

2025 Club Series Men, Women and Mixed



MIXED

January 23 to 26, 2025 (Thursday evening to Sunday)

Host Club: Amherst Curling Club

Registration Deadline: December 9, 2023

Entry Fee: \$400.00

MEN and WOMEN (COMBINED EVENT)

Date: February 20 to 23, 2025 (Thursday evening to Sunday)

Location: Windsor Curling Club

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2025

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.

See below for competition specific details that are in effect for the Men's, Women's and Mixed championships. **In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor Guide and this document, this document is considered to take priority.**

The intent 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. An athlete is NOT eligible if they have competed in a:
 - a) NS Curling Tier 1 National championship in the past ten (10) years (2015 or later),
 - b) NS Curling Tier 2 National championship in the past five (5) years (2020 or later), exception is the National Wheelchair championship.
- 2) A team may have one (1) player who purchased or will purchase a Curling Canada Competitor Card in a Tier 1 provincial championship in the current (2024-25) 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) In 3a, 3b and 3c above, if a full complement of 16 teams is registered on Curling IO, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 4) All players and alternate MUST be residents of Nova Scotia, and nineteen (19) years of age or older on December 31, 2024.
- 5) All players and alternate MUST be a member in good standing of the SAME NS Curling affiliated curling club.
- 6) In the Club Series Men's and Women's Championship, teams MUST register four (4) players of the same gender. Teams may register an alternate.
- 7) In the Club Series Mixed Championship, teams MUST register two (2) male and two (2) female players. Mixed teams cannot play with less than four players throwing stones. A spare pool will be maintained by the host club.
- 8) All original four (4) players and alternate must be registered in Curling IO. The host club or umpires shall not accept any personal 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.
- 2) Each Club Series event is scheduled for a maximum of four (4) days (Thursday evening to Sunday).
- 3) Club stones will be used.
- 4) The event will be officiated.
- 5) Games will NOT be timed.
- 6) There will NOT be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 7) There may be a pre-game practice scheduled prior to each draw, if time allows.
- 8) There will be no mid-game break or extra end break.
- 9) House buttons should be the same size with triangulation measurement points established.
- 10) Games will have live scoring on the NS Curling website.
- 11) 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)

	2024	2023	2019	2018	2017	2016
Men	18	5	11	15	10	8
Women	6	6	9	9	7	8
Date	Mar 21-24	Mar 9-12	Mar 15-18	Mar 9-11	Mar 10-12	?
Host	Windsor	Liverpool	Glooscap	Glooscap	Glooscap	?

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
2024	Glooscap	Conrad MacEachren	Colin Sheffield	Evan Sheffield	Mike Carter

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
2024	Berwick	Ellen Ellen Lonergan	Bailey Lonergan	Arlene MacArthur	Michelle Larson

Year to Year Participation Information (MIXED)

	2024	2023	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Mixed	6	10	9	12	14	14	10
Date	Jan 25-28	Jan 19-22	Jan 25-27	Jan 19-21	Jan 13-15	Jan 15-17	Jan 16-18
Host	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 Vidito
2024	Windsor	Arnold Burnard	Paige Lavangie	Ryan Whitehead	Monica Driscoll

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL

- 1) These championships are designated a Tier 3 NS Curling event.
- 2) The WCF 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.
- 5) In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship is not able to be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

COMPETITION FORMAT IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

- 1) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day.
- 2) Each team is guaranteed three (3) games in the preliminary round.
- 3) The anticipated format for this championship is Round Robin play.
- 4) 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.

- c) if there will be a pre-game practice.
- 5) All games are scheduled for eight (8) ends duration.
- 6) If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, one (1) extra end will be played.
- 7) If the game is not decided after the extra end is played, the game will be recorded as a tie.

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCESS

- 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) If more than one (1) pool is required, a ranking adjustment may be made so that teams from the same club are not placed into the same pool.

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(7)**.
- 2) There will be no timeouts.

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

- 1) There will NOT be a pre-competition practice scheduled.

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.
- 3) **If time allows a pre-game practice:**
 - a) Dark coloured handles will practice first.
 - b) Teams practising first will throw the clockwise rotation, teams practising second will throw the counter-clockwise rotation.
 - c) A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end. Each team will name their one player who will deliver the Last Stone Draw for that game.
- 4) **If time does NOT allow a pre-game practice:**
 - a) Teams will conduct a coin toss to determine last stone advantage in the first end. If a team is late for the coin toss, they will be deemed to have lost the toss.
 - b) Teams should be allowed on the ice (5) minutes prior to game time to allow slides and cool sliders but practice rocks cannot be thrown.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE (if time allows)

- 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 the Last Stone Draw. Second practice will follow the same format. Please follow the umpire's announcements.

LAST STONE DRAW (LSD) IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND (if time allows for a pre-game practice)

- 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) Each team will have one (1) player throw one (1) LSD.

- 3) Teams practising first will throw the clockwise rotation, teams practising second will throw the counter-clockwise rotation.
- 4) For more information on LSD procedures consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(12\)](#).

SKILLS COMPETITION

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the skills competition process.
- 2) If time allows a pre-game practice:
 - a) If it is conceivable that a team could be in a playoff position, immediately following the team's third game, the one player who did not throw an LSD, plus any other player, will each throw one draw to the button with sweeping. Any rotation can be thrown. Teams will alternate throwing.
 - b) The best four of the five LSD/Skills Competition results will be used to determine the teams Accumulated Draw Shot Distance (ADSD).
- 3) If time does NOT allow a pre-game practice:
 - a) If it is conceivable that a team could be in a playoff position, immediately following the team's third game, all four game players will engage in a skills competition by drawing to the button, with sweeping. Any rotation can be thrown. Teams will alternate throwing.
 - b) The best three of the four Skills Competition results will be used to determine the teams ADSD.
 - c) If a team played with three (3) players in their third game then those three (3) measurements will determine the team's ADSD.
- 4) ADSD will be used to break any unsolvable ties in determining team rankings
- 5) For more information regarding ADSD consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(13\)](#).

TIE-BREAKER GAMES

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

TEAM RANKING AND PLAYOFF PROCESS

- 1) The Chief Umpire will administer the team ranking and playoff process.
- 2) Team ranking will determine placement into the playoff draw.
- 3) In the playoffs, the higher ranked team will always have choice of last stone advantage in the first end OR stone handle colour. The team with last stone advantage in the first end will practice first.
- 4) In all playoff games, teams will use the stones on the assigned sheet.