

APPENDIX

2024 Under-18

Boys and Girls

COMBINED EVENT

Date: December 27-31, 2023

Location: Lakeshore Curling Club

Registration Deadline: November 12, 2023

Entry Fee: \$400.00 + Curling Canada Competitor Fee of \$7.50 per participant.



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) Teams may consist of a maximum four (4) players, one alternate, and an eligible coach.
- 3) All players and alternate must be residents of Nova Scotia, and 17 years of age and under on June 30, 2023.
- 4) All players must be a member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.
- 5) Free Agents are NOT allowed.
- 6) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(2\)](#).
- 7) 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.
- 8) For more information regarding team registration or team rosters consult [Competitor Guide, Sections B\(3\) and B\(4\)](#).
- 9) All athletes under the age of 12 years old must wear a helmet while on ice during this event.
- 10) A delivery stick is NOT allowed.

B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of four (4) sheets of ice is required to host this championship.
- 2) This championship is scheduled for a maximum of 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.

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) Each team MUST be accompanied by a certified coach. Coaches must be current with their competition specific NCCP qualifications and NS Curling requirements.
- 2) For more information regarding coach qualifications and requirements consult [Competitor Guide, Section B\(7\)](#).
- 3) Coaches are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations.
- 4) The NS Curling Coach Interaction Rules will be in effect for this event. For more information on Coach Interaction Rules consult [Competition Special Rules](#).
- 5) The Curling Canada 'Fair Play Time Out Rule' shall be in effect. The Fair Play Time Out can not be taken during the final end of play.

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The first National Championship was held in 2017.

Year to Year Participation Information

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Men	7	Covid (8)	Covid (11)	13	13	15	12
Women	9	Covid (10)	Covid (11)	12	14	11	13
Date	Dec 27-31	Mar 18-20	Dec 27-31	Mar 5-9	Mar 8-11	Mar 2-5	?
Host	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Truro	Truro	Truro	?

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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) In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded. The selection of the team to represent NS at Nationals will be awarded to the JTRS points leader on December 20, 2023. In the case of a tie, the selection of the team to represent NS at Nationals will be governed by the Competitions Advisory Panel.
- 7) Players and coaches attending the Under-18 championship are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages or use any mind-altering substance from the time they leave home for travel to the event and until they arrive back at home after the conclusion of their event. Violation will result in immediate suspension of the player(s) or coach involved for the remainder of the event, and subject to further disciplinary action.

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

- 1) Teams will be ranked into the draw using the NS Curling Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS). For more information on JTRS consult [Competition Special Rules](#).
- 2) The cut-off date for JTRS points inclusion in the ranking process will be Monday December 4, 2023.
- 3) When JTRS points are not available for teams, teams will be given zero (0) points. Ties in JTRS points will be broken by random draw.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR PRELIMINARY PLAY

- 1) The anticipated format for this championship is Triple Knockout qualifying for a 4-team Page Playoff.
- 2) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day.
- 3) All games are eight (8) ends duration. A minimum of four (4) ends must be played.
- 4) If a game is tied after the allotted 8-ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.

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 34 minutes of thinking time to complete the game.
- 3) Extra ends will be five (5) minutes of thinking time for each team.
- 4) The mid-game break is four (4) 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) There will be no timeouts.

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 [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) During preliminary play each player must throw one (1) LSD before another player is allowed to throw a second LSD, consult Competitor Guide D(11)(6c).
- 5) Stones will be thrown with the rotation identified in the pre-game call.
- 6) 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 coaches 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.

G. CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1) The team in each gender that wins the Under-18 Provincial Championship will represent Nova Scotia at the 2024 Under-18 Canadian Championships.

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