

2027 U-15 & U-21

Mixed Doubles

Date: January 14-17, 2027 (Thursday to Sunday)

Location: TBA

Registration Deadline: December 3, 2026 at 12:00 pm (noon) Entry

Fee: \$250.00



National Championship: NOT available for the 2027 season.

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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 24 teams, which will be based on a first come, first served to register for the event.
 - b) If a full complement of 24 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, and an eligible coach. Alternate players are not allowed. A team's registration will not be accepted if both 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) Both players must:
 - a) be a Canadian citizen
 - b) be residents of Nova Scotia.
 - c) be a member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club, but not necessarily the same club.
 - d) To meet the age eligibility of U-15 athletes must be under 15 years of age as of December 31, 2026 (must be born January 1, 2012) - [Curler Age Eligibility – Youth Curling](#)
 - e) To meet the age eligibility of U-21 athletes must be under 21 years of age as of June 30, 2026. (date of birth July 1, 2005 or later) - [Curler Age Eligibility – Youth Curling](#)
 - f) is currently competing in provincial competitions
- 5) Athletes who attend school on a full-time basis outside of the province/territory of their primary residence for no less than one (1) full academic session (i.e a term, block, semester, etc) prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games are eligible to participate for the Province/Territory in which they attend school.
- 6) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult **Competition Guide, Section 12.2**.
- 7) All athletes under the age of 12 years MUST wear a helmet while on the ice.
- 8) A delivery stick is NOT allowed.

B. HOSTING INFORMATION

- 1) A minimum of four (4) sheets of ice is required.
- 2) The event is scheduled for a maximum of four (4) days.
- 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 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) Each team **MUST** be accompanied by an **NCCP trained coach**, and the coach must be present within the event facility.
- 2) Only coaches meeting the required coaching credentials will be permitted on-ice access. No exemptions to certification standards will be provided.
 - a) NS Curling playdown requirement: Competition Coach “Trained” (Competition Coach Workshop + MED).
 - b) **For the 2027 championship, Coaches with Club Coach training will be accepted *due to no national championship.**
- 3) The coach’s gender is not restricted.
- 4) For more information regarding coaching, consult [Competition Guide, Sections 8.1-8.4](#).
- 5) Coaches will employ Curling Canada’s U21 Mixed Doubles Coach Interaction Rules. For more information regarding Coach Interaction Rules consult [Competition Special Rules](#).

- 6) The Curling Canada 'Fair Play Time Out Rule' shall be in effect. For more information regarding the Fair Play Time Out Rule consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.8\(8\)](#).

E. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The youth Mixed Doubles event was introduced in 2017 and included three age categories: U15, U18 and U21. In 2024, the event was revamped into two age categories: U16 and U21. In 2025 a U21 National Championship was introduced, and the event was revamped again into two categories: CWG and U21. In 2026, the event will only have a CWG (U21) category. In the 26/27 season ages were adjusted to U-21 and U-15 to align with Curling Canada's long term curler development ages.

Year to Year Participation Information

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total	26	26	22	7	Covid	Covid	26
U16	x	x	10	0	x	x	12
U18	x	x	x	7	x	x	10
CWG	30	24	x	x	x	x	x
U21	NA	2	12	0	x	x	4
Host	Berwick	Berwick	Liverpool	Liverpool	x	x	Chester
Dates	Mar 12-15	Jan 10-12	Jan 12-14	Jan 19-22	Mar 18-20	Mar 26-28	Jan 30-Feb 2

	2019	2018	2017
Total	24	26	30
U16	x	x	x
U18	x	x	x
CWG	x	x	x
U21	x	x	x
Host	Liverpool	Liverpool	Lakeshore
Dates	Feb 1-3	Mar 23-25	Feb 18-20

Note: Registration information by age category is unavailable for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

F. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL

- 1) This championship is a designated Tier 3 NS Curling event for the 26/27 season as the championship does NOT lead to a National 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.
- 6) Players and 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 player or coach involved, and subject to further disciplinary action.

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 coaches 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 team's 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 powerplay cannot be used in an extra end.
- In mixed doubles, no stone, including the two (2) positioned stationary stones, can be
- 7) 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 five-rock rule does not apply; 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 are 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) The official draw and schedule will be emailed to the primary team contact.
- 5) 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) For more information regarding self-seeding consult the [Competition Guide, Section 12.7](#).

GAME TIMING

Timing will NOT be in place for the 26/27 season due to no National Championship

- 1) Games will be timed. However, certain compromises could be made depending upon club space, available equipment, number of volunteers, etc.
- 2) As per Curling Canada U-21 Mixed Doubles Coach Interaction Rules:
 - a. Maximum of two (2) interactions in the first half of the game and a maximum of two (2) interactions in the second half of the game. These interactions can occur in the same end or in different ends.
 - b. One (1) interaction per extra end.
 - c. Each team will receive 24 minutes of thinking time to complete the game; extra ends are three minutes and thirty seconds (3:30).

- d. Time clocks will run during interactions as normal thinking time.
 - e. The mid-game break is five (5) minutes.
 - f. Time between ends is 60 seconds. Game clocks will start 10 seconds after the 60 seconds have lapsed.
 - g. There will be a three (3) minute break before starting an extra end.
 - h. There will be no timeouts.
- 3) For more information regarding game timing consult Competition Guide, Section 12.8.

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

Pre-competition practice will NOT be in place for the 26/27 season due to no National Championship

- 1) There will be a pre-competition practice scheduled.
- 2) Teams are not required to participate. As a matter of courtesy please let the Competitions 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 counterclockwise deliveries per player is 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.](#)