

2027 Club Series U-15 & U-21 Open



Open Gender Event

Date: March 5 to 7, 2027 (Friday to Sunday)

Location: Windsor Curling Club

Registration Deadline: February 5, 2027 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.

The intent of the Club Series championships is to support the development of curling across Nova Scotia and was founded and intended for recreational club curlers. It is designed to foster both competitive spirit and social engagement among participants. We keep this objective in mind when we set our eligibility requirements and rules, including the Curling Canada Rules for General Play.

A. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Each Championship is a limited entry, no qualification event
- 2) All players and alternates must be:
 - a) Residents of NS
 - b) A member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club.
 - c) Curlers are required to be U-21 as of June 30, 2026 (DOB: July 1, 2005 or later), or U-15 as of Dec 31, 2026 (DOB: Jan 1, 2012 or later) - [Curler Age Eligibility – Youth Curling](#)
- 3) Club Series U-15/U-21 Championship:
 - a) Limited to 16 teams in each group, which is based on 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.
 - c) Team MUST register four (4) players of **any gender**. Teams may register an alternate.
 - d) An athlete is NOT eligible if they have competed or will be competing in a Curling Canada sanctioned U-18 and/or U-20 and/or U-21 Mixed Doubles National event.
 - This does NOT include RockFest Atlantic participation

- e) A team that has competed in the U-15 and/or U-18 and/or U-20 NS provincials in the 2027 season is not eligible to compete in the Club Series U-15/U-21 championship with their provincially registered roster.
- Those athletes are however eligible to compete as long as no more than 50% of their team that competed in the provincial championships is on the club series team roster.
 - Athletes that have competed at the U-15, U-18, U-20 & U-21 provincial competitions cannot combine to create a team for the Club Series Championship
 - A maximum of 2 athletes that competed in the U-15, U-18, U-20 & U-21 provincial championship are eligible to form a team with 2 other athletes that have not entered those competitions.

B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of three (3) sheets of ice required
- 2) Each Club Series event is scheduled for a maximum of three (3) days (Friday to Sunday)
- 3) Club stones will be used
- 4) The event will NOT be officiated. The host club will have the general supervision and governance of event rules and procedures, including administering the draw and coin toss. Host club volunteers will be required to conduct measurements.
- 5) Games will NOT be timed
- 6) There will NOT be a pre-competition practice scheduled
- 7) There will NOT be a pre-game practice
- 8) There WILL be a mid-game break
- 9) No opening ceremony
- 10) Host committee will have live scoring on the NS Curling website

C. UMPIRES

This event will not have Umpires.

D. COACHES/CHAPERONES

- 1) Each team MUST be accompanied by a registered coach or chaperone who must be present within the event facility.
- 2) Coaches/Chaperones do not need to be fully 'trained or certified' to accompany a team; however, they must be a minimum of 'Safe Sport Certified' and have a 'Background Check' (within 3 years) on file with NS Curling.
 - [Safe Sport Training | Coaching Association of Canada | Association canadienne des entraîneurs](#)
 - [Online Criminal Record Check | Canadian Background Check](#)

The Coach:

- a. Is considered a team member and must abide by all relevant NS Curling policies and team expectations.
 - b. Is expected to wear appropriate footwear while in the playing area.
 - c. Will be permitted on the ice during the mid-game break and time-outs.
 - d. Is prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages or the use of any mind-altering substance from the time they leave home for travel to the event and until they arrive back at home after the conclusion of their event. Violation will result in immediate suspension of the coach involved for the remainder of the bonspiel, and subject to further disciplinary action.
- 3) The Curling Canada 'Fair Play Time Out Rule' shall be in effect

E. COACH INTERACTIONS

Coach Interactions will NOT be in effect during the U-15 & U-20 Club Series Championship

F. BONSPEIL HISTORY

2027 will be the inaugural event for the U-15 & U-20 Club Series Championship

G. BONSPEIL PROCEDURES

General

- 1) This bonspiel is a designated Tier 3 NS Curling event
- 2) The WCF moratorium on brush heads is NOT in effect. Hair brooms are not permitted.
- 3) Players will conduct all measurements with coach assistance if required?
- 4) Players are only permitted to be in the ice shed during their assigned game times.
- 5) In the event of a Force Majeure and the provincial championship cannot be held, all entry fees will be refunded.

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 U-15 game is scheduled for six (6) ends
- 4) Each U-20 game is scheduled for eight (8) ends
- 5) Teams may play a maximum of three (3) games per day
- 6) If a game is tied after the allotted six (6) or eight (8) ends, a shootout will be thrown.
- 7) The official draw and schedule will be emailed to the primary team contact
- 8) For more information regarding official draw preparation consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.3](#)

TIED GAMES

- 1) If a game is tied after the 6th or 8th end, a shootout competition will determine the winner.

- 2) The shootout will be thrown towards the home end. Each player will take one (1) stone to the away end, to be thrown towards the home end.
- 3) The shootout involves all players from both teams throwing alternating draws to the button.
- 4) The team that scored last will throw the first stone in the shootout.
- 5) Each stone is scored as follows:
 - a) Touching button – 5 points
 - b) Touching 4-foot – 4 points
 - c) Touching 8-foot – 3 points
 - d) Touching 12-foot – 2 points
 - e) In Free Guard Zone – 1 point
- 6) The team with the highest shootout score wins the game
- 7) If teams are still tied after the shootout:
 - a) One player from each team will throw one (1) stone to the button
 - b) Closest measurable stone to the pin wins the game
 - c) If both players cover the pin or miss the house (non-measurable stone), a different player on each team will throw one stone to the button. This process is repeated until a stone can be measured.

RANKING & DRAW PLACEMENT PROCESS

Teams will be placed into the draw by random selection.

GAME TIMING

- 1) Games will NOT be timed. Pace of Play will be managed by the Host Club.
- 2) There will be 2 timeouts during the game
 - Each timeout will be 60 seconds
 - Timeouts must be called by the throwing team
 - Coaches will receive travel time to reach their team
 - The timeout will end at the 60 second mark or when the throwing team's coach leaves the team
- 3) There will be a 5-minute break at the midway point of the game

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

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

PRE-GAME CALL

- 1) Twenty (20) 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
 - c) Complete a coin toss for choice of last rock or rock color
 - d) There will NOT be a Last Stone Draw to determine last rock

TEAM RANKING AND PLAYOFF PROCESS

- 1) Playoff teams will be ranked and placed into the playoff draw according to their qualifying round results.
- 2) There will be no tiebreaker games scheduled
- 3) Total of the number of ends scored in all games (requires scorekeepers to track that stat) - that way you reward scoring often instead of all-in-one end with total points scored (encourages teams to play all ends). If still tied..
- 4) If still tied - Total number of stolen points
- 5) If still tied - Total points scored in the event
- 6) In all playoff games teams will use the stones on the assigned sheet
- 7) Immediately following the conclusion of the qualifying round final draw, a meeting may occur between the Host Chair and all playoff teams. Teams must send one (1) team member.
 - a) The Host Chair 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 the first end, stone handle color, and practice order) to which the team may be entitled.