

APPENDIX

2024 Masters Men and Women

COMBINED EVENT

Date: February 28 – March 3, 2024 (Wednesday to Sunday)

Location: Amherst Curling Club

Registration Deadline: January 14, 2024

Entry Fee: \$400.00



NOTE: In the past few years, to assist the NS representatives with travel expenses to go to the Canadian championship, \$100.00 from each gender's entry fee collected was provided to each genders winning team. That provision has been removed.

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 this competition. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor Guide and this document, this document is considered to take priority.

A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The provincial championship is an open entry with no qualification event.
- 2) Limited Entry:
 - a) The Masters Men's Championship is limited to 16 teams which will be based on a first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling IO.
 - b) The Masters Women's Championship is limited to 16 teams which will be based on a first come, first serve to register for the event in Curling IO.
 - c) If a full compliment of 16 teams is registered on Curling IO, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 3) Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players, one alternate, and an eligible coach.
- 4) All players and alternate must be Canadian citizens, residents of Nova Scotia, and aged sixty (60) years of age on December 31, 2023.
- 5) All players must be a member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.
- 6) Free agents are NOT allowed.
- 7) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(2\)](#).
- 8) The original four (4) players, alternate and coach must be registered in Curling IO. The host club or umpires shall not accept any personnel changes to the original roster. 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 this championship.
- 2) The championship is scheduled for a maximum five (5) days.
- 3) Club stones will be used.
- 4) Games will be timed.
- 5) There will be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 6) There will be a pre-game practice scheduled prior to each draw.
- 7) The event will be officiated.
- 8) Games will have live scoring on the NS Curling website.
- 9) Club must be accessible.

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

- 1) Coaches must be current with their competition specific NCCP qualifications and NS Curling requirements.
- 2) Coaches are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations.
- 3) Coaches will have access to the ice area for pre-competition practice, pre-game practices, time outs, mid-game breaks, and extra end breaks.
- 4) For more information regarding coach qualifications and requirements consult [Competitor Guide, Section B\(7\)](#).

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year to Year Participation Information

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Men	7	3	Covid	7	7	12	11	12	9
Women	4	5	Covid	6	5	8	6	4	5
Date	Mar 3-7	Mar 3-8	Mar 4-9	Feb 27-Mar 4	Feb 28-Mar 4	Feb 22-27	Feb 24-28	Jan 29-Feb 2	Jan 30-Feb 3
Host	Amherst	Digby	Digby	Digby	Digby	Shelburne	Middleton	Middleton	Middleton

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL

- 1) The event is a designated Tier 2 NS Curling event, implying it leads to a Canadian Championship, but not a World 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 in effect and the exchanging of brooms and changing brush heads during play will not be allowed. For more information on sweeping equipment consult [Competitor Guide, Section C\(3\)](#).
- 3) Umpires will conduct all measurements.
- 4) Players and coaches 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.
- 5) Teams are not permitted to practice at the host club within 24-hours of the start of competition, unless they are a regular member of the club with a regularly scheduled game during that 24-hour period.
- 6) The Canadian Championship is administered by the National Masters Committee, not Curling Canada.
- 7) The winning teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Masters Curling Championship.
- 8) The winning and runner-up teams earn the right to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Masters Championship.

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

- 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) For more information on ranking and draw placement procedures consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(5\)](#).

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR PRELIMINARY PLAY

- 1) Teams may play a maximum of two (2) games per day.
- 2) All games are eight (8) ends duration. A minimum of four (4) ends must be played.
- 3) If a game is tied after the allotted 8-ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- 4) Draw format guidelines is shown in Table A. NS Curling reserves the right to modify the draw format to meet the requirements of the championship.

Table A. Draw Format Guidelines

Number of Teams	Draw Format	Days to Complete
1	Declared Provincial Representative	0
2	Best 3 of 5	3
3	Double Round Robin. An undefeated team will be declared champion outright without playoffs. Otherwise, 2 team single elimination playoff.	3
4	Double Round Robin. An undefeated team will be declared champion outright without playoffs. Otherwise, 3 team playoff, 1 st place team goes straight to final.	3
5-6	Single Round Robin. 3 team playoff, an undefeated team will need to be beaten twice, 1 st place team goes straight to final.	4
7-16	TKO to 4 team Page Playoff	4/5

GAME TIMING

- 1) Time clocks will be used for all games. However, certain compromises could be made depending upon club space, available equipment, number of volunteers, etc.
- 2) Each team will receive 30 minutes of thinking time to complete the game.
- 3) Extra ends will be four (4) minutes, thirty (30) seconds of thinking time for each team.
- 4) The mid-game break is five (5) minutes.

- 5) There will be a three (3) minute break before starting the extra end. Between all other ends, breaks will be “turn and go”.
- 6) Each team will receive two (2) sixty (60) second time outs per 8 end game. Each team will receive one (1) sixty (60) second time out during any extra end of play.
- 7) For more information on Time-Outs consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(6\)](#).

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

- 1) A schedule will be created to allow the teams a ten (10) minute practice session on each sheet of ice to be used. Please let the Competitions Director know if you are not going to attend your session.
- 2) For more information consult the [Competitor Guide, Section D\(7\)](#).

PRE-GAME CALL

- 1) Thirty (30) 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) When the stone handle colour has not been pre-assigned, teams will conduct a coin toss and will select either practice order or stone handle colour.
- 3) A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end. Each team will name their player(s) who will deliver the Last Stone Draw(s) (LSDs) for that game.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE

- 1) Twenty-five (25) minutes prior to scheduled game time, first practice will be announced.
- 2) It will consist of one-minute of slider cool-down with sliding, seven (7) minutes of practice time with a one (1) minute remaining warning, then, a one (1) minute time period for the Last Stone Draw(s). Second practice will follow the same format. Please follow the Umpire’s announcements.
- 3) Coaches and alternates are allowed access on the ice surface during practices with appropriate curling footwear.

LAST STONE DRAW (LSD) FOR PRELIMINARY PLAY

- 1) Last stone advantage in the first end will be decided by a draw to the button contest immediately following the pre-game practice.
- 2) In Knockout format competitions one (1) LSD will be thrown
- 3) In Round Robin format competitions two (2) LSDs will be thrown.
- 4) Stones must be thrown with the rotation identified in the pre-game call.
- 5) For more information on LSD procedures consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(11\)](#).

TIE-BREAKING PROCESS

- 1) No tie-breaker games will be played. Consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(13\)](#).

PLAYOFF GAMES AND FINALS

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the process.
- 2) Playoff games and Finals will follow the procedures described in the [Competitor Guide, Section D\(14\)](#).
- 3) The Final game for both genders should be scheduled for the same time.

PLAYOFF MEETING

- 1) Immediately following the last draw, a meeting will occur between the Chief Umpire and the skips from the playoff teams.
- 2) The Chief Umpire will identify each team's responsibilities with respect to hammer or handle colour selection(s), and any adjustments to scheduling or ice allocation if necessary.