



2027 Wheelchair

Date: February 26 to 28, 2027

Location: Lakeshore Curling Club

Registration Deadline: January 29, 2027 at 12:00 pm (noon).

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

National Championship: April 19 to 24, 2027 at Richmond BC.

This appendix is subject to review and evaluation, at a minimum, on an annual basis. The rules for one year's championship will not be construed to give or imply any right for future championships. The 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 Competition Advisory Panel. This appendix can be deemed final 14 days prior to the start of the championship.

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 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. Non-wheelchair curlers who are capable of delivering with a stick from a standing position are not eligible.

A. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The provincial championship is an open entry, with no qualification event.
- 2) Teams **MUST** be comprised of players of both genders. Teams may register an alternate and eligible coach.
- 3) Teams **MUST** register a minimum of three (3) eligible players. A team's registration will not be accepted if a minimum of three (3) players is not registered prior to the registration deadline.
- 4) For more information regarding team registration or team rosters, consult [Competition Guide, Sections 7.1-7.5](#).
- 5) All players and alternate must be:
 - a) residents of Nova Scotia prior to September 1, 2026.
 - b) a member in good standing of a NS Curling affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.
- 6) There is no age restrictions.
- 7) For more information regarding eligibility rules consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.2](#).
- 8) Individuals who are capable of delivering with a stick from a standing position are not eligible to participate.
- 9) Any qualification rules imposed by Curling Canada as a requirement to attend the Canadian Wheelchair Championship will be qualification rules of this event.
- 10) 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 prior to each draw.
- 9) House buttons should be the same size with triangulation measurement points established.
- 10) No opening ceremony.
- 11) 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 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.](#)

E. 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.](#)

F. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The first Canadian Wheelchair Championship was held in 2004 in London, ON. The first Provincial championship was held in 2008.

Year to Year Participation Information

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
# Teams	3	2	0	1	1	Covid	2	3	3
Date	Feb 27 Mar 1	Feb 21-23	Dec 29-31	Dec 29-31	Jan 14-16	Feb 11-14	Feb 14-16	Feb 22-24	Feb 2-4
Host	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Lakeshore	Pictou	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) 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) Teams may play with three (3) players, both genders must be present in the game at all times.
- 3) Sweeping is not permitted.
- 4) Stones are delivered from a stationary wheelchair positioned within 18 inches of the center line.
- 5) The feet of the player cannot touch the ice during delivery.
- 6) The stone is delivered using a conventional arm/hand delivery OR an approved delivery stick.

COMPETITION FORMAT IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

- 1) Draw format guidelines are 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 or 4	Double Round Robin. An undefeated team will be declared champion outright, without playoffs. Otherwise, 2-team single elimination playoff.	3
5 or 6	Single Round Robin. 2-team single elimination playoff.	4/5
7 to 8	Single Round Robin. 3-team playoff, 1 st place team goes straight to final.	4/5

- 2) Each game is scheduled for eight (8) ends.
- 3) Teams play a maximum of two (2) games per day.
- 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) If more than two (2) teams are registered, 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 [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 shall receive 38 minutes of thinking time extra ends are six (6) minutes (6:00).
- 3) The mid-game break is seven (7) minutes.
- 4) There will be a three (3) minute break before starting an extra end. Between all other ends, breaks will be “turn and go”.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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-five (35) 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) 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) 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) Thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled game time, first practice will be announced. 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. Second practice will follow the same format. Please follow the umpire's announcements.
- 2) Pre-game practice is not mandatory, but the team's attendance is required for Last Stone Draw.
- 3) Coaches and alternates are allowed access on the ice surface during practices, with appropriate curling footwear.
- 4) 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 Last Stone Draw procedures, consult [Competition Guide, Section 12.12.](#)

PLAYOFF MEETING

- 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 tie-breaker 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.](#)