the World Curling Federation WCF
- 11) Triangulation: any stone covering the tee (centre pin), will be measured from two separate points 61 cm from the tee and 90 degrees apart. These distances will be used to calculate the distance from the tee to the centre of the curling stone.
- 12) The better (lower) distance of the total of the two draws between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end. The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.
- 13) Only the named 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface for the Last Stone Draw. Full sweeping is allowed; however, one of the players must hold the target broom (in mixed doubles a target broom holder is not required). In Mixed team competition, the team's playing order must be followed for sweeping and holding the target broom.
- 14) Following each team's pre-game practice, the two different previously named players from the team will each throw a stone. There will be an announcement to deliver each Last Stone Draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation.
- 15) A stone delivered after the practice time has elapsed and prior to the announcement, or not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire (the stone must reach the near tee-line before the time expires), will be assigned 199.6 cm.
- 16) Should the team with first practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button (Clockwise rotation). If the third player records 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm, a fourth player, different from the first three throwers, will deliver (Counter-Clockwise rotation) and so on until a number other than 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm is registered (Mixed Doubles will alternate throwers).
- 17) If the second team registers the same two-stone distance as the team with first practice (other than 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm) the individual LSD stones are compared, and the lowest non-equal LSD has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end. When both teams have the same individual LSD stone distances, the teams will alternate delivering one stone each with their designated rotation until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stones including the players who delivered the first two stones.
- 18) Should the team with second practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button (Clockwise rotation). The team with second practice will continue to throw (different throwers, alternating Rotations) until a different comparable distance is achieved with the first team's distance thrown in the same order.

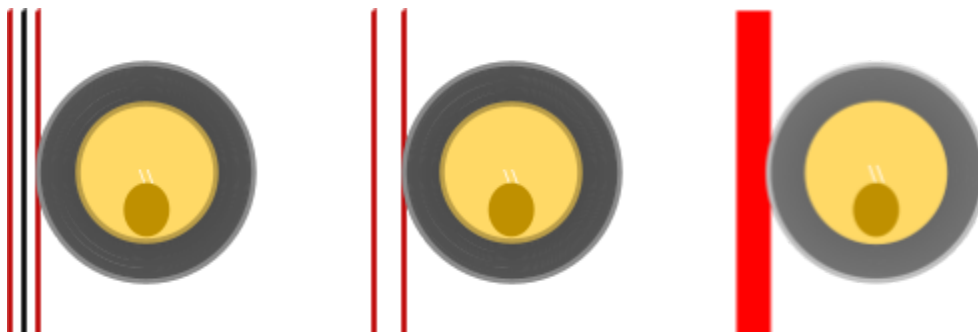
- 19) Stones moved by the delivery team before being measured will be assigned the distance of the next defined circle away from the button (the stone measurement is taken as the inside edge of the stone is at the inner edge of the circle measured to the centre of the stone).
 - a. On or touching the button = 29.4 cm (when a one-foot button)
note: subject to change if the actual button diameter is more than one foot.
 - b. In or touching the four foot = 75.1 cm
 - c. In or touching the eight foot = 136.1 cm
 - d. In or touching the twelve foot = 197.1 cm
- 20) If a member of the non-delivering team or an external force moves a stationary stone or causes it to be moved before the Umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.
- 21) Only the first two stones delivered will be registered for the accumulated distance.
- 22) At the conclusion of the pool play round robin, with round robins of more than three games, the two highest individual recorded distances will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance. This does not apply to Knock - Out Competitions.
- 23) If an Alternate player is used, they may deliver LSD(s) for the player they are replacing. Teams may use an Alternate player's LSD(s) for only one player.
- 24) The number of LSD stones, and the number of clockwise and counter clockwise deliveries for each player, will be determined at each competition depending upon the number of games in the round robin. Based on the Original Team Lineup form, the four players must fulfil the minimum number of LSD deliveries. If there is a violation where the minimum requirements are not fulfilled, the appropriate LSD(s) will be recorded as 199.6 cm.
- 25) Mixed Doubles each player delivers an equal number of clockwise and counterclockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

No-Tick Rules

For trial use in the Scotties and Tankard

If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:

- 1) remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place;
- 2) or leave all stones where they came to rest.
- 3) If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.



Timeouts

- Time-outs – Each team may request two (2) time-outs per game (60 seconds) plus travel time and one (1) time-out during an extra end. Only the players on the field of play may signal for a timeout. Coaches/Alternates may signal their team without interfering with the field of play (ie. Banging on glass, opening field of play doors etc).

Coach Interaction Rules

(Pilot year) In Nova Scotia during the 2022-2023 Season the U13, Under 15, Under-18, Canada Winter Games and Under-21 Championships will use this system

NS Curling's Enhanced Coach Interaction (ECI) pilot project is a High-Performance Program initiative for U13, U15, U18, U21 and CWG athletes.

Purpose

The goal of the ECI pilot project is to allow coaches to truly be part of the game. It has been designed to allow coaches to better support their teams' performance and development. Coaches are offered more convenient and frequent access to their team while the game is being played. This begins by positioning the coach in a better physical position where they are better able to view the game, listen to their teams' conversations, and interact when permitted. Not only are we expecting to see improvements in our athletes' performance on the ice, but in our coaches and their satisfaction as we empower them to be more involved in the game.

Coach Communication

During a game a coach may communicate with their team in the following situations:

- Coach Interactions (between 30-60 seconds),
- Between ends (up to 45 seconds),
- Mid-game break (4 minutes).

Coaches may only communicate with their players in one of the above interactions. There will be absolutely no talking or body language between the coach and an athlete unless it is during an above interaction. No talking or body language includes hand gestures, saying "good shot" or any other form of communication. Any violation may result in penalties.

Positioning

Coaches will use assigned seating on the backboards at the end of the rink, positioned on the same side as their team's stones. In rinks with insufficient space on the backboards for chairs, coaches may stand just in front of the backboards at the discretion of the Chief Umpire/event organizer.

A coach may position themselves at either end of the rink. Once positioned they are not allowed to go to the other end of the ice if a 'Coach Interaction' is called.

The coach of the team who called the 'Coach Interaction' may access the ice surface behind the backline of the end that they are positioned. The opposing coach must stay on the backboards at the end they are positioned.

After each end coaches may travel to either end of the rink, down their sheets designated sideline, being respectful of games being played on adjacent sheets. The skip and/or third of the non-throwing team are to position themselves between the back-line and the hack.

Coach Interactions

Coach Interactions will replace the traditional 90 second time-outs.

Coaches are responsible for keeping track and policing the number of interactions used per end. Disagreements will be brought forth to the Chief Umpire/ Event Organizer.

Coach Interactions may only be called by the team (athlete or coach) who is in control of the house.

Coach Interactions can only be called if the coach is positioned in the ice shed, at the end of the sheet of play. If the coach is positioned inside the club house the team will NOT be permitted a Coach Interaction.

If a coach leaves the ice shed, they may enter: 1) at the conclusion of the end being played, or 2) during an end but they may not call a Coach Interaction until the opposition has played two shots.

The intent is that a coach needs to be committed to Coach Interactions, they will not be allowed to continually go back and forth between the ice shed and club house.

Teams are allowed a maximum of one (1) Coach Interaction per end. Coach Interactions will last between 30-60 seconds, but no longer. The same rule applies for extra ends. Unused Coach Interactions cannot be carried over to another end.

If a coach is requesting a Coach Interaction, they will vocalize to their player closest to them, and if the opposing coach is positioned in the ice shed, they will verbally inform them.

Opposing coaches will also be allowed to interact with their respective team until the team that called the interaction has concluded their communication.

Between Ends

Coaches are allowed to meet with their teams at the conclusion of an end, after the stones have been returned to their respective corner. This will not be counted as a Coach Interaction. These interactions are not to exceed 45 seconds. In timed events the clock will begin when 45 seconds is over.

Mid-Game Breaks

Coaches will have four (4) minutes to meet with their team at the mid-game break.

Timed Events

Four (4) minutes of thinking time will be added to the clock for all eight end games and five minutes will be added to the clock for all ten (10) end games. Time clocks will run during Coach Interactions as normal Thinking Time. One (1) extra minute of Thinking Time will be added for each extra end.

Non-Timed Events

In non-timed events, Coach Interactions will last between 30-60 seconds.

Additional Provisions

Coaches are allowed to use their phone or tablet to record game statistics, write down notes or take photos of games scenarios, but they are not permitted to use it for communication purposes.

Coaches can wear a warm jacket over-top of their team jacket, with no expectation that they remove it during a Coach Interaction.

Coaches are expected to wear curling shoes while in the playing area.

Penalties

Penalties to coaches include:

- First offence is a warning
- Second offence is loss of interactions in the same or following end
- Third offense coaches will be required to sit inside with no interaction or communication for the remainder of the current game (if before mid-game break) or the entire next game (if after the mid-game break).

Fifth players

- A full member of a team that meets all eligibility requirement for the competition. NSCA supports the use of fifth players for eligible competitions.
- A team may register and utilize a fifth player at any event. The fifth player may be ANY eligible player from across Nova Scotia, no matter the Affiliated Curling Club they belong to. **THE FIFTH SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY PRIZES or AWARDS AS PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAM.** The Provincial winning banner may include the name of the fifth at the request of the winning team.
- A fifth player may be declared on the team's online entry or at any of the qualifying events. The fifth must pay the Curling Canada competitor card fee (if fee is required to compete in that event) and will remain with the team until completion of that NSCA competition.
- Fifth players may play in any game, at any position on the team. The fifth may be used to distribute playing time among more than four (4) players during any competition.
- The expenses of the fifth player shall be the responsibility of the team.
- Teams continuing on to a National Championship will be subject to the rules of the body governing the National Championship regarding fifth players.

Helmets

- Helmets are mandatory for all competitors under the age of 12;
 - for further information please refer to the NSCA Helmet policy.

Game Time Operation - Thinking Time

- Thinking time allocated to each team in a ten (10) end game shall be thirty-eight (38) minutes.
- Thinking time allocated to each team in an eight (8) end game shall be thirty (30) minutes.
- Both teams are off the clock to start the game. The delivering team's game clock will begin when the first stone of the game comes to rest and the opposing team has relinquished control of the house with all sweepers having moved to the side of the sheet. The clock will stop when the delivering team's stone reaches the nearer tee-line.
- No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the nearer tee-line.
- At the conclusion of each end, both time clocks are stopped for a period of time as determine
- **Pace of Play: Where no time clocks are used** the pace of play rule will be effect. Players are expected to keep up a reasonable pace of play during competition (approximately 15 minutes per end)
- Should any game fall behind the next slowest game by a full end, the official shall inform both skips that they are behind the pace of play and are now subject to the "45 second rule"
- Under the 45 second rule, the official will time each rock from when the skip takes control of the house to when the rock crosses the near t-line. Any rock that is delivered after the 45 second mark shall be removed from play.
- Each team will be able to use their remaining allowed time-outs while the 45-second rule is in effect.
- The 45 second rule shall be enforced until the game is back on pace.
- Where games do not begin at the same time, it will be noted by the official at what point games are starting their first end in relation to the other games already being played.
- If the game concludes under the Pace of Play rule and an extra end is required, the Pace of Play rule will remain in effect.

General

- At all Provincial Championship events, all scheduled games must be played, with a minimum of ends in a scheduled draw game being 6 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.
- Non-attendance by a team (3 of 4 members) at mandatory: Opening Ceremonies, Championship Event Reception or Banquet will result in the loss of hammer for the duration of the event. In addition, violations may also result in a monetary fine being imposed by the NSCA.
- Host Club publications or directions shall never take precedence over the NSCA Special Rules or Competitors Guide.

NSCA Policies/Directives In Effect

The following 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.)

Applicable Policies/Directives:

- Conflict of Interest
- Harassment & Discrimination
- Volunteer Screening
- Code of Conduct
- Inclement Weather
- Concussion
- Helmet Policy

Public Health Directives

- The NSCA's policy is to adhere to current provincial health association guidelines with respect to vaccines and masking. In the event that a club or host site has a policy that goes above and beyond the current provincial health guidelines, that host's policy will be respected and must be adhered to for the duration of the event. Any situation in which this occurs will be communicated prior to registration closing for that specific event.
- In the event of a public health event (such as a localized or Provincial pandemic) the NSCA will adhere to the rules and/or guidelines as communicated by Nova Scotia's Health Authority. Any changes in health guidelines or requirements throughout the course of the season could necessitate changes to our competition rules, including possible cancellation of some competitions. Any failure to adhere to the stipulated Public Health regulations within a competition could result in elimination or suspension of a player or team from the competition.
- Any event which leads to a national event which is to take place will require a representative to be named by NSCA. The nature of that process will be specific to each event and will be listed in the event specific sections.

Other

- NSCA reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the foregoing rules.
- NSCA has the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final and binding.
- Any matter not covered in these rules shall be governed by the Curling Canada "Rules of Curling for Officiated Play 2022-2026"

CANADA WINTER GAMES TRIALS (MEN & WOMEN)

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 on 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.

8. **CANCELLATION**

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the JTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

CANADA WINTER GAMES MIXED DOUBLES TRIAL

1) GENERAL

The Canada Winter Games Mixed Doubles Trials will be open to any Nova Scotia curler who meets the eligibility requirements for the Canada Winter Games 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 Mixed Doubles, players must be a maximum of nineteen (19) years of age as of dates shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of two (2) players plus one (1) coach. There is no alternate allowed. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.
- The winning athletes of the Men's Canada Winter Games four-person team will not be eligible due to overlapping schedules. A female athlete **may** compete in both the four-person, and mixed doubles events if she is eligible for both.

3) FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Trials shall be modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams 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 seeded for this event by a random draw.

5) PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:
- Pre-game practice order 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.
- DRAW TO THE BUTTON
- **“Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for 2022 – 2023” will be used for this event.**
- Each player delivers an equal number of clockwise and counterclockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

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.
- Coaches must be Competition Coach Certified to coach a team at the CWG Mixed Doubles or Trials events.
- As a one time concession to help promote team registrations, coaches DO NOT have to have completed the NCCP certification for this provincial event.
- In the event that the winning team's coach has not completed the NCCP requirements for the Canada Winter Games, the NSCA will assign a certified coach to work with the team to prepare for the CWG as well as accompany the team to the event.

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 (2 members) and coach 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 affect at all stages of the Trials
- The NSCA's "**Coach Interaction Rules**" will be in effect for 2022-23.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.

8) CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the JTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

UNDER 21 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1) 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.

2) ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Canadian Juniors, 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. 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.

This event will be an Open format with no qualifier for the 2022-23 season. Should there be more than 4 ices needed, the teams on the outside sheets will be required to use the Host Club rocks.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends duration.
- If a game is tied after the allotted ten ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed
- The Curling Canada ` Coach Interaction Rules ` will be in effect for 2022-23.

4) RANKING / SEEDING

Provincial – Teams will be placed into the official Draw by ranking according to the Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS) listed on page 61 of this document.

5) PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary 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 per “**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.(not including the fifth)

6) PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.

7) 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).

8) OTHER

- All teams (3 of 4 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 1st draw of the combined event will alternate between men and women from year to year.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.

9) CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the JTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

UNDER 18 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1. GENERAL

The Men's & Women's Under 18 – Provincial Championship are open to any curler in NS who meets 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 U18 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.
- Teams will be responsible for all costs of the 5th player going to Nationals. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- The format of play for the championship shall be a modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of men and three (3) teams of women for the Modified Playoffs.
- This event will be an Open format with no qualifier for the 2022-23 season. • 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
 - Not Timed
 - The NSCA's " **Coach Interaction Rules**" will be in effect for 2022-23.

4. RANKING / SEEDING

- **Provincial** – Teams will be placed into the official Draw by ranking according to the Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS) listed on page 61 of The NSCA Rules for Championship Play.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary 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.

6. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

- Each team will name two (2) players who will deliver one (1) stone each for the draw to the button as per “**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.

7. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.

8. 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).

9. OTHER

- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- The 1st draw of the combined event will alternate between men and women from year to year.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- The NSCA curling stones will not be used at this event

10. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the JTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

UNDER 15 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1. – 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 Men's & Women's Under 15 Championship are open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the U15-Championships 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. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.
- An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply with the Coach Eligibility Chart Table Z (Section 5).

3. – FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be a Modified Triple Knockout with a Consolation Event for the teams losing their first 3 Games, where possible.

All games of 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
- Not timed
- The NSCA's "**Coach Interaction Rules**" will be in effect for 2022-23.

4. – RANKING / SEEDING

- Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection. Consideration may be given to ensure that teams who participated in U21's do not play each other in their first game.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all Preliminary 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 per “**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. (not including the fifth)

6. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour. ● If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for the last stone draw advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.

7. COACHES

- Each team must be accompanied by a coach in accordance with the Coach Eligibility Chart
- An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply with the Coach Eligibility Chart Table Z (Section 5).

8. OTHER

- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in effect at all stages of the Championship.
- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Championship
- The NSCA curling stones will not be used at these Provincial Championships

9. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

UNDER 13 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this event. The U 13 Championship 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 Championship is 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
- Teams may be composed of players of either gender or of the same gender
- To be eligible for the U13 Championship, 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. . Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.
- 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 this championship 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 U 13 Championships 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 – This host club organizer will assign a volunteer to govern pace of play.
- The Curling Canada ‘**Coach Interaction Rules**’ will be in effect for 2022-23.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

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

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

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

- Stone handle colour or 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
- An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply 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 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.

IX - CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

UNDER 11 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

I – GENERAL

Statement of Intent - We trust that all participants, coaches, and parents will respect the intent of this event. The Championship 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 Championship is 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
- Teams may be composed of players of either gender or of the same gender
- To be eligible for the U11 Championship, 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. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.
- 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 Championship 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 Championship 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 host club organizer will assign a volunteer to govern pace of play.
- The NSCA's ` **Coach Interaction Rules** ' will be in effect for 2022-23.

IV – RANKING / SEEDING

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

V – PRE-GAME BRIEFING

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

- Stone handle colour or 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.
- An Assistant Coach may be permitted, provided they comply 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 must wear a helmet while on ice during this event regardless of age

IX - CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

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 NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.
- The NSCA's “ **Coach Interaction Rules**” will be in effect for 2022-23.

The Junior Mixed will be divided into two divisions of play; U16 and U19.

II - ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- Each team shall consist of two male and two females
- Stick curlers are eligible
- Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players plus one (1) coach
- Teams cannot register alternates/spares.

U19 Division:

- To be eligible for the U19-Junior Mixed players must be eighteen (18) years of age or under as shown in Table X (Section 5).

U16 Division:

- To be eligible for the U16-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 championship shall be a modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of men and three (3) teams of women for the Modified Playoffs.

All games of the Championship shall be:

- Officiated
- Untimed

All games in the U19 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 U16 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 BRIEFING

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

- Stone handle colour or 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 wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- Junior Fair Play Time Out is in affect at all stages of the Championship

VIII- CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

1. 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 Championship is open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club.
- 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.

3. 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 divisions: an Under-21, an Under-18 and an Under-15 division. Teams will not be permitted to play outside their respective age division. The NSCA Competitions Committee reserves the right to merge the Under-21 & Under-18 divisions into a single 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 Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends duration for the Under-21 & 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.
- The NSCA's "**Coach Interaction Rules**" will be in effect for 2022-23.
- Officiated
- Untimed

4. RANKING / SEEDING

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

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5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

At all stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine, stone handle colour or last stone advantage in the first end

6. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

7. 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).

8. OTHER

- All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- Teams may be required to play four (4) games in a day should time restraints warrant it.

9. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

SCOTTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

1. 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 Scotties Tournament of Hearts which leads to a Women's World Curling Championship.

2. 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.

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

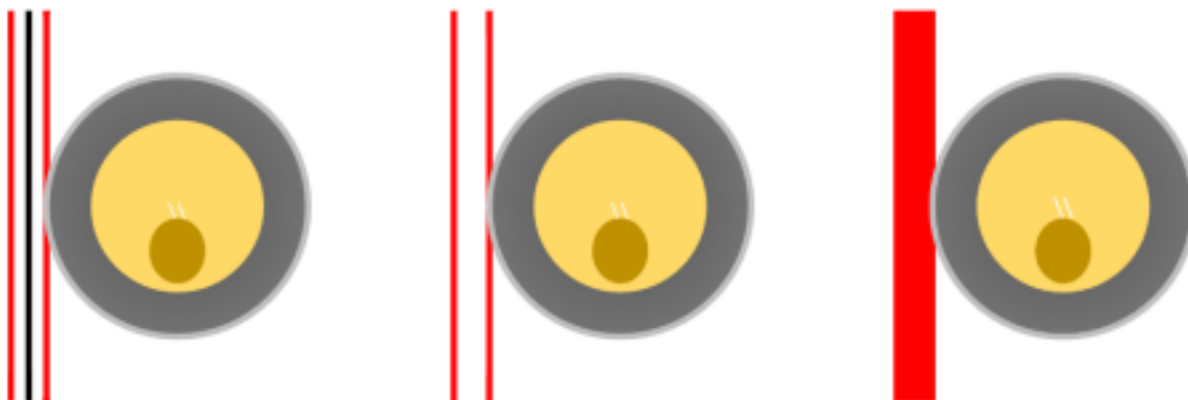
The format of play for the Provincial Championship (the NS Scotties Tournament of Hearts) shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams for the Modified Playoffs.

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

FOR the NSCA Scotties during THE 2022-23 SEASON The no Tick Rule be used.

- If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:
 - a. remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
 - b. leave all stones where they came to rest.
 - c. If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.



4. RANKING / SEEDING

Provincial: teams will be ranked by CTRS Ranking as of December 19, 2022. Teams without CTRS points will be randomly placed in the draw.

4. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all Preliminary 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 per “**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. (not including the fifth)

5. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour. ● If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for the last stone draw advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.

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6. 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)

7. OTHER

- The World Curling Federation's No Tick Zone Rule will be in used for this season.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Championship
- The NSCA curling stones will be used at the Provincial Championship

8. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

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TANKARD CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

1. GENERAL

The Men's Championship is open to any curler in NS 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 Tim Hortons Brier, which leads to the Men's World Championship

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

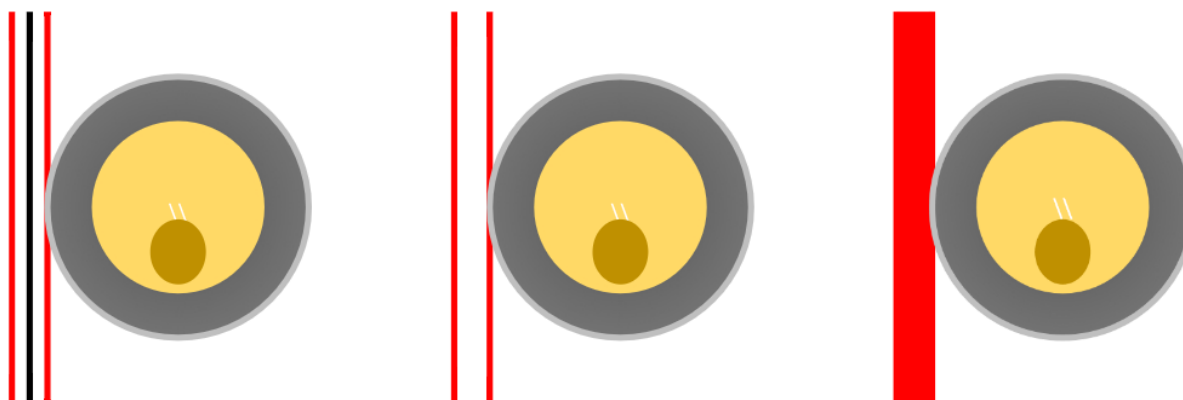
- The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams for the Modified Playoffs.

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

FOR the NSCA Tankard during THE 2022-23 SEASON The no Tick Rule be used.

- If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:
 - a. remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
 - b. leave all stones where they came to rest.
 - c. If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.



4. RANKING / SEEDING

Provincial: teams will be ranked by CTRS Ranking as of December 19, 2022. Teams without CTRS points will be randomly placed in the draw

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary 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 per “**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. (not including the fifth)

6. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw

7. 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).

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8. OTHER

- The World Curling Federation's No Tick Zone Rule will be in used for this season.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Championship.
- The NSCA curling stones will be used at the Provincial Championship

9. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

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SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1. GENERAL

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two, Section III.
- Players must be a minimum of fifty (50) years of age as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach. Refer to Section 2 NSCA Special Rules for further information.

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- The format of play for the championship shall be a modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of men and three (3) teams of women for the Modified Playoffs.

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

4. RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will self-seed.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary 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.

6. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

- Each team will name two (2) players who will deliver one (1) stone each for the draw to the button as per "**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.

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7. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw

8. 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).

9. 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

10. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1. GENERAL

- The Men's and Women's Masters Championship 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 Championship.
- The winning and runner-up teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Masters Championship.

Please note: Only four (4) players are eligible to attend the Canadian & Maritime Masters Curling Championship

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III.
- To be eligible for the Canadian Masters' 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.

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of both gender for the Modified Playoffs. 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

4. RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will self-seed.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

At all preliminary 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 per "**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.

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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.(not including the fifth)

6. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw

7. 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).

8. OTHER

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

9. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN & WOMEN)

1. 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. Curling Canada reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to exclude any team that violates this spirit and intent as it pertains to the rules below.

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

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

2. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of both Gender for the Modified Playoffs. Event(s) will have a maximum number of teams to be determined by NSCA prior to start of the current curling season once the host club(s) has been selected. The number of available sheets, format of play and amount of time available will influence the decision. In 2023, NS Curling will offer two entries in both Men and Women from each club. Each NSCA Member Club will forward their declared entries for both men and women by a set deadline listing a Team 1 and a Team 2 as per III – Curling Club Championship Rules. Each Member Club will be guaranteed its Team 1. Any remaining spots will be filled by ranking Member Clubs by current season membership until all remaining spots are filled. If a Team 2 declines the invitation, the next team on the list will be invited. All games at the Provincial Finals shall be:

- Officiated
- Timed

3. CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY RULES

Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of this event as it pertains to the rules below:

- 1) Participating curling clubs **must be** affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Curling Association. They must be in good standing with all applicable dues to the Association paid in full.
- 2) Any competitor (including 5th players and spares) **must be** members in good standing of an affiliated curling club for the duration of the process. Example, you compete in 2019-2020 to win your provincial / territorial event. You win the right to represent your province or territory at the Canadians which would be held in 2020-2021. All players including 5th players or spares must be members of the same club in both years. Note: residency exemptions may be granted if a player moved from one province / territory to another in the off season between events.
- 3) A competitor **is not** required to be a Canadian citizen.
- 4) A **5th player** may compete at any level of competition including the Canadian Championships. If they play, they must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of **any and all ends** for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. **No exceptions.** Any 5th player costs will be the responsibility of the team.
- 5) Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) spare from the club is allowed **at any level of competition.** A team can use an eligible spare for **any game** played assuming the spare is eligible based on Rule 2). The spare may be a different player each game. The spare must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of **any and all ends** for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. **No exceptions.** A team with a registered 5th player **may not** add a spare or replacement player.
- 6) **Prime directive**
 - a) A team must field **three of the four** original players for each game played at any level of the Curling Club Championships. "Original" means signed up and registered for league play in their club, **OR** signed up and registered for a

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- special curling club championship qualifying event created within their club (with the permission of their Member Association). If an "Original" team only has three players, then those three players must be on the ice at all times up to and including the national championships.
- b) If any team had only three players all year, or in the special qualifying event, the team may pick up an eligible spare who must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of **any and all ends** for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8.
 - c) If a team has four players, they are good to go.
 - d) If a team has five players during the season, one player must be designated the "5th" who, if added to the line-up, must play lead and sweep stones 3-8. **Or** they may choose four (4) players from the 5-person team to participate as a four-player **only** team in the competition.
 - e) If they have six or more players during the season, the team must declare four (4) players for the competition. They can pick up an eligible spare at any level and the spare must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of **any and all ends** for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. **Or** they can choose five players to advance but one player must be designated the "5th" who must play the traditional lead position throwing the first two stones of **any and all ends** for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8.
- 7) All four (4) competitors and any 5th or spare player **must be** bona fide residents within the geographical area of the Member Association they are intending to represent (unless granted an exception by the Member Association).
- 8) A competitor can participate for only one affiliated curling club in one season. If you lose out while playing for one club, you cannot then play for another club unless the Member Association accepts the competitor as a 5th player or spare player.
- 9) Each Member Association reserves the right to determine the number of teams qualifying from each club.

- 10) Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
- (a) Regular league players, or.
 - (b) A formal club championship process, or;
 - (c) A special event to determine your Curling Club champions for your club that is not part of your formal club championships.
- 11)
- (a) In each of Rule 10) (a)(b)(c), teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current curling season.

 - (b) Clubs that **only have** mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's only leagues and / or no women's only leagues) **may be granted an exemption to Rule 10 (a)** allowing players to form teams for this special event. They must receive permission from their provincial / territorial Member Association.
- 12) The use of the delivery stick by any competitor (and any 5th player or spare) is **acceptable** subject to the Curling Canada rules under **Rule 19. Curling With A Delivery Stick**.
- 13) Teams who play **exclusively** in leagues where teams from different clubs compete, and whose players may not be members of the club where the league is hosted, **are ineligible to compete** for the Curling Club Championships. For example, teams playing only in a city-wide super league or major league but not curling in a regular club league. **Please** contact your Member Association if you have any concerns.
- 14) **EXEMPTIONS**
- Each four-person team **is allowed** to have one (1) player who, during the previous **three (3) curling seasons**, has participated in the Canada Cup; and/or, the

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

For example:

- Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends.
- Craig also represented Ontario last season at the Brier with his elite team.
- Therefore, Craig would be eligible for the Club Championships.

The other three (3) team members of Craig's Wednesday team, however, CANNOT have played in the following:

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

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

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For example, if you competed in the **provincial** Tournament of Hearts in Manitoba and you finished 8th or better You **cannot** play in the Curling Club Championships based on this chart. If you had finished 9th or worse, you would be cleared to play.

Member Association	You are ineligible if
Alberta	You qualified for the playoffs in the men's, women's, junior, senior, or mixed doubles provincial championships. This does not include the U21 mixed doubles.
British Columbia	You finish 4 th or better at provincials
Manitoba	You finish 8 th or better in all championships with qualifying events. Or you finish 4 th or better in all open entry championships.
New Brunswick	You finish in the championship round at provincials OR you finish 3 rd or better at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 2 nd or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	You win a territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Nunavut	You win a territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You win a provincial championship
Quebec	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Saskatchewan	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
Yukon	You win a territorial championship

- 16) 5th players at the Canada Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or, the Brier; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials or Pre-Trials event are considered as **not to have played** in those events.

- 17) Competitors (**as individuals or as a team**) who competed in the **previous season's** national Curling Club Championships are **ineligible** to compete the following season **at any level** including as 5th players or spares. For example, if you were a participant at the **2019 national curling club championships**, then you cannot participate at any level to compete in the **2020 curling club championships**.

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

- 19) Any team is allowed **one (1) player** under nineteen (19) years of age whom shall be considered a "minor". They must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible for all costs associated with a legal guardian who is not a team member.

- 20) 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.

4. RANKING / SEEDING

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Teams will self-seed.

5. 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 Championship:

At all preliminary 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 per “**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.(not including the fifth)

6. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw

7. COACHES

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

8. OTHER

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

9. CANCELLATION

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- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

OPEN CLUB CURLER (MEN & WOMEN)

1. GENERAL

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Teams must be composed of players from any NSCA Member Club
- To be eligible for the Open Club Curler 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 one player who has purchased a CC Competitor's Card in the current season.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players.

3. 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 5 years are ineligible to compete.
- 5th players at the Canada Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or, the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials or Pre-Trials event are considered as not to have played in those events

Note: For the purpose of the NS Open Club Curlers Championship, a National Championship is defined as one of: Canadian Men's (Brier), Canadian Women's (Scotties), Senior Men's, Senior Women's, Curling Club Men's, Curling club Women's, U21 Junior Men's, Junior Women's, Mixed, and Mixed Doubles.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams of both genders for the Modified Playoffs
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.

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- Non-Officiated
- Untimed

5. RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by random selection

6. 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.

7. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

8. COACHES

- No coaches will be permitted for the Open Club Curlers Championship

9. OTHER

The Championship is to be completed by Sunday evening. Play shall commence no earlier than the preceding Thursday evening – dependent on the number of teams who have entered the Event

10. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

PROVINCIAL MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **GENERAL**

The Mixed Championship is open to any curler in NS 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.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- Each team shall consist of two (2) male and two (2) females
- To be eligible for the Canadian Mixed players must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age as shown in Table X (Section 5).
- 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.

3. **FORMAT OF PLAY**

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams for the Modified Playoffs.

All games in These 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

4. **RANKING / SEEDING**

Teams will self-seed.

5. **PRE-GAME BRIEFING**

- At all preliminary 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 per “**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

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second draw shot for last stone advantage until all the other members of the team have delivered one (1) last draw shot.

6. PLAY-OFFS

- The team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice **AND** choice of handle colour.
- If the teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw

7. 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).

8. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than four players (2 male and 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.

9. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

OPEN CLUB MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

1. 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 CC Rules of Curling for General Play.

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

2. FORMAT OF PLAY

- The format of play for the Provincial shall be a double knockout and, if possible, there may be consolation divisions (i.e. double, double format) when feasible.
- Each Member Club is eligible for one entry for a maximum of 24 teams in the Championship. If there are more than 2 teams, it is incumbent upon the club to hold a playdown to identify the alternate entries and their participation will be dependent upon the total entries in the event.

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

3. 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 club champion team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club. Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling 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).

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

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, U21 Junior Men's, U21 Junior Women's, U18 Junior Men's, U18 Junior Women's Men's Masters, Women's Masters, Mixed, and Mixed Doubles.

TEAMS

- Teams must be composed of four (4) regular full-time players from the same NSCA 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 5 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 with the NSCA, a maximum of one (1) replacement/substitute player from the club can play the appropriate front end position.

4. RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will self-seed.

5. 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.

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

- Stone handle colour or 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.

6. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

Not applicable

7. COACHES

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

8. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less 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.
- No hair brooms are permitted at this event.

9. ADDITIONAL TEAMS

- Each club will declare and rank its slate of one or more mixed teams. This declaration shall be submitted to the NSCA prior to the registration deadline.
- Should there be less 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

10. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

1. GENERAL

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

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

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be an open modified triple knockout qualifying three (3) teams for the Modified Playoffs.

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

4. RANKING / SEEDING

- Teams will self-seed.

5. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary 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

6. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

“Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for 2022-2023” will be used for this event.

- Each player delivers an equal number of clockwise and counterclockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

7. PLAY-OFFS

- The Team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour
- If the Teams win/loss records are identical, the team who won the game between the two teams will have a choice of handle colour or practice (1st or 2nd). A draw to

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the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.

8. 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).

9. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than 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.
- The Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship 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.
- The NSCA curling stones will be used for this Championship.

10. CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

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

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WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

I – GENERAL

- The Wheelchair Championship is open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.
- The Nova Scotia Wheelchair Championship is intended to provide a provincial championship experience for individuals who are unable to deliver a curling stone from the hack or with a delivery stick from a standing position.
- 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.
- NSCA will follow the Curling Canada rules of eligibility.
- Curling Canada-sanctioned wheelchair competitions require that all participating teams be composed of players of both genders for all games. Teams may play with three (3) assuming both genders are present.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

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 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 self-seed.

V – 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 per “**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.

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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. (Not including the fifth)

V – 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).

VI – OTHER

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

VII - CANCELLATION

- In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. Team selection will be based on the CTRS. In the case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the competitions committee.

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

STICK CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

1. GENERAL

- The Stick Mixed Championship is open to any male curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.
- A single winner will be declared. Eligibility to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Stick Curling Championship is determined based on rules enacted by the Maritime Stick Curling Championship provincial representatives.
- If a team qualifying for the Maritime Stick Curling Championship cannot fulfill that obligation, then the next highest finishing team will be offered that opportunity. Provincial championship standings and tie breaker rules will form the basis upon which alternate teams are offered an opportunity to represent Nova Scotia.
- The Local Rules of Play governing this Championship can be found in Section 6.

2. 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 must consist of a maximum of two (2) male players.

3. 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).
 - A coach may not join the team on the ice surface during a time out.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be round robin seeded pool play and playoffs.

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 - Last stone draw to the button (LSD), time outs, pace of play and rules violations shall be monitored by an NSCA Umpire. The host club organizer will assign volunteers to assist the NSCA Umpire, if required.

5. RANKING / SEEDING

- Teams will be seeded based on Section IX criteria.

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6. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine, stone handle colour, or practice order 1st or 2nd.
- Teams will declare which player is delivering LSD at time of coin toss
- A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end

7. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

- Each player will have four practice shots before the game commences.
- The named player on each team will deliver a LSD stone on their fourth practice shot.
- The Umpire will record all LSD measurements for use in tie-breaker determinations.
- The Umpire and event organizers will determine if LSD shots must be delivered from only one end of the sheet or can be delivered from either end of the sheet.
- Players on a team must alternate game to game delivering the LSD.
- Each player delivers an equal number of LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

8. PLAY-OFFS

- The Team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour
- If the Team win/loss records are identical, the LSD total measurement will be used to determine choice of handle colour or practice order (1st or 2nd).
- A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.
- In the case of a tie after pool play, a team cannot be eliminated from the playoffs on a LSD measurement. The tie-breaker format to decide which team proceeds to the playoffs will be determined in advance by the NSSCA and the host committee.

9. TEAM RANKING / SEEDING

- The following seeding system has been adopted for seeding teams at the NSSCA Provincial Championship.
- Points will be awarded for each person on the team.
- Points are based on the prior season’s NSSCA Championship results.

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- If only one person from a team returns the next year they will carry only their own points forward to the new team. Team points will consist of first team member's points plus the points associated with their new partner.
 - Winner 65
 - Finalist 50
 - Semi Finalist 40
 - Quarter Finalist 30
 - Non-Playoff teams per win 07
 - Teams with no wins 05
 - New Entries this year 00

10. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than two (2) players at all games.

Timing

- The NSSCA Championship would normally be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If there are large registrations, or other issues that need to be adapted for, then play could commence on Thursday evening and extend to Monday 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 by the host club for the Championship draws.

11. ON-ICE ASSISTANTS

- An on-ice assistant will be permitted for a wheelchair athlete participating in the Championship.
- An on-ice assistant is not mandatory and must be provided by the wheelchair athlete if they wish to use one.
- It is not the responsibility of NSSCA or the host club to provide an on-ice assistant.

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, and help to clean up post end and hang the score.
- The on-ice assistant may not provide strategic advice.

STICK CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

1. GENERAL

- The Women's Stick Championship is open to any Female Curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.
- A single winner will be declared. Eligibility to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Stick Curling Championship is determined based on rules enacted by the Maritime Stick Curling Championship provincial representatives.
- If a team qualifying for the Maritime Stick Curling Championship cannot fulfill that obligation then the next highest finishing team will be offered that opportunity. Provincial championship standings and tie breaker rules will form the basis upon which alternate teams are offered an opportunity to represent Nova Scotia.
- The Local Rules of Play governing this Championship can be found in Section 6.

2. 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 must consist of a maximum of two (2) Female players.

3. 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).
 - A coach may not join the team on the ice surface during a time out.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be round robin seeded pool play and playoffs.

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 - Last stone draw to the button (LSD), time outs, pace of play and rules violations shall be monitored by an NSCA Umpire. The host club organizer will assign volunteers to assist the NSCA Umpire, if required.

5. RANKING / SEEDING

Teams will be seeded based on Section IX criteria.

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6. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine, stone handle colour, or practice order 1st or 2nd.
- Teams will declare which player is delivering LSD at time of coin toss
- A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end

7. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

- Each player will have four practice shots before the game commences.
- The named player on each team will deliver a LSD stone on their fourth practice shot.
- The Umpire will record all LSD measurements for use in tie-breaker determinations.
- The Umpire and event organizers will determine if LSD shots must be delivered from only one end of the sheet or can be delivered from either end of the sheet.
- Players on a team must alternate game to game delivering the LSD.
- Each player delivers an equal number of LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

8. PLAY-OFFS

- The Team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour
- If the Team win/loss records are identical, the LSD total measurement will be used to determine choice of handle colour or practice order (1st or 2nd).
- A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.
- In the case of a tie after pool play, a team cannot be eliminated from the playoffs on a LSD measurement. The tie-breaker format to decide which team proceeds to the playoffs will be determined in advance by the NSSCA and the host committee.

9. TEAM RANKING / SEEDING

- The following seeding system has been adopted for seeding teams at the NSSCA Provincial Championship.
- Points will be awarded for each person on the team.
- Points are based on the prior season's NSSCA Championship results.
- If only one person from a team returns the next year they will carry only their own points forward to the new team. Team points will consist of first team member's points plus the points associated with their new partner.
 - Winner 65
 - Finalist 50
 - Semi Finalist 40
 - Quarter Finalist 30
 - Non-Playoff teams per win 07
 - Teams with no wins 05
 - New Entries this year 00

10. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than two (2) players at all games.

Timing

- The NSSCA Championship would normally be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If there are large registrations, or other issues that need to be adapted for, then play could commence on Thursday evening and extend to Monday 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 by the host club for the Championship draws.

11. ON-ICE ASSISTANTS

- An on-ice assistant will be permitted for a wheelchair athlete participating in the Championship.
- An on-ice assistant is not mandatory and must be provided by the wheelchair athlete if they wish to use one.
- It is not the responsibility of NSSCA or the host club to provide an on-ice assistant.

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, and help to clean up post end and hang the score.
- The on-ice assistant may not provide strategic advice.

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MIXED STICK CHAMPIONSHIP

1. GENERAL

- The Stick Mixed Championship is open to any curler in NS who meets the eligibility criteria for the Provincial Championship and the Residency Directive.
- A single winner will be declared. Eligibility to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Stick Curling Championship is determined based on rules enacted by the Maritime Stick Curling Championship provincial representatives.
- If a team qualifying for the Maritime Stick Curling Championship cannot fulfill that obligation then the next highest finishing team will be offered that opportunity. Provincial championship standings and tie breaker rules will form the basis upon which alternate teams are offered an opportunity to represent Nova Scotia.
- The Local Rules of Play governing this Championship can be found in Section 6.

2. 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 must consist of a maximum of two (2) players; one of each gender.

3. 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).
 - A coach may not join the team on the ice surface during a time out.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of play for the Provincial Championship shall be round robin seeded pool play and playoffs.

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 - Last stone draw to the button (LSD), time outs, pace of play and rules violations shall be monitored by an NSCA Umpire. The host club organizer will assign volunteers to assist the NSCA Umpire.

5. RANKING / SEEDING

- Teams will be seeded based on Section IX criteria.

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6. PRE-GAME BRIEFING

- At all preliminary stages of this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine, stone handle colour, or practice order 1st or 2nd.
- Teams will declare which player is delivering LSD at time of coin toss
- A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end

7. DRAW TO THE BUTTON

- Each player will have four practice shots before the game commences.
- One player on each team will deliver a LSD stone on their fourth practice shot.
- The Umpire will record all LSD measurements for use in tie-breaker determinations.
- The Umpire and event organizers will determine if LSD shots must be delivered from only one end of the sheet or can be delivered from either end of the sheet.
- Players on a team must alternate game to game delivering the LSD stone
- Each player delivers an equal number of LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

8. PLAY-OFFS

- The Team with the better win/loss record during the preliminary round is awarded last stone advantage, first pre-game practice AND choice of handle colour
- If the Team win/loss records are identical, the LSD total measurement will be used to determine choice of handle colour or practice order (1st or 2nd).
- A draw to the button for last stone advantage will be used. Any player may deliver the Last Stone Draw.
- In the case of a tie after pool play, a team cannot be eliminated from the playoffs on a LSD measurement. The tie-breaker format to decide which team proceeds to the playoffs will be determined in advance by the NSSCA and the host committee.

9. TEAM RANKING / SEEDING

- The following seeding system has been adopted for seeding teams at the NSSCA Provincial Championship.
- Points will be awarded for each person on the team.
- Points are based on the prior season’s NSSCA Championship results.

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- If only one person from a team returns the next year they will carry only their own points forward to the new team. Team points will consist of first team member's points plus the points associated with their new partner.
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10. OTHER

- Teams cannot play with less than two (2) players (one (1) male and one female) at all games.

Timing

- The NSSCA Championship would normally be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If there are large registrations, or other issues that need to be adapted for, then play could commence on Thursday evening and extend to Monday 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 by the host club for the Championship draws.

11. ON-ICE ASSISTANTS

- An on-ice assistant will be permitted for a wheelchair athlete participating in the Championship.
- An on-ice assistant is not mandatory and must be provided by the wheelchair athlete if they wish to use one.
- It is not the responsibility of NSSCA or the host club to provide an on-ice assistant.

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, and help to clean up post end and hang the score.
- The on-ice assistant may not provide strategic advice.

GRANDMASTERS

By-Law #2: Provincial Bonspiel

The event will be **Officiated**.

- a. **Draw:** Will be a round robin within each section, random number seeding with top two teams advancing to play-offs for a separate men's and a women's competition.
- b. **Play: Supervised by NSCA.**
- c. **Game:** Will be 8 ends.
- a. **Coin Toss: Used to determine rock color and practice time. (Note 1)**
- b. **Pre-Game: All games shall allow time for a seven (7) minute per team pre-game organized practice. Practice is to be on the sheet of ice where the team is scheduled to play and only with the stones they will be using in the game.**
- c. **Choice of Last Rock (Round Robin):** Immediately following each team's practice, selected player(s) will throw two rocks to the rings with sweeping. The distance from the pin will be measured by an official. The team closest to the pin will have the choice of last rock. Ties will be broken by the next closest rock thrown.
- d. **Choice of Last Rock (Semi Final): (Note 1)** The team with the best record will have choice of last rock.
- e. **Choice of Last Rock (Championship): (Note 1)** In the championship game, coin toss will determine rock color and practice time. Throw one rock to the pin with sweeping. Team closest will have choice of last rock. In the event of a tie, a second throw will be made. A team having a bye to the championship game, will have choice of last rock.
- f. **Extra Ends:** Extra ends are full ends played toward the glass.

Tie Breaker games will not be played. (Note 1)

- a. **Head to head** results in round robin play will determine final placement.
- b. The following procedure will be used to avoid playing tie breakers in the round robin play **when head to head play cannot determine a result**.

Based on NSCA competition rules which follow Curling Canada protocols, the following governs the rules for insoluble scenarios where teams are tied without tie breakers.

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In preparation for championship without tie breakers, each team must deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end. At the conclusion of round robin play, the two (2) highest individual 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.

As well, each player on the team must deliver 2 draw shots before delivery of their third.

The use of **Substitute Players** (Note 2)

- a) Teams are encouraged to name an alternate player at the time of registration at the event.
- b) If **an alternate is not named**, a team can draw from a substitute player pool provided for the event. The substitute player(s) must play a front end position.

CCA Rules Regarding Spares

Unless otherwise specified in the special rules of competition:

- (a) A team shall include a minimum of two (2) players from the original team and a substitute player(s).*
- (b) A substitute player be:*
 - i) A team's designated alternative*
 - ii) A player from the players' pool, or;*
 - iii) Other eligible player as provided for in the rules of the competition.*

Notes:

- 1: Changes and additions on January 18, 2019
- 2. Section Added November 1, 2019

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Residency Requirements and Free Agent Rule

Date Approved: UPDATED 6 June 2019 – Curling Canada

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.

<https://www.curling.ca/residency-eligibility-rule>

WCF/Curling Canada Brush Moratorium

Date Updated: 09 November 2018

Curling Canada, in alignment with the World Curling Federation, has created a ruling on brush head technology that requires competitive curlers to use approved brush heads. NSCA will require curlers to adhere to the ruling while taking part in competitions that lead to national and international events.

The moratorium can be seen at <https://www.curling.ca/sweeping-moratorium-statement/>

NSCA Special Rules:

Date Approved: September 2019

Hair brooms will not be permitted to be used for sweeping in any NSCA sanctioned event. Hair brooms can be used to aid in delivery of a stone.

Submission of Championship Entries

Date Approved: September 2020

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 10 days prior to the start of the Championship except the Championship where the Provincial Seeding Rules apply. In this instance, the Official Draw will be published no later than two days prior to the first draw of the Championship Final.

II – PROCEDURE

The NSCA shall use the following procedures for submitting entries:

- Entry forms must be fully completed 'on-line', including payment, with the names of all 4 team members, and coach, if competition allows.
- 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 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 \$40.00.
- Any team withdrawing after the Entry deadline without good and sufficient reason will not receive reimbursement of their entry fee

NSCA Entry Deadlines

Date Approved: September 2020

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 after the Curling Canada AGM.

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 this case the deadline shall be no fewer than 21 days.
- The number of entries could be impacted by a preceding event for the same demographics; in this case the deadline shall be no fewer than 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 which was not published at least 48 hours prior to a deadline.
- Other reasons deemed appropriate by the Executive Director in consultation with the Competitions Director

Provincial Championship Ranking Rules

Date Approved: September 2022

I – PURPOSE

At a Provincial Championship final, the placement of the competing teams will be decided by a ranking of the participating teams

II – PROCEDURE Scotties & Tankard Provincial Championships

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 2 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.

III – PROCEDURE Men's and Women's U21 Championship

In the men's and women's championship, teams will be ranked by their position in the JTRS rankings based on the point totals as described on page 61 of this document.

IV – Self Seeding

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.

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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 email to the NSCA Office no later than two weeks prior to the first draw of the Championship Final
- the Executive Director/Competitions Director of the NSCA 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 one week before the first draw that the Championship is scheduled to start.

Nova Scotia Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS)

Date Approved: August 17, 2022

The Nova Scotia Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS) is a performance based point system designed to rank Nova Scotia U18 and U21 men and women's curling teams. The rankings are determined through points earned in sanctioned curling events held throughout the 2022/23 season.

U18 = maximum of 17 years of age on June 30, 2022 / born on or since July 1, 2004

U21 = maximum 20 years of age on June 30, 2023 / born on or since July 1, 2002.

Exemption for 2022/23: teams may have one overage athlete (maximum 21 years of age on June 30, 2023).

This directive will be applied to:

- Seed teams into the U18 and U21 provincial championship draws.
- Select teams to represent NS at the U18 or U21 National Championship, if selection is required.

JTRS Points Categories

The JTRS points model will determine performance points awarded using the relative significance of the event. In this model, there are three (3) categories of events:

1. Junior Cashspiel: this category will represent the bulk of the events played. These events are not restricted to being played in Nova Scotia.
 - o U18 Event: Points earned in an U18 event will only be used in the ranking of teams for the U18 Provincial Playdowns.

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- o U21 Event: All points earned in an U21 event will be awarded in the ranking of teams for both U18 and U21 Provincial Playdowns if all athletes are eligible for U18.

Interpretation: If a team in a U21 event uses a spare that does not meet the age criteria for U18, then zero (0) points will be awarded towards that team's U18 seeding.

Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS): CTRS sanctioned events will be eligible and will count on a full point value. To receive CTRS points JTRS teams must be registered on the CTRS points system.

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Junior Playdowns: this category represents Provincial, National, and World championships.

JTRS Challenges

- JTRS registered teams may challenge the awarding of JTRS points to any team from a specific event no later than seven (7) full days after the completion of the event in question. For example, an event that ends on a Sunday, a challenge must be received by the following Sunday.
- Challenges must be submitted by e-mail to Bruce Lohnes at (lohnesbd@gmail.com).
- Challenges will be reviewed and a decision will be made within fourteen (14) days of the end of the event in question.

JTRS Team Registration

- A team must register their team line-up to be eligible to receive JTRS points.
- Registering a team is free, and can be done through Bruce Lohnes (lohnesbd@gmail.com)
- If eligible, a team must enter their U8 and U21 teams separately.
- An athlete can only be registered on one (1) U18 and one (1) U21 team.
- A complete (four-person) team must be registered by October 31st.
- Information required when registering:
 - o Team name and home club
 - o Name, birthdate and position of all athletes, including 5th player if applicable
 - o Coach or team contact name and complete contact information

Changes to Registered Teams

- Should a registered team make a lineup change that will affect the points earned during the season, changes will be made retroactively to reflect the new lineup.

Interpretation: If one team member is changed, the new team points will be adjusted retroactively and will be 75% of the total earned to that date – 25% for each athlete. The new team member will be allowed to bring with them their share of any JTRS points earned.

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General Rules that Apply to all Sanctioned Events

- Acceptable formats are: round robin, double/triple knockout, and pool play.
- The Five Rock Free Guard Zone rule must be used for all games.
- All games in an event must be either 8 or 10 ends in length. Tiebreaker games may be 6 ends.
- LSD results can be used to break ties for playoff positions.
- Events should be able to distinguish the top four (4) teams.

Junior Cashspiel Rules

Events can be sanctioned as a JTRS qualifying event if it meets ALL the below criteria. Events that cannot meet ALL of the criteria will not be considered for JTRS inclusion.

- The event must have a minimum field of 6 teams.
- The event must be a U18 or U21 event. The event can contain both age categories but must have at least six (6) teams in each age category to be considered for JTRS inclusion.
- Mixed gender events will generally not be considered for JTRS inclusion.
 - Events advertised as an “Open” competition, where male teams compete against female teams, will not be considered for JTRS inclusion. This competition will be considered as “training purposes only”.
 - Teams must use spares from their own gender to be eligible for any JTRS points (no mixed gender teams allowed).
- For a team to count JTRS points toward their seasonal total, they must have always at least three (3) of their registered athletes on the ice during the event.
 - This means during every end of every game.
 - The duty rests on the team to indicate when they are not eligible.
 - Teams found in violation will lose all points for the event in question and a further penalty of two (2) times the points awarded (i.e. if the team would have won 10 points the penalty will be 20 points).
 - Teams can still compete if they only have two of their registered athletes, but no JTRS points will be awarded.
- If a registered JTRS athlete spares for another team the spare is not eligible to receive any individual JTRS points. All points earned will be awarded to the registered team in the event.

Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) Rules

- If a JTRS registered team enters a CTRS event and uses a spare who is not eligible to compete in the Nova Scotia U18 or U21 provincials, any CTRS points awarded will not be eligible for JTRS points

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Junior Playdown Rules

The following Junior Playdown events are eligible for JTRS points:

- Nova Scotia U18 Playdowns. Pre-provincial qualifying events are not eligible for JTRS points.
- Nova Scotia U21 Playdowns. Pre-provincial qualifying events are not eligible for JTRS points.
- National U18 Championship
- CWG Nationals
- National U21 Championship
- World U21 Championship

The minimum number of teams required for eligibility in the Junior Playdowns category is six (6). Events that cannot reach this minimum will not be considered for JTRS inclusion.

Junior Cashspiel and Junior Playdown Performance Points

- All teams begin the 2022-2023 season with zero (0) JTRS points.
- A team must be registered to receive Performance Points.
- Junior Cashspiel Performance Points will be awarded for sanctioned events held between Aug 1, 2022 and Dec 20, 2022.
- Performance Points will be awarded to Nova Scotia teams who finish in the top four (4) standings.
- Points Per Win will be awarded to teams who do not finish in the top four standings.
 - Teams who finish in the top four (4) standings will not receive Points Per Win.
 - There is a maximum number of Points Per Win that will be awarded in an event.
- Calculation of a team's final JTRS Performance Points
 - A team will only count their best five (5) Junior Cashspiel sanctioned events.
 - All Junior Playdown points earned will be eligible.

JTRS Performance Points will be awarded as follows:

Category	U21 Event			U18 Event		
	Junior Cashspiel	Provincials	Nationals and Worlds	Junior Cashspiel	Provincials	Nationals
Winner	15	20	CTRS Points Value	12	15	20
Runner Up	12	16		9	12	16
3 rd Place	9	12		6	9	12
4 th Place	6	8		3	6	8
Points Per Win	1.00 (max 3.0)	1.25 Max (5.0)		0.75 (max 2.0)	1.00 (max 4.0)	1.25 (max 5.0)

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CTRS Performance Points

- CTRS points earned will count on a full point value.
- Only CTRS points earned between Aug 1, 2022 and Dec 20, 2022 will be eligible in the ranking of teams for the U18 and U20 Provincial Playdowns.

Recording of JTRS Performance Points

- At the conclusion of a JTRS sanctioned event, teams are required to submit a screenshot of their draw / results by text to Bruce Lohnes at 902-456-5754.
- JTRS points will be updated weekly.
- Calculations and standings will be emailed out to each registered team coach.
- If possible, standings will be posted on the NSCA website.

Tiebreakers

Tiebreaker for seeding in U18 or U21 provincial championship draw:

- Total points from best 4 events, if still tied then
- Total points from best 3 events, if still tied then
- Total points from best 2 events, if still tied then
- Flip a coin.

Tiebreaker if required to select team(s) to represent NS at U18 or U21 Nationals:

- One game playoff (if allowed to compete), if cannot play then
- Head-to-head record from all 2022/23 JTRS events, if still tied then
- Most JTRS points from all events played from Aug 1, 2022, to Dec 20, 2022, if still tied then
- Most JTRS event first place finishes, if still tied then
- Most JTRS event second place finishes, if still tied then
- Total points from best 4 events, if still tied then
- Total points from best 3 events, if still tied then
- Total points from best 2 events, if still tied then
- Flip a coin.

End of Season Calculations

This directive is for the 2022-23 season. An update to the policy will be completed at the end of the 2022/23 season. Teams can expect:

- Each of the team's four (4) registered athletes will receive 25% of a team's 2022/23 points.
- If a team has five (5) registered athletes, each will receive 20% of a team's 2022/23 points.
- There will be a percentage reduction in 2022/23 points received.
- Individual athlete assigned 2022/23 points will be carried forward to their 2023/24 JTRS team.
- Where applicable, end of 2022/23 individual athlete points will be appropriately allocated to 2023/24 U18 and U21 team registrations

Social Media

Date Approved: September 2020

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:

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.

Be respectful of NSCA and event sponsors. The Nova Scotia Curling Association (NSCA) expects competitors to respect these partnerships by:

- Not distributing messages that may be seen as critical of the sponsors; and
- Not distributing messages promoting direct competitors of our sponsors. This includes when the competing sponsor is a team sponsor.

If messages sent during a championship event (Provincial, National, World, or any other event operated by the NSCA or Curling Canada) are deemed inappropriate by the NSCA, disciplinary action may be taken. Inappropriate messages include any derogatory statements made about the sport, the event, the event participants, sponsors, and organizers.

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Bluetooth and Cellular Technology

Date Approved: September 2020

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 would be the removal of the stone that was played. A second breach by the same team will result in the forfeit of the game.

Championship Player Penalties

Date Approved: September 2020

I – GENERAL

The NSCA shall determine the processes and procedures for imposing penalties on Players or Teams for various infractions as covered below.

The imposition of these penalties shall not limit the NSCA Board of Directors' ability to levy additional penalties or sanctions should the circumstances warrant and as outlined in the NSCA Code of Conduct Policy (Policy #5.01).

This Directive shall in no way be deemed a replacement to the Chief Umpire's ability to govern a Competition or impose penalties as outlined in the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play (section 20. Chief Umpire); rather, this Directive shall be available to provide guidance to the Chief Umpire.

II – PROCEDURE

Major Infractions include the following and will result in immediate expulsion from the game in process or the ensuing game to be played for the 1st offence and immediate expulsion from the event and possible monetary penalties for the 2nd offence.

- Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Any off-ice conduct considered inappropriate by the Chief Umpire including any damage caused to real property

The following infractions could result in a verbal and/or written warning for the 1st offence and immediate expulsion from the game for the 2nd offence.

- Use of inappropriate language to the point that it is offensive
- Making an obscene gesture, deemed inappropriate by the Chief Umpire

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- Being rude or abusive to anyone associated with the event
- Refusing to take directions given by an Umpire (I.e. warnings relating to hands & knees affecting the ice surface, hog line violations, etc.)
- Inappropriate behaviour (I.e. banging/breaking/throwing of brooms, slamming of rocks in backboards, unnecessary damage to ice surface, etc.)

Should a 3rd offence occur for any of the following infractions, the player/team could be immediately expelled from the event.

- Refusing to take directions given by an Umpire (I.e. warnings relating to hands & knees affecting the ice surface, hog line violations, etc.)
- Inappropriate behaviour (I.e. banging/breaking/throwing of brooms, slamming of rocks in backboards, unnecessary damage to ice surface, etc.)

III – APPEALS

Any decision or imposition of penalty resulting in the expulsion from a game by the Chief Umpire is final.

For all other matters, competitors, teams or coaches may appeal any decision at a Championship in accordance with NSCA the Code of Conduct Policy.

An appeal of any decision resulting in a monetary fine or other sanction will be dealt with by the NSCA in the normal course and may be further appealed in accordance with the NSCA Code of Conduct Policy.

IV – OTHER

The cost to repair property damaged by a player/team will be the responsibility of the player/team causing the damage.

Any monetary fines or required repairs to property must be paid or suitable arrangements made, prior to the player/team being eligible to register for any subsequent NSCA Championship Event.

Should a team have already registered for a subsequent event, their entry fees shall be applied to any outstanding fines until paid. (Note: This shall not apply if an individual player is assessed a fine.)

Games per Day

Date Approved: September 2020

I – PURPOSE

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

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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.

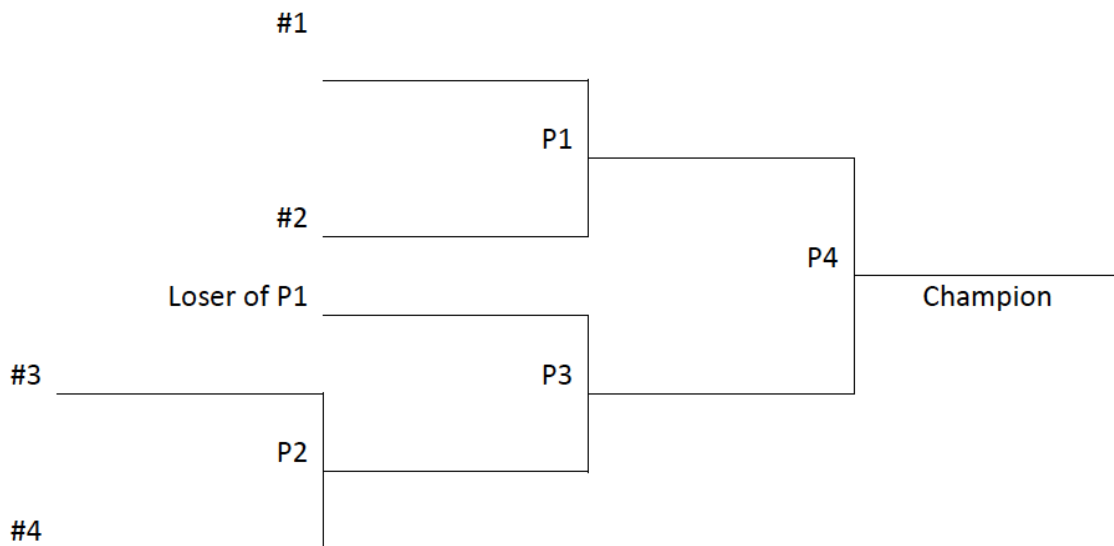
Playoff Structure Directive

Date Approved: September 2020

I – GENERAL

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

Page Playoffs



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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 (e.g. Under 18 Men & Women)

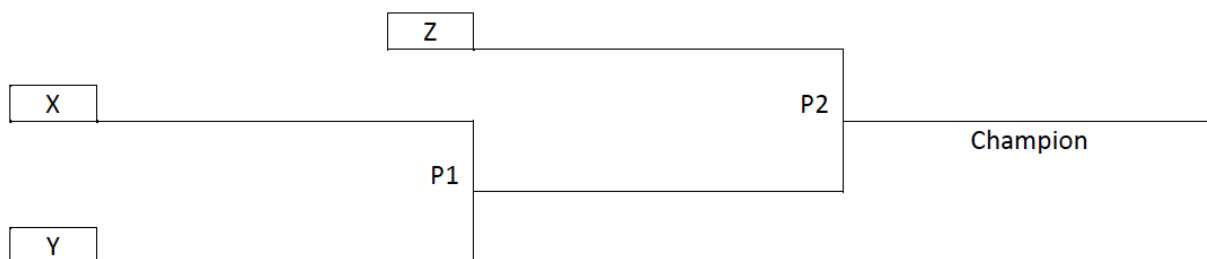
The two Sectional (e.g. A & B event) winners will meet in the P1 playoff. A coin toss will determine either stone handle colour or practice session and a last stone draw will determine hammer. The winner will play in the P4 Championship game with last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone handle colour.

The loser will play in the P3 game with the choice of either last stone advantage **OR** stone handle colour.

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 the last stone advantage in P3 and P4 will have 1st practice.

Modified Playoffs



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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

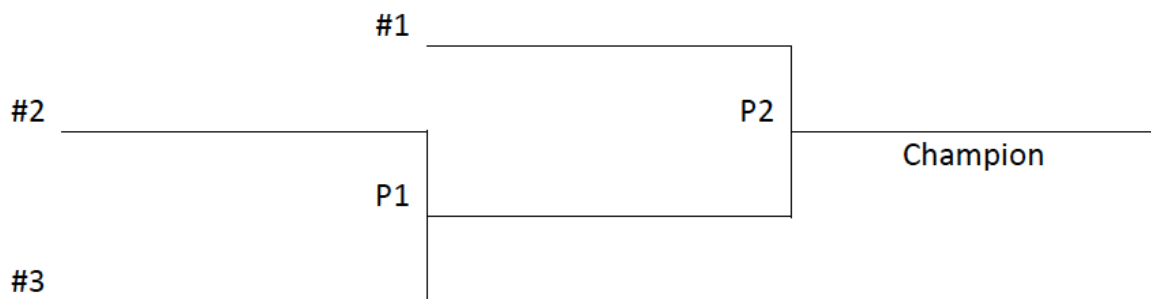
Last stone advantage AND choice of rock handle colour shall be awarded to the higher ranked team. If the teams ranking is equal then the team who qualified first will have choice of last stone advantage OR choice of rock handle colour. The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice 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 2 qualifiers is ranked #1 – for all playoff games and has the 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 qualifying games played; the tied teams rank is deemed equal. The team who qualified earliest (A qualifier > B qualifier > C qualifier) in each playoff game will have a choice of last stone advantage OR choice of stone handle colour.

Un-modified Playoffs

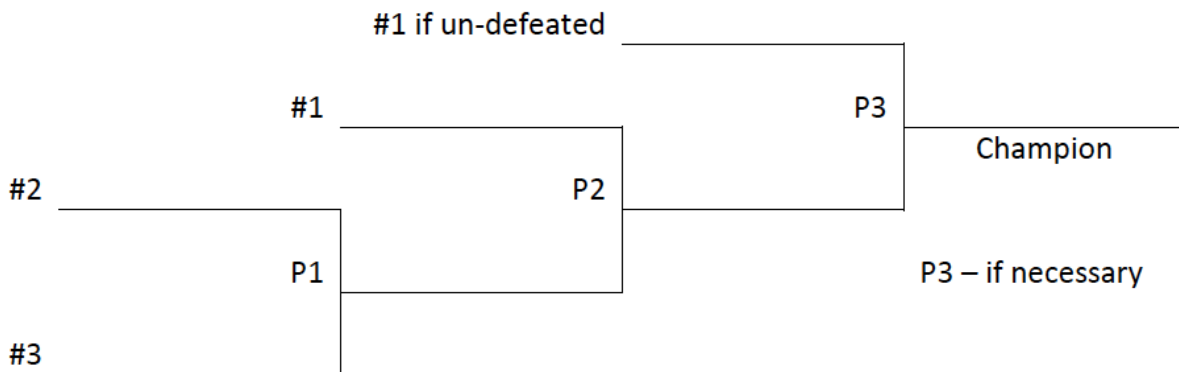


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NOTE: This format will be primarily used for Full Round Robin play, if used for another format variation operational guidelines will be presented by the NSCA prior to the Championship.

- 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 who 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.

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Chart of Athlete Age Eligibility (Table X)

Date Approved: September 2022

I – PURPOSE

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

II – APPLICATION

CWG Men's and Women's*	17 years or under as of June 30, 2022
CWG Mixed Doubles*	19 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 21*	21 years or under as of June 30, 2022 *Teams for 2022-23 season are allowed one "overage" player who is 21 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 18*	17 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 15	14 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 13 Jamboree	12 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 11 Jamboree	10 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 21 Junior Mixed Doubles	20 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 19 Junior Mixed	18 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Under 16 Junior Mixed	15 years or under as of June 30, 2022
Women's (Scotties)*	None

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Men's (Tankard)*	None
Seniors*	50 years or older as of June 30, 2023
Masters*	60 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2022
Curling Club Championship*	3 of 4 players must be a minimum of 19 years or older as of Nov. 1, 2022
Open Club Curling	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2022
Provincial Mixed*	None
Open Club Mixed	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2022
Stick	19 years or older as of Dec. 31, 2022
Wheelchair	None
Mixed Doubles	None

*Based on Curling Canada Eligibility for National Championships

Chart of Coach Eligibility (Table Z)

Date Approved: September 2022

I – PURPOSE

- 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 CC National Events will require the Coaches to comply with the new certification requirement of Competition Coach - Certified.
- All coaches advancing to National Championships for Competitions will be required to have a current Criminal Record Check (within 3 years) + have taken the CAC's Safe Sport Training Module (for the 2022-2023 season). Their training will need to be logged in the common Safe Sport Curling I/O.

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- All Coaches and designated Chaperones are considered Volunteers and as such are required to comply with the NSCA Volunteer Screening Policy.
- As a one-time concession for the 2022-23 season, Canada Winter Games Mixed Doubles coaches are not required to be certified with the NCCP certification. In the event that the winning team's coach is not certified, a certified coach will be assigned to work with the team leading up the Canada Winter Games, and will accompany the team to the CWG, as per the national event's coaching requirement.

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.*

Chart of Coach Eligibility (Table Z)

Chaperone	CWG Mixed Doubles (2022/23)
Club Coach – Youth (<i>Community Sport – Initiation</i>)	Under 11 Jamboree Under 13 Jamboree
Club Coach (<i>Community Sport – Ongoing</i>)	Under 16 Junior Mixed Under 19 Junior Mixed Under 21 Junior Mixed Doubles
Competition Coach – TRAINED = Workshop + MED (<i>Competition – Introduction</i>)	Under 15 Under 18

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Certified Competition Development OR Competition Coach – Certified AND Competition Development “In-Training”	Tankard Scotties
Competition Coach – CERTIFIED (<i>Competition – Introduction</i>)	Under 21 Wheelchair Seniors Mixed Mixed Doubles
Certified Competition Development Coach OR certified Competition Coach with the following Competition Development Courses – “Manage a Program” and “Health and Wellness”	CWG – Men’s and Women’s Provincials
Club Coach (<i>Community Sport – Ongoing</i>)	Club Curler Masters Club Mixed Stick

III- General

- Any change in coaches must be communicated by the team to the official in charge or umpire at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- Only the declared coach/alternate will be permitted to access the team during practice, warm-up, fourth/fifth end breaks and timeouts.

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Rules of Play – Stick

The rules of two person stick curling is a combination of Curling Canada rules 8, 19, 20 effective until August, 2023 and supplemental Canadian Stick Curling Association rules which may be modified on a more frequent basis.

Curling Canada Rules

8. Delivery

(1) The delivery of a stone by the right hand shall be initiated from the hack located to the left of the centre line. The delivery of a stone by the left hand shall be initiated from the hack located to the right of the centre line.

(2) If a single, moveable hack is in use, the delivery of a stone by the right hand or the left hand may be initiated from a hack located on the centre line.

(3) The delivery and release of a curling stone are intended to occur in a reasonably straight line from the hack towards the target broom.

(4) (a) A player, whose team is in control of the house, is in the process of delivery from the time the player is positioned in the hack until the stone is released.

(b) A player shall only commence a forward progression from the hack with a stone after the previously delivered stone and any stones set in motion have come to rest or have crossed the back line and their team is in control of the house.

(5) The stone shall be released before it reaches the hog line at the delivering end.

19. Curling With A Delivery Stick

(1) The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a “delivery stick”, which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the stone handle, is considered acceptable.

(2) The use of a delivery stick is not allowed in events leading to Curling Canada championships. Exception: wheelchair curling.

(3) If a player starts a game with a delivery stick, then that player shall use a delivery stick throughout that game.

(4) A player may not alternate delivery from the traditional hand delivery to a delivery stick or vice-versa.

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(5) If delivery begins from the hack, then players using the delivery stick must adhere to Rule 8(1) and 8(2) and, stones must be delivered along a straight line from the hack to the intended target broom.

(6) The delivery may also begin anywhere along the centre line with a portion of the stone touching the centre line prior to the delivery. The stone must be delivered along a straight line from this position on the centre line to the intended target broom. **See additional clarification in Canadian Stick Curling Association Supplemental Rules effective September 30, 2021.**

(7) A stone delivered with a delivery stick must be released before it reaches the hog line at the delivering end. Rule 8(5).

(8) All other delivery rules apply.

20. Canadian Stick Curling Association (CSCA) Rules

(1) The CSCA applies the Rules of Curling for General Play, as approved by Curling Canada with the following exceptions:

(a) Each team is comprised of two (2) players regardless of gender.

(b) One (1) member of each team stays at each end of the rink and must not cross centre ice (except as provided for in 20(1)(j)).

(c) The two (2) delivering curlers alternately deliver six (6) stones each per end, while their teammates skip that end. Then the roles are reversed. All games are six (6) ends.

(d) Each stone must be delivered with a delivery stick, from a standing or sitting (in a wheelchair) position. **See additional clarification in Canadian Stick Curling Association Supplemental Rules effective September 30, 2021.**

(e) A stone is in play when it reaches the hog line at the delivering end.

(f) A stone that has not reached the hog line at the delivering end may be returned to the player and redelivered. The player will redeliver the same called shot and ice.

(g) Sweeping/brushing is not allowed between the hog lines. **See additional Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association clarification.**

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(h) The first three (3) stones delivered in any end may not be removed from play before delivery of the fourth stone of that end. When a stone(s) is removed from play prior to the fourth stone of the end, directly or indirectly and without exception, the delivered stone is removed from play and any other displaced stones replaced as close as possible to their original position(s).

(i) **Replaced by Canadian Stick Curling Association Supplemental Rules effective September 30, 2021.**

(j) In case of a tie, an extra end is played, with each player delivering three (3) stones. The curlers then exchange roles at the mid-point of an extra end to complete the end. **See additional Nova Scotia Stick Curling Association clarification.**

Canadian Stick Curling Association – Supplemental Rules effective September 30, 2021.

These rules may be a revision or clarification of the Curling Canada rules.

Reference Curling Canada rule 20 (1) d (additional Clarification)

1. A wheelchair curler, or competitors with declared and confirmed mobility issues, if they so choose, can have a designated Ice Player Assistant (IPA) during play, per impacted curler. The IPA could hold/brace the wheelchair and position/clean rocks for delivery. The same IPA could also sweep for the impacted player only at the direction of the delivering partner competitor and only in the “in play area” (from the hog line to the back line), including opponent’s stones behind the tee line. The IPA would also catch wayward stones when needed. IPAs would not be allowed to be involved in the shot calling or strategy discussions during a game. If an IPA is the declared coach of the team, they could participate in strategy only during the approved timeouts during the game. For safety reasons the IPA would need to wear proper footwear to actively participate on the ice.

Reference Curling Canada rule 20 (1) i (Complete Replacement)

2. Each team may call a maximum of two 90 second time outs during a game. During an extra end, one time out per team is allowed. Whenever a time out is called, the team calling the time out may consult anywhere on the ice surface, including in the playing area inside the hog line of the receiving end. Whenever a time out is called, the opposing team may consult outside the hog line of the receiving end or on the boards but not in the playing area inside the hog line of the receiving end.

Reference Curling Canada rule 19 (6) (additional Clarification)

3. In the case of a wheelchair player, or a player throwing with a delivery stick from a stationary standing position between the top of the house and the near hog line, the stone must begin from a point within 18 inches of the center line as per rule 17.1 of Curl Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play. When the player delivers the stone from an area between the hack and the outermost edge of the top of the house at the delivery end, a portion of the stone must be touching the centre line prior to starting the delivery.

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Curling Canada 20 (g)

Sweeping / brushing is allowed by the delivering team only from the hog line to the back line at the skip / receiving end.

Sweeping / brushing is allowed by the opposition team from the tee line to the back line at the skip / receiving end

Curling Canada 20 (j)

An extra end shall be played from the far end (skip end) to the near end (closest to the glass)

If an extra end is a blank, another end is played using the extra end format. Each player will deliver their stones from the end of the rink where they finished the previous extra end.

Canadian Stick Curling Association – Championship Logistic Document Direction.

The CSCA provides logistical direction to the championship host committee. Below is guidance on game delay and use of spares.

Game Duration, Postponement and Game Delays:

- (a) A game shall be of such length or duration as is stated in the rules governing the competition
- (b) If for any reason a game in progress is postponed to another time, the game shall continue from the last completed end.
- (c) If only one member of a team is present at the time of the scheduled draw, that person may choose to play with a spare, however, the spare must play the entire game. If it is

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the turn of the absent team member to do the LSD then the spare must throw the LSD in their place.

- (d) If a team does not commence play at the scheduled time (either both players are not available at the scheduled game time or a spare has not been arranged in advance of the game): (1) If the delay of the start of play is 1-10 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one (1) point and will have last stone in the first end of actual play. One (1) end is considered completed; (2) If the delay of the start of play is 11-20 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one (1) additional point and will have last stone in the first end of actual play. Two (2) ends are considered completed; (3) If play has not started after 20 minutes, then the non-offending team is declared the winner by forfeit. The final score shall be recorded as 'W' and 'L' (win – loss).
- (e) If it is the turn of the team member onsite to throw the LSD they may do so for purposes of calculating total cumulative distance to the button.
- (f) If the team member onsite decides to wait the arrival of their team member, and it is the turn of the absent team member to do the LSD, then the offending team will receive the maximum LSD measurement.
- (g) If both members of a team are not present at the scheduled practice time prior to the game then they will be awarded maximum points for the purpose of calculating the distance of the LSD to the button.
- (h) The non-offending team may complete their practice and their LSD.

Spares:

- (a) The host committee must provide a minimum of four (4) male and four (4) female spares available to play in case registered curlers are unable to play.
- (b) Spares must be drawn from the host club pool of spares. Spares cannot be drawn from a team registered for the championship.
- (c) Teams are not permitted to have a designated alternate.
- (d) Spares can compete on a team up to, and including, the championship game.
- (e) A team may include one member of the registered team and a spare. If a team is unable to field one member of the original team during a game then they must forfeit the game.
- (f) If a team member is injured or becomes ill during a game, they may be replaced by a spare at the point in the game at which the injury or illness occurs, either delivering the stones or calling the game. Clause (e) above remains in force in this situation.
- (g) A replaced team member may not return to the game.
- (h) If a member of a registered team becomes unable to participate in the Championship event prior to its commencement, then the other team member may select their own spare to play for the duration of the bonspiel