

APPENDIX to the Competitor Guide

## 2025 Mixed Doubles

**Date:** January 30 to February 2, 2025 (Thursday to Sunday)

**Location:** Liverpool Curling Club

**Registration Deadline:** December 16, 2024

**Entry Fee:** \$200.00 + Curling Canada Competitor Fee of \$25.00 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.

See below for competition specific details. **In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor Guide and this document, this document is considered to take priority.**

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### A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The provincial championship is an open entry with no qualification event.
- 2) Limited Entry:
  - a) The Mixed Doubles 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) If a full compliment of 16 teams is registered on Curling IO, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 3) Teams MUST register one (1) male and one (1) female player. An eligible coach may accompany the team.
- 4) Both players must be Canadian citizens and residents of Nova Scotia. No age restriction. Because the national championship is played the following season, players must be residents in the year of the provincial championship.
- 5) Both players must be a member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.
- 6) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(2\)](#).
- 7) The original two (2) players 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\(4\)](#).
- 8) A delivery stick is NOT allowed.

### B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of three (3) sheets of ice is required.
- 2) The event is scheduled for a maximum five (5) days.
- 3) The 2025 championship will use Liverpool CC stones.
- 4) The event will be officiated.
- 5) Games will be timed.
- 6) There will be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 7) There will be a pre-game practice scheduled prior to each draw.
- 8) House buttons should be the same size with triangulation measurement points established.

- 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

- Coaches must be current with their competition specific NCCP credentials and NS Curling requirements.
- Coaches are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations. For more information regarding coaching consult [Competitor Guide, Section B\(7-10\)](#).

### E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

#### Year to Year Participation Information

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
# Teams	12	11	Covid	Covid	15	12	13	7	14
Date	Feb 1-4	Dec 15-18	Dec 16-19	Jan 8-10	Jan 31-Feb 3	Feb 7-10	Mar 1-4	?	?
Host	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Lakeshore	Berwick	Lakeshore	Bridgetown	Bridgetown

### F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### GENERAL

- The event is a designated Tier 1 NS Curling event.
- The WCF 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\(3\)](#).
- Umpires will conduct all measurements.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 governed by the Competitions Advisory Panel.

#### RULES FOR ALL MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS

- Consult the Curling Canada Rules of Curling Supplemental Rules Pages 56 to 59.
- There is no Mixed Doubles spare pool. A team must forfeit any game(s) in which it fails to have both registered athletes playing for the entire game.

- 3) At the start of every end, the team with 'hammer' will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
- 4) Vertical stone placement (depth of guard in front of the rings) is decided by the Chief Umpire with consultation with the players after the pre-competition practice and remains the same throughout the event. In the case where sheets may be different in curl stone placement may vary sheet to sheet.
- 5) Each team is allowed one (1) powerplay per game, determined by the team with hammer.
- 6) In mixed doubles, no stone, including the two (2) positioned stationary stones, can be removed from play prior to the delivery of the fourth (4th) stone of the end.
- 7) Teams are not required to have a broom holder.

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND**

- 1) Teams can expect to play up to four (4) games per day, to avoid an extra event day.
- 2) The anticipated format for this championship is Round Robin play.
- 3) The number of participating teams will determine:
  - a. if teams will be divided into one (1) or more pools
  - b. the number of teams qualifying for the playoffs.

#### **RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCEDURE**

- 1) Self-Seeding will be used to determine the ranking of teams into the draw.
- 2) For more information regarding self-seeding consult the [Competitor Guide, Section D\(6\)](#).
- 3) Teams are encouraged to consult the Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking (CMDR) when ranking the teams, which takes into account performances in Mixed Doubles events.

#### **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) All games are scheduled for eight (8) ends duration.
- 3) Each team will receive 22 minutes of thinking time to complete the game.
- 4) Each team will receive three (3) minutes of thinking time for each extra end.
- 5) The mid-game break is five (5) minutes.
- 6) There will be a three (3) minute break before starting the extra end. Between all other ends, breaks will be "turn and go".
- 7) Each team will receive one (1) sixty (60) second time out per 8 end game. Each team will receive one (1) sixty (60) second time out during any extra end of play.

#### **PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE**

- 1) The amount of practice time will be identified in the Championship Draw Schedule. Each team will be scheduled the same amount of practice time.
- 2) As a matter of courtesy please let the Competitions Director know if you are not going to attend your practice session.
- 3) For more information regarding pre-competition practice guidelines consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(8\)](#).

#### **PRE-GAME CALL**

- 1) Thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled game time, when announced, teams will report to the designated pre-game area to confirm their line-up, readiness to play, and to receive any instructions.

- 2) For round robin formats, the team listed first will be assigned dark-coloured handles. Dark coloured handles will practice first. Teams practising first will throw the clockwise rotation, teams practising last will throw the counter-clockwise rotation. Both players will throw the same rotation.
- 3) A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end. Each team will name their two players who will deliver the Last Stone Draws for that game, including which turns will be thrown.

### **PRE-GAME PRACTICE**

- 1) Twenty-five (25) minutes prior to scheduled game time, first practice will be announced.
- 2) It will consist of up to 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 each Last Stone Draw. Second practice will follow the same format. Please follow the umpire's announcements.
- 3) Coaches are allowed access on the ice surface during practices with appropriate curling footwear.
- 4) Teams can throw all eight (8) stones in pre-game practice and then select only five (5) stones to throw for game play. Teams must keep those five (5) stones for the entire game. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones should be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.

### **LAST STONE DRAW (LSD) IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND**

- 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 Round Robin format competitions two (2) LSDs will be thrown.
- 3) Teams practising first will throw the clockwise rotation, teams practising last will throw the counter-clockwise rotation. Both players will throw the same rotation.
- 4) For more information on LSD procedures consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(12\)](#).

### **TIE-BREAKER GAMES**

- 1) No tie-breaker games will be played.
- 2) For more information regarding the determination of playoff rankings consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(14\)](#).

### **PLAYOFF MEETING**

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the playoff process.
- 2) Immediately following the conclusion of the preliminary round final draw, a meeting will occur between the Chief Umpire and the playoff teams. Teams must send one (1) team member (i.e. a player or coach).
- 3) The Chief Umpire will identify each team's advantages and choices with respect to hammer or handle colour selection(s), and any adjustments to scheduling or ice allocation if necessary.
- 4) A team that does not attend the playoff meeting forfeits their game choices (last stone advantage in first end, stone handle colour, and practice order) to which the team may be entitled.
- 5) Playoff games will follow the procedures described in the [Competitor Guide, Section D\(17-19\)](#).