



JUNIOR TEAM RANKING SYSTEM 2023 / 2024

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The Nova Scotia Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS) is a performance-based point system designed to rank Nova Scotia U18 and U21 youth curling teams. The rankings are determined through points earned in sanctioned curling events held throughout the 2023/24 season.

- U18 = less than 18 years of age on June 30, 2023 / born on or since July 1, 2005
U21 = less than 21 years of age on June 30, 2024 / born July 1, 2003 or later.

This directive will be applied to:

- 1) Rank teams into the U18 and U21 provincial championship draws.
- 2) 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.
 - a) U18 Event: Points earned in an U18 event will only be used in the ranking of teams for the U18 Provincial Playdowns.
 - b) 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 teams U18 ranking.

- 2) 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. [Curling Canada | Canadian Team Ranking System \(CTRS\)](#)
- 3) Junior Playdowns: this category represents Provincial, National, and World championships.

JTRS Challenges

- 1) 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.
- 2) Challenges must be submitted by e-mail to Kevin Ouellette at (kouellette@nscurl.com).
- 3) 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

- 1) A team must register their team line-up to be eligible to receive JTRS points.
- 2) Registering a team is free, and can be done through Kevin Ouellette (kouellette@nscurl.com)
- 3) An athlete can only be registered on one (1) U18 and one (1) U21 team.
- 4) A complete (four-person) team must be registered by October 31st.
- 5) Information required when registering:
 - a) Team name and home club
 - b) Name, birthdate and position of all athletes, including 5th player if applicable
 - c) Coach or team contact name with complete contact information

Changes to Registered Teams

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

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.

General Rules that Apply to all Sanctioned Events

- 1) Acceptable formats are: round robin, double or triple knockout, and pool play.
- 2) The Five Rock Free Guard Zone rule must be used for all games.
- 3) All games in an event must be scheduled for 8 or 10 ends. Tiebreaker games may be 6 ends.
- 4) LSD results can be used to break ties for playoff positions.
- 5) 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.

- 1) The event must have a minimum field of 6 teams.
- 2) The event must be an 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.
- 3) Mixed gender events will generally not be considered for JTRS inclusion.
 - a) 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".
 - b) Teams must use spares from their own gender to be eligible for any JTRS points (no mixed gender teams allowed).
 - c) In the event of a special request for a mixed team to enter a tournament it must be submitted and approved by Kevin Ouellette (kouellette@nscurl.com). The mixed team must enter the male gender division and they will not qualify for any JTRS points. The tournament must still meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for JTRS points.
- 4) For a team to count JTRS points toward their seasonal total, they must always have at least three (3) of their registered athletes on the ice during the event.
 - a) This means during every end of every game.
 - b) The duty rests on the team to indicate when they are not eligible.
 - c) 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).

- d) Teams can still compete if they only have two of their registered athletes, but no JTRS points will be awarded.
- 5) 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

- 1) 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

Junior Playdown Rules

The following Junior Playdown events are eligible for JTRS points:

- 1) Nova Scotia U18 Playdowns. Pre-provincial qualifying events are not eligible for JTRS points.
- 2) Nova Scotia U21 Playdowns. Pre-provincial qualifying events are not eligible for JTRS points.
- 3) National U18 Championship
- 4) CWG Nationals
- 5) National U21 Championship
- 6) World U21 Championship

The minimum number of teams required for eligibility into 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

- 1) All teams begin the 2023-2024 season with zero (0) JTRS points.
- 2) A team must be registered to receive Performance Points.
- 3) Junior Cashspiel Performance Points will be awarded for sanctioned events held between Aug 1, 2023 and Dec 20, 2023
- 4) Performance Points will be awarded to Nova Scotia teams who finish in the top four (4) standings.
- 5) Points Per Win will be awarded to teams who do not finish in the top four standings.
 - a) Teams who finish in the top four (4) standings will not receive Points Per Win.
 - b) There is a maximum number of Points Per Win that will be awarded in an event.
- 6) Calculation of a team's final JTRS Performance Points
 - a) A team will only count their best five (5) Junior Cashspiel sanctioned events.
 - b) All Junior Playdown points earned will be eligible.

JTRS Performance Points will be awarded as follows:

	U21 Event			U18 Event		
Category	Junior Cashspiel	Provincials	Nationals and Worlds	Junior Cashspiel	Provincials	Nationals
Winner	15	20	Full 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)

* One-half point will be given for a game ending in a tie.

CTRS Performance Points

- 1) CTRS points earned will count on a full value.
- 2) Only CTRS points earned between Aug 1, 2023 and Dec 20, 2023 will be eligible in the ranking of teams for the U18 and U20 Provincial Playdowns.

Recording of JTRS Performance Points

- 1) At the conclusion of a JTRS sanctioned event, teams are required to submit a screenshot of their draw / results by text to Kevin Ouellette at 902-499-6712.
- 2) JTRS points will be updated weekly.
- 3) Calculations and standings will be emailed out to each registered team coach.
- 4) If possible, standings will be posted on the NSCA website.

Tiebreakers

Tiebreaker for ranking in U18 or U21 provincial championship draw:

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

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

- 1) One game playoff (if allowed to compete), if cannot play then
- 2) Head-to-head record from all 2023/24 JTRS events, if still tied then
- 3) Most JTRS event first place finishes, if still tied then
- 4) Most JTRS event second place finishes, if still tied then
- 5) Total points from best 4 events, if still tied then
- 6) Total points from best 3 events, if still tied then
- 7) Total points from best 2 events, if still tied then
- 8) Flip a coin.