



2027 Mixed Doubles

Date: March 17-21, 2027 (Wednesday to Sunday) Location

Liverpool Curling Club

Registration Deadline: February 3, 2027 at 12:00 pm (noon).

Entry Fee: \$250.00 + Curling Canada Competitor Fee of \$25.00 per participant.

National Championship: Date and Location TBD

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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 Championship is limited to 16 teams, which will be based on a first come, first served to register for the event.
 - b) If a full complement of 16 teams is registered, teams may register to be placed on the waiting list.
- 2) Teams **MUST** register one (1) male and one (1) female player. Teams may register an eligible coach. Alternate players are not allowed. A team's registration will not be accepted if both players are not registered prior to the registration deadline.
- 3) There is no age restrictions.
- 4) For more information regarding team registration or team rosters, consult **Competition Guide, Sections 7.1-7.5.**
- 5) Both players must be:
 - a) Canadian citizens
 - b) residents of Nova Scotia. Because the national championship is played the following season, players must be residents in the year of the provincial championship.
 - c) 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 **Competition Guide, Section 12.2.**
- 7) 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 of five (5) days.
- 3) The 2027-29 championships 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 prior to each draw.
- 8) House buttons should be the same size with triangulation measurement points established.
- 9) No opening ceremony.
- 10) 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 regarding officiating consult [Competition Guide, Section 9.2.](#)

D. COACHING STANDARD

- 1) Only coaches meeting the required coaching credentials will be permitted on-ice access. No exemptions to certification standards will be provided.
- 2) For more information regarding coaching consult [Competition Guide, Sections 8.1-8.4.](#)

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

First Canadian Championship was held in 2013.

Year to Year Participation Information

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
# Teams	13	8	12	11	Covid	Covid	15
Date	Feb 4-8	Jan 30-Feb 2	Feb 1-4	Dec 15-18	Dec 16-19	Jan 8-10	Jan 31-Feb 3
Host	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool	Lakeshore

	2019	2018	2017
# Teams	12	13	7
Date	Feb 7-10	Mar 1-4	?
Host	Berwick	Lakeshore	Bridgetown

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL

- 1) This championship is a designated Tier 1 NS Curling event.
- 2) 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 equipment consult [Competition Guide, Sections 10.1-10.2](#).
- 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. The selection of the team to represent NS at Nationals will be governed by the Competitions Advisory Panel.

RULES FOR ALL MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS

- 1) Consult the Curling Canada Rules of Curling Supplemental Rules (Pages 56 to 59).
- 2) There is no Mixed Doubles spare pool. A team must forfeit any game(s) in which it fails to have both registered athletes playing 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 ices may be different in curl, stone placement may vary from sheet to sheet.
- 5) Each team shall deliver five (5) stones per end. The player delivering the teams first stone of the end must deliver the team's last stone of the end. The player delivering the first stone can change from end to end.
- 6) Each team is allowed one (1) powerplay per game, determined by the team with hammer. The power play can not be used in an extra end.
- 7) In mixed doubles, no stone, including the two (2) positioned stationary stones, can be removed to an out of play position prior to the delivery of the fourth (4th) stone of the end. The fourth stone delivered is the first stone that can remove any stone from play.
- 8) The no-tick rule does not apply.
- 9) Teams are not required to have a broom holder.

COMPETITION FORMAT IN THE QUALIFYING ROUND

- 1) The anticipated format is round robin pool 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) NS Curling reserves the right to modify the draw format to meet the requirements of the championship.
- 3) Each game is scheduled for eight (8) ends.
- 4) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day; three (3) game days cannot be scheduled for two (2) consecutive days, excluding playoffs.
- 5) The official draw and schedule will be emailed to the primary team contact.
- 6) For more information regarding official draw preparation consult [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 the ballots received.
- 2) Teams are encouraged to consult the Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking (CMDR) when ranking the teams, which considers performances in Mixed Doubles events.
- 3) For more information regarding self-seeding consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.7.](#)

GAME TIMING

- 1) Games will be timed. However, certain compromises could be made depending upon club space, available equipment, number of volunteers, etc.
- 2) Each team will receive 22 minutes of thinking time; extra ends are three minutes (3:00).
- 4) The mid-game break is five (5) minutes.
- 5) There will be a three (3) minute break before starting an extra end. Between all other ends, breaks will be “turn and go”.
- 6) 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.
- 7) For more information regarding game timing consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.8.](#)

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

- 1) There will be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 2) Teams are not required to participate. As a matter of courtesy please let the Competition Advisory Panel know if you are not going to attend your practice session.
- 3) 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.
- 4) For more information regarding pre-competition practice guidelines consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.9.](#)

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:
 - a) Confirm their line-up and readiness to play.
 - b) Receive any instructions.
- 2) For more information regarding the pre-game call consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.10.](#)
- 3) A draw to the button competition will be used to determine the 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 are allowed access on the ice surface during practices, with appropriate curling footwear.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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 competition immediately following the pre-game practice.
- 2) Under the direction of the umpire, teams will deliver two (2) LSDs. Each player will throw one LSD, both players will throw the same rotation. The team practicing first will throw the clockwise rotation. The team practicing second will throw the counter-clockwise rotation.
- 3) The total number of clockwise and counter-clockwise deliveries per player are not applicable to Mixed Doubles.
- 4) For more information on Last Stone Draw 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. 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) The full playoff process is described in the [Competition Guide, Sections 13.1-13.6.](#)