

2025 Wheelchair

Date: December 29-31, 2024

Location: Lakeshore Curling Club

Registration Deadline: November 24, 2024

Entry Fee: \$400.00 + Curling Canada Competitor Fee of \$25 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.

The Wheelchair Championship is intended to provide a championship experience for individuals who are unable to deliver a curling stone from the hack or with a delivery stick from the standing position.

A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The provincial championship is an open entry with no qualification event.
- 2) Limited Entry:
 - a) The Wheelchair championship is limited to 8 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 eight (8) teams is registered on Curling IO, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 3) Teams MUST register a minimum of three (3) eligible players. Teams MUST be comprised of players of both genders. Teams may register an alternate and an eligible coach.
- 4) All players and alternate must be bona fide residents of Nova Scotia prior to September 1, 2024. There is no age restriction.
- 5) All players and alternate 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) Teams may play with three (3) players, both genders must be present in the game at all times.
- 8) All 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) Individuals who are capable of delivering with a stick from a standing position are not eligible to participate.
- 10) Any qualification rules imposed by Curling Canada as a requirement to attend the Canadian Wheelchair Championship will be qualification rules of this event.
- 11) Motorized wheelchairs are permitted.

B. APPLICABLE CURLING CANADA RESIDENCY EXEMPTIONS

- 1) A Provincial / Territorial Association, unable to field a team of a minimum of four (4) athletes representing both genders at the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship, may request a residency exemption.
- 2) Residency exemption requests should be made AFTER the respective Provincial / Territorial playdown process has been completed.
- 3) Residency Exemption:
 - a) A Member Association requiring one replacement player may contact any other Member Association requesting a replacement player from their jurisdiction. The replacement player may have participated in their own Provincial / Territorial playdown process and still be available for selection to another jurisdiction.
 - b) The Member Association considering the request may:
 - i. Refuse the request without prejudice, or
 - ii. Agree to the request by providing a pool of players available for selection.
 - c) Either MA may also bring the request for a replacement player to the OAC as part of the process to determine a fair and reasonable solution.

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NS Curling will only request a residency exception for one (1) replacement player, after the completion of the NS provincial playdown process. NS Curling is not obligated to send a team to the Canadians if three (3) NS wheelchair athletes are unable to form a team.

C. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of two (2) sheets of ice is required.
- 2) Club must be accessible to persons who use wheelchairs and must have no barriers to accessibility.
- 3) This event is scheduled for a maximum of four (4) days.
- 4) Club stones will be used.
- 5) The event will be officiated.
- 6) Games will be timed.
- 7) There will be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 8) There will be a pre-game practice scheduled prior to each draw.
- 9) House buttons should be the same size with triangulation measurement points established.
- 10) Games will have live scoring on the NS Curling website.

D. 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\(2\)](#).

E. 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. For more information regarding coaching consult [Competitor Guide, Section B\(7-10\)](#).

F. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year to Year Participation Information

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
# Teams	0	1	1	Covid	2	3	3	3	3
Date	Dec 29-31	Dec 29-31	Jan 14-16	Feb 11-14	Feb 14-16	Feb 22-24	Feb 2-4	Feb 3-5	Feb 5-7
Host	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Pictou	Bluenose	Bluenose	Bluenose	Bluenose

G. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL

- 1) The championship is a designated Tier 2 NS Curling event.
- 2) Umpires will conduct all measurements.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) Consult the [Curling Canada Rules of Curling Supplemental Rules Page 55](#).
- 2) Sweeping is not permitted.
- 3) Stones are delivered from a stationary wheelchair positioned within 18 inches of the center line.
- 4) The feet of the player cannot touch the ice during delivery.
- 5) The stone is delivered using a conventional arm/hand delivery OR an approved delivery stick.

COMPETITION FORMAT IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

- 1) Teams may play a maximum of two (2) games per day
- 2) 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
7-8	TKO to 4 team Page Playoff	4

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

- 1) If more than two (2) teams are registered, self-seeding will be used to determine ranking into the draw.
- 2) For more information regarding self-seeding consult [Competitor Guide, Section D\(6\)](#).

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. A minimum of four (4) ends must be played.
- 3) Each team will receive 38 minutes of thinking time to complete the game.
- 4) Each team will receive six (6) minutes of thinking time for each extra end.
- 5) The mid-game break is seven (7) 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 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.

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-five (35) 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.
- 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) Thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled game time, first practice will be announced.
- 2) It will consist of nine (9) minutes of practice time with a one (1) minute remaining warning, then, a one (1) minute time period for each 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) 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) Stones will be thrown with the rotation identified in the pre-game call.
- 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 the 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\(17-19\)](#).