



2027 Under-15 Boys and Girls

Date: January 28 to 31, 2027 (Friday to Sunday)

Location: Bridgewater Curling Club

Registration Deadline: December 30, 2026 at 12:00 pm (noon).

Entry Fee: \$300.00

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See below for specific competition details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competition Guide apply to this competition. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competition Guide and this appendix, this appendix is considered first.

A. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The provincial championship is a limited entry, no qualification event.
 - a) The U15 Boy's event is limited to 12 teams, which will be on a first come, first served to register for the event.
 - b) The U15 Girl's event is limited to 12 teams, which will be on a first come, first served to register for the event in.
 - c) If a full complement of 12 teams is registered, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 2) Teams **MUST** register four (4) players, and an eligible coach. Teams may register an alternate. A team's registration will not be accepted if all four (4) players and coach are not registered prior to the registration deadline.
- 3) For more information regarding team registration or team rosters, consult **Competition Guide, Sections 7.1-7.5.**
- 4) All players and alternate must be:
 - a) A resident of Nova Scotia
 - b) A member of an NS Curling affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.
 - c) Curlers are 15 years of age as of December 31, 2026 are eligible- [Curler Age Eligibility – Youth Curling](#)
 - d) **Date of Birth – Jan 1, 2012 or later**
- 5) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult **Competition Guide, Section 12.2.**
- 6) All players under the age of 12 years old **MUST** wear a helmet while on the ice.
- 7) A delivery stick may be used.

B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of four (4) sheets of ice is required.
- 2) The event is scheduled for a maximum of three (3) days (normally Friday to Sunday).
- 3) Club stones will be used.

- 4) No games will be scheduled to start after 7:30 pm
- 5) The event will be officiated.
- 6) Games will not be timed.
- 7) There will not be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 8) There may be a pre-game practice scheduled prior to each draw, if time allows.
- 9) House buttons should be the same size, and triangulation measurement points are established.
- 10) No opening ceremony.
- 11) 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 behavior, including bad language. All conduct matters will be fully documented and filed with NS Curling for subsequent review and follow-up. For more information on officiating consult [Competition Guide, Section 9.2.](#)

D. COACHING STANDARD

- 1) Each team MUST be accompanied by a certified coach who must be present within the event facility. Teams may register a certified Assistant Coach
- 2) Only coaches meeting the required coaching credentials will be permitted on-ice access. No exemptions to certification standards will be provided.
- 3) For more information regarding coaching, consult [Competition Guide, Sections 8.1-8.4.](#)
- 4) Coaches will employ Curling Canada's U-15 Coach Interaction Rules. For more information on Coach Interactions Rules consult [Competition Special Rules.](#)
- 5) The Curling Canada 'Fair Play Time Out Rule' shall be in effect. The Fair Play Time Out cannot be taken during the final end of play.
- 6) Coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages or use any mind-altering substance. This shall include the entire period from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the event. Violation will result in immediate suspension of the coach involved, and subject to further disciplinary action.

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year to Year Participation Information

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Boys	12	8	7	8	Covid	8	9	12
Girls	8	9	9	8	Covid	10	10	10
Date	Jan 30-Feb 1	Jan 31-Feb 1	Feb 2-4	Jan 26-29	Jan 27-30	Jan 28-31	Feb 6-9	Feb 8-10
Host	Bridgewater	Mayflower	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Yarmouth

	2018	2017
Men	13	16
Women	11	13
Date	Feb 9-11	Feb 10-12
Host	Liverpool	?

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL

- 1) This event is a designated Tier 3 NS Curling event.
- 2) The WCF moratorium on brush heads is NOT in effect. Hairbrushes cannot be used.
- 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) 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 QUALIFYING ROUND

- 1) Based on the average number of entries over the past five years (boys - 9 teams, girls - 9 teams) the anticipated format is adapted round robin play.
- 2) 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.
 - d) NS Curling reserves the right to modify the draw format to meet the requirements of the championship.
- 3) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day.
- 4) Each team is guaranteed three (3) games in the qualifying round.
- 5) Each game is scheduled for six (6) ends.
- 6) If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) ends, the game will be recorded as a tie.
- 7) No games will be scheduled to start after 7:30 pm
- 8) The official draw and schedule will be emailed to the primary team contact.
- 9) For more information regarding official draw preparation consult the [Competition Guide, Section 12.3.](#)

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

- 1) Self-Seeding (peer ranking) will be used. Teams will be placed into the draw based on the results

of ballots received.

- 2) 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.
- 3) For more information regarding self-seeding consult the [Competition Guide, Section 12.7.](#)

GAME TIMING

- 1) Games will not be timed. Pace of Play may be managed by the Chief Umpire. Coaches, please discuss ready curling with your team. For more information regarding the Pace of Play Rule consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.8\(9\).](#)
- 2) As per Curling Canada U-15 Coach Interaction Rules - [Resources – Youth Curling](#)

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 coin-toss area to:
 - a) confirm their line-up and readiness to play.
 - b) name which player will be throwing the LSD clockwise rotation, and which player will be throwing the LSD counter-clockwise rotation.
 - c) receive any instructions.
- 2) The team listed first will be assigned dark-colored handles and will practice first.
- 3) For more information regarding pre-game call consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.10.](#)
- 4) A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

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 (1) 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) Pre-game practice is not mandatory, but the team's attendance is required for Last Stone Draw.
- 4) Coaches and alternates are allowed access on the ice surface during practices, with appropriate curling footwear.
- 5) For more information regarding pre-game practice consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.11.](#)

LAST STONE DRAW (LSD) IN THE QUALIFYING 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) Under the direction of the umpire, teams will deliver two (2) LSDs. The first LSD will be thrown in the clockwise rotation; the second LSD will be thrown in the counter-clockwise rotation.
- 3) Each player will deliver an equal number of clockwise and counter-clockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games, a variation of one rotation per player must occur.
- 4) For more information on LSD procedures, consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.12.](#)

TEAM RANKING AND PLAYOFF PROCESS

- 1) The Chief Umpire will make all decisions with regard to the administration of playoff games.
- 2) Playoff teams will be ranked and placed into the playoff draw according to their qualifying round results.
- 3) There will be NO tiebreaker games scheduled.
- 4) Immediately following the conclusion of the qualifying round final draw, a meeting may occur between the Chief Umpire and all playoff teams. Teams must send one (1) team member (i.e. a player or coach).
 - a) The Chief Umpire will identify each team's advantages and choices with respect to hammer, handle color selection, and any adjustments to scheduling or ice assignments.
 - b) A team that does not attend the playoff meeting forfeits their game choices (last stone advantage in first end, stone handle color, and practice order) to which the team may be entitled.
- 5) A full playoff process is described in the [Competition Guide, Sections 13.1-13.6.](#)