

APPENDIX

2024 Club Series Men, Women and Mixed



MEN and WOMEN (COMBINED EVENT)

Date: March 21 to 24, 2024 (Thursday evening to Sunday)

Location: Windsor Curling Club

Registration Deadline: February 5, 2024

Entry Fee: \$400.00

MIXED

January 25 to 28, 2024 (Thursday evening to Sunday)

Host Club: Middleton Curling Club

Registration Deadline: December 11, 2023

Entry Fee: \$400.00

Notice: NS Curling's Championship Rules may be changed, in whole or in part, prior to the playdown process. The rules for one year's championship will not be construed to give or imply any right for future championships. NS Curling policy is to publicize its rules in advance of the competition affected by those rules. Any mistakes, omissions or ambiguity may be subject to clarification by the Competitions Director. This document can be deemed final 14 days prior to the start of the championship.

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See below for competition specific details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitor Guide apply to these competitions. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor Guide and this document, this document is considered to take priority.

The objective of this event is to support the development of curling across Nova Scotia and was founded for recreational club curlers. We keep this objective in mind when we set our eligibility requirements and rules, including the Curling Canada Rules for General Play.

A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The Club Series championships are intended for recreational club curlers. Therefore, an athlete is NOT eligible if they competed in the:
 - a) Men's (Brier), Women's (STOH), Mixed Doubles, Mixed or Seniors Curling Canada National Championships in the past ten (10) years (2014 or later),
 - b) Curling Club Championship or Under-21 Curling Canada National Championships in the past five (5) years (2019 or later).
- 2) A team may have one (1) player who purchased a Curling Canada Competitor Card in the current (2023-24) curling season. However, that player can not be identified in 1a) or 1b) above as being ineligible.
- 3) Limited Entry:
 - a) The Club Series Men's Championship is an open championship, limited to 16 teams which will be based on a first come, first serve to register for the event on Curling IO.

- b) The Club Series Women's Championship is an open championship, limited to 16 teams which will be based on a first come, first serve to register for the event on Curling IO.
- c) The Club Series Mixed Championship is an open championship, limited to 16 teams which will be based on a first come, first serve to register for the event on Curling IO.
- d) If a full complement of 16 teams is registered on Curling IO, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 4) The Club Series Men's and Women's Championship teams will consist of a maximum of five (5) players of the same gender, all members of the same club.
- 5) The Club Series Mixed Championship teams will consist of four (4) players – two (2) male and two (2) female, all members of the same club. Mixed teams cannot play with less than four players throwing stones. A spare pool will be maintained by the host club.
- 6) All players must be residents of Nova Scotia and nineteen (19) years of age or older on December 31, 2023.
- 7) Each player must be a member in good standing of the SAME NS Curling affiliated curling club.
- 8) All original players must be registered in Curling IO. For more information regarding team registration or team rosters consult [Competitor Guide, Sections B\(3\) and B\(4\)](#).
- 9) A delivery stick may be used.

B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of four (4) sheets of ice is required to host a Club Series championship.
- 2) Each Club Series championship is scheduled for a maximum of four (4) days (normally Thursday evening to Sunday).
- 3) Club stones will be used.
- 4) Games will not be timed.
- 5) There will be no pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 6) There will be no pre-game practice scheduled.
- 7) There will be no mid-game break or extra end break.
- 8) The championships will be officiated.
- 9) Games will have live scoring on the NS Curling website.
- 10) A spare pool must be provided in the Club Series Mixed championship.

C. UMPIRES

Once the competition starts the Chief Umpire has the general supervision and governance of the rules and procedures. The Chief Umpire shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by NS Curling. The decision of the Chief Umpire is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. In emergency situations, the Chief Umpire may have to act immediately in areas outside of rules, policy or precedent. In these situations, the Chief Umpire is the final authority.

The Chief Umpire may intervene at any time and give directions to any player or coach. They may suspend or expel a player or coach for abusive or unacceptable behaviour, including bad language. All conduct matters will be fully documented and filed with NS Curling for subsequent review and follow-up. For more information regarding officiating consult [Competitor Guide, Section C\(2\)](#).

D. COACHES

Coaches are not permitted.

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The Club Curler Mixed event was introduced in 2015. The Club Curler Men and Women events were introduced in 2016. No events were held in 2020, 2021 or 2022 due to Covid. The Club Curler events were renamed to Club Series in 2024.

Year to Year Participation Information (MEN and WOMEN Combined Event)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Men	5	Covid	Covid	10 (Covid)	11	15	10	8	X
Women	6	Covid	Covid	11 (Covid)	9	9	7	8	X
Date	Mar 9-12	Mar 10-13	Mar 11-14	Mar 12-15	Mar 15-18	Mar 9-11	Mar 10-12	?	X
Host	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Wolfville	Glooscap	Glooscap	Glooscap	?	X

Champions – Men (No winner declared in 2022, 2021, 2020 re:Covid)

Year	Club	Skip	Third	Second	Lead
2023	Bridgewater	Jeff Garnhum	Michael Wilson	Ron Schipper	Paul Sampson

Champions – Women (No winner declared in 2022, 2021, 2020 re:Covid)

Year	Club	Skip	Third	Second	Lead
2023	Windsor	Caeleigh MacLean	Joanne MacGillivray	Anne Banks	Holly Lowthers

Year to Year Participation Information (MIXED)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Mixed	10	Covid	8 (Covid)	12 (Covid)	9	12	14	14	10
Date	Jan 19-22	Jan 20-23	Jan 21-24	Jan 23-26	Jan 25-27	Jan 19-21	Jan 13-15	Jan 15-17	Jan 16-18
Host	Middleton	Middleton	Middleton	Middleton	Middleton	Middleton	Highlander	Greenwood	Amherst

Champions – Mixed (No winner declared in 2022, 2021, 2020 re:Covid)

Year	Club	Skip	Third	Second	Lead
2023	Glooscap	Conrad MacEachern	Holly Sanford	Colin Sheffield	Lynda Vido

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL

- 1) This event is a designated Tier 3 NS Curling event, implying it does not lead to a Canadian Championship. Refer to [Competitor Guide, Section D\(1\)](#) for a summary of competition format directives for each Tier Category.
- 2) The current moratorium on brush heads is NOT in effect. Hair brooms are not permitted.
- 3) Umpires will conduct all measurements.
- 4) Players cannot be in the ice shed at any time during the event without an Umpire present who has been assigned to and is working the event.

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCESS

- 1) Teams will be ranked into the draw by self-seeding. The team ranking ballots received will be averaged to determine team placement into the draw.
- 2) An adjustment will be made so that teams from the same club will not play each other in their first game, if possible.
- 3) For more information on ranking and draw placement procedures consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(5\)](#).

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR PRELIMINARY PLAY

- 1) The anticipated format for this championship is round-robin pool play. With a full participation level of 16 teams, preliminary play will be four (4) Pools of four (4) teams, with the top two teams in each Pool advancing to the playoffs on Sunday.
- 2) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day.
- 3) Each team will be guaranteed three (3) games.
- 4) All games are eight (8) ends duration. A minimum of four (4) ends must be played.
- 5) If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, one (1) extra end will be played.
- 6) If the game is not decided after the extra end is played, the game will be recorded as a tie.
- 7) The first draw of the combined Men's and Women's event will alternate between men and women from year to year. In the 2024 championship the men are scheduled to play in the first draw.

GAME TIMING

- 1) Games will not be timed. Pace of Play may be managed by the Chief Umpire. For more information regarding Pace of Play Rules consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(6\)](#).
- 2) There will be no timeouts.

PRE-GAME CALL

- 1) Fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time, when announced, teams will report to the designated coin-toss area to confirm their line-up, readiness to play, and to receive any instructions. If a team is late, they will be deemed to have lost the toss.
- 2) There will be no pre-game practices. Teams will conduct a coin toss and will select either last stone advantage in the first end or stone handle colour.
- 3) Teams should be allowed on the ice five (5) minutes prior to game time to allow slides and cool sliders but practice rocks cannot be thrown.

SKILLS COMPETITION FOR PLAYOFF RANKING

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the skills competition process.
- 2) If it is conceivable that a team could be in a playoff position, immediately following the team's third game, all game players will engage in a skills competition by drawing to the button, with sweeping. Teams will alternate throwing. No restrictions to which turn to throw.
 - a) Stones will be measured (in centimeters) from the button to the nearest edge of the stone.
 - b) Stones covering the pin will be given a 0.0 cm measurement.
 - c) Stones finishing outside of the house will be given a 199.6 cm measurement.
- 3) The best three (3) measurements of the four (4) stones thrown will determine the team's 'skills competition score'.
- 4) If a team played with three (3) players in their third game then those three (3) measurements will determine the team's 'skills competition score'.
- 5) If a stone is displaced prior to measurement:
 - a) by the delivering team, the stone will receive a measurement of 199.6 centimeters.
 - b) by another individual, the stone is placed to its original position by the delivering team.

TEAM RANKING PROCESS FOR PLAYOFFS

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the team ranking process.
- 2) Playoff team rankings will be determined first by best win/loss record.
- 3) No tie-breaker games will be played. Teams tied with the same win/loss record will be ranked as follows:

- a) Team who won the head-to-head game will be ranked higher
- b) If an unsolvable tie exists, the 'skills competition score' will be used to rank the teams.
 - i. The team with the lowest 'skills competition score' will always be ranked higher.
 - ii. If tied teams have the same 'skills competition score', then the next highest individual recorded distance will be eliminated from each team, until the tie is broken.
 - iii. If teams still remain tied a flip of the coin will be used to break the tie.
- 4) Teams from different pools, with the same win/loss record, will use their 'skills competition score' to determine ranking.

PLAYOFF FORMAT

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the playoff process.
- 2) Team ranking will determine placement into the playoff draw.
- 3) The higher ranked team will always have choice of last stone advantage in the first end OR stone handle colour.
- 4) In the combined event, the final game for both genders will be scheduled for the same time.