



ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

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Information – Special General Meeting – March 28, 2015

MOTION # 1 – Be it resolved that the Ontario Curling Association change the age limit for Junior competition to match that of the Canadian Curling Association. Starting with the 2016 Junior Championship all competitors must be 20 years of age and under as of and including June 30th of the year previous to the Championship. Therefore athletes eligible for the 2016 Ontario Junior Championship will have to be born on or after July 1st, 1994.

Background

In September, 2014 at the Canadian Curling Association - National Curling Congress the following motion was passed:

“Be it resolved to change the age eligibility for the Canadian Juniors from 20 years of age and under as of December 31st of the prior year to the Canadian Junior Championships, to 20 years of age or under as of and including June 30th of the year prior to the Canadian Junior Championships. The age of eligibility will be in effect for the 2016 Canadian Juniors and onwards. Therefore athletes eligible for the 2016 Canadian Juniors will have to be born on or after July 1st, 1994.”

By passing this motion the Canadian Curling Association has now aligned their age limits to match that of the World Curling Federation.



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MOTION # 2 – Be it resolved that the Ontario Curling Association eliminate the Zone playdowns structure from the Women’s Scotties Tournament of Hearts competition. All teams entered will be advanced directly to Regional competition. The current system of two (2) teams qualifying from Regions to Provincials, one (1) Challenge Round qualifier and the defending Champion automatically qualified for a total of ten (10) teams will remain.

Background

The reduction of total entries in the SToH playdown system has reduced to thirty-five (35) entries in 2015. If each Region competition was capped at sixteen (16) entries this would give access to sixty-four (64) entries without the need for Zone competitions. Under this proposal if one Zone was filled (First sixteen teams entered) then overflow teams would need to move to the available Region competition nearest the competitor’s home club.

		2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Region 1	Zone 1	3	1	3	3
	Zone 2	3	4	5	5
	Zone 3	1	2	1	1
	Zone 4	0	2	2	1
TOTALS		7	9	11	10
Region 2	Zone 5	1	3	3	2
	Zone 6	3	1	3	2
	Zone 7	2	4	7	8
	Zone 8	5	1	3	3
TOTALS		11	9	16	15
Region 3	Zone 9	1	2	3	5
	Zone 10	2	3	4	6
	Zone 11	0	1	0	1
	Zone 12	2	4	6	8
TOTALS		5	10	13	20
Region 4	Zone 13	4	2	4	5
	Zone 14	1	2	2	0
	Zone 15	3	3	3	3
	Zone 16	3	2	2	3
TOTALS		11	9	11	11
OVERALL TOTALS		35	37	51	56

This motion would normally be presented after the Rules Meeting at the AGM – Workshop but due to requirements of booking clubs and ice it requires immediate review.