



Travelers

Curling Club Championship

K-W Granite Club

COMPETITOR GUIDE

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CONGRATULATIONS! You have just achieved a major accomplishment in the sport of curling by becoming a provincial finalist at the Travelers Curling Club Championships being held at the K-W Granite Club, Waterloo, ON.

Travelers is the title sponsor of this event for the tenth consecutive season and CurlION certainly values their commitment to our sport in Ontario.

The overall responsibility for this championship falls to the Ontario Curling Association, an Association of clubs formed in 1875, which boasts a membership of 193 curling clubs and approximately 55,000 registered adult members and 7,000 registered junior members, and Curling Canada. Your Association host is Doug Kreviazuk, Chair of the Ontario Curling Association.

The host club for this year's championship is the K-W Granite Club. The local committee has worked closely with the Association to provide you with a first-class event. Your committee co-chairs are Kathy Ryan and Sue Hagel.

CurION / TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE – 2018

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GAME SCHEDULE & EVENT TIMING GUIDLINES:

You will find a copy of the game schedule & Timing Guidelines (Exhibit # 15) at the end of this Competitor's Guide.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Travelers Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements 2018

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship, which is for curling clubs to engage their members to participate in a club championship to declare a club champion to represent the curling club. The event is formulated for true club championship teams, not past or present elite. The objective is to support the development of curling across Canada. We keep this objective in mind as we set our eligibility requirements and on-ice rules, including the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for General Play. Curling Canada reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to exclude any team that violates this spirit and intent as it pertains to the rules below.

1. The curling club, represented by the team, must be affiliated with its provincial/territorial curling association, and thereby its national curling association (CC), and all dues must be paid in full to both the provincial/territorial and national association(s). The players of any club champion team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club. Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club, but shall declare one "home club" for this competition.

2. Each club will declare a men's team and women's team of FOUR (4) players to represent their club through either their normal league or club championship process, or through a designated Travelers Curling Club Championship competition within the club. The declared teams, through either process, MUST have at least three players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current season. If a replacement fourth player is used, (i.e., a player who did not play regularly on that team throughout the season) that player MUST play lead. Players who play exclusively in a major/super league without playing in another sanctioned club league are ineligible to compete. Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and women's leagues) must contact their association for approval to participate.
3. Each team will be allowed only one player who has played in a Juniors', Men's (Brier), Women's (Scotties) or Seniors' provincial/territorial event in the current or previous four curling seasons or participated in a Grand Slam event in the current or previous four curling seasons (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-2017, 2017-2018). * No player on the team can have played in a Canadian Juniors, Men's, Women's or Senior's Canadian Championship for those years (i.e. national competitors are excluded as regular or replacement players on the team).
 - a. Exception – Provinces/Territories with an open provincial/territory event will be permitted 1 player who has placed top 25% in a Juniors', Men's (Brier), Women's (Scotties) or Seniors' provincial/territory event in the current or previous 4 curling seasons, or participated in a Grand Slam event in the current or previous 4 curling seasons.
4. Players who competed in the 2017 Travelers Curling Club Championship national event are ineligible to compete in the 2018 play downs.
5. All games will be 8 ends with ties being decided by a full extra end.
6. Once a four-person team has been declared a club champion, a maximum of 1 replacement/substitute player from the club can play lead. It is at the discretion of each curling club to determine their replacement/substitute rules throughout their process to declare their club champions.
7. Each team must be comprised of 4 players aged 19 or over, as of November 1st, 2018. Provincial/Territorial curling associations may adopt a more restrictive age criterion if they choose.
8. Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Before exercising this discretion, Curling Canada will consult with the relevant provincial/territorial curling association, and will notify the provincial/territorial association in writing of any decisions regarding exceptions that are granted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

GENERAL:

The Travelers Curling Club Championship is considered a premier event in Ontario. Curling is based on a code of ethics, good sportsmanship and personal integrity. Display of emotion, broom banging, etc., which results in damage to any area or part of the playing surface, players' dressing rooms or any other area of the arena complex or hotel will result in suspension for one game. Subsequent infractions will result in suspension for the remainder of the championship. You are expected to follow the sportsmanship traditions of curling and the rules of the game throughout the competition.

1. Event Coordinator:

Dave Hutchison is responsible for all aspects of the championship that apply to game operations, including Umpires, ice, stones, etc.

2. Head Umpire and Other Umpires:

(a) Head Umpire – The Head Umpire, Kathy Ryan, is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the CURLING CANADA Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Board of Directors policy or precedent. Her decision will be final, except in matters involving disciplinary action. The CurlON Championship Committee for the Travelers Curling Club Championship shall be responsible for all matters involving disciplinary action. In an emergency situation, the Head Umpire may have to act immediately in areas outside of rules, policy or precedent. In these situations, the Head Umpire is the final authority.

TEAM MEETING:

All members of your team and coach if applicable shall attend this meeting with the Head Umpire and CurlON Event Coordinator. At this time any questions your team may have on the draw, officiating or rule interpretations will be discussed.

The penalty for missing the team meeting is forfeiture of last stone advantage for all games in the round robin.

This meeting will take place in the curling lounge:

Friday 8:15 a.m. for participants beginning play at 9:00 a.m.

Friday 12:15 p.m. for participants who begin play at 1:00 p.m.

Friday 4:15 p.m. for participants who begin play at 5:00 p.m.

LATE TEAM ARRIVALS:

All members of a team participating in the event shall arrive at the club at the time scheduled by the CurlON. If a team does not arrive at the site in time to play its first game in any CurlON competition, or any subsequent game(s), the team involved will forfeit the game(s) and be awarded a loss (L). Illness, accident or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it impossible for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by the CurlON Event Coordinator). If the team arrives too late to participate in the draw to the button for the purpose of determining last stone advantage for the upcoming game, they will deliver the first stone of the first end. All games shall be played at a time and place approved by CurlON.

DRESS STANDARDS:

You are required to have matching on-ice jackets and they are to be worn when you are on the ice (this includes practices, games and all ceremonies). Although you walk on carpeted areas, please ensure that your footwear is clean at all times.

Teams competing in a CurlON competition will be allowed to wear any number of non-competing sponsors' crests with no restriction on size. Teams may request further clarification from the CurlON office.

Violation of any aspect of the dress code will result in the offending player being suspended until the violation has been corrected – 2018-22 CURLING CANADA Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Miscellaneous Rule 22(3), Page 61.

OPENING CEREMONIES & SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Opening ceremonies begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday October 26th and all participants are required to take part.

A dinner will be hosted by the K-W Granite Club at approximately 7:00 p.m. Saturday October 27th. All participants are required to attend. Additional dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$35.00 each. Please let Kathy Ryan kathleenryan2358@gmail.com know how many you require no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday Oct 25th.

PLAYER OBLIGATIONS:

A member of each team may be called upon to offer special thanks to the Host Committee, Travelers and the CurlON at different functions during the championship. You are encouraged to co-operate and participate and, if chosen, you will be contacted by Dave Hutchison.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

Teams will be placed into one of two five team pools and play a round robin format within their pool for the Travelers Curling Club Championships.

The Event Coordinator shall appoint Umpires as necessary to properly control the play of the Travelers Curling Club Championships. The Head Umpire or designate shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by CurlON/CURLING CANADA. The decision of the Head Umpire or designate is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. An appeal may be made as outlined on matters involving disciplinary action. The Championship Committee of the CurlON and Travelers have the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules, including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final and binding.

STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE: Round-Robin

During the round robin portion of the Travelers Curling Club Championships teams will conduct a coin toss to determine first or second practice. Stone colour will be assigned during round robin pool play. The team practicing first will practice twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the round robin draw.

All competitions shall allow for a seven (7) minute per team pre-game organized practice. Practice is to be on the sheet of ice where the team is scheduled to play and only with the stones they will be using in the game.

After each team's practice is declared complete and the coach has left the ice surface, one player from each team shall throw one (1) stone within the one (1) minute period to the home end with sweeping that will be measured and removed. The team practicing first will throw their Last Stone Draw (LSD) with a clockwise rotation while the team practicing second will throw their LSD with a counter-clockwise rotation.

If the delivered stone is not measurable or has covered the pin, then another team member will throw one (1) stone with sweeping using the same rotation immediately thereafter. The first delivered stone will have a measure of 186 cm or 0 cm if stone covered the pin. One (1) player from the opposing team has the right to observe the measure. The team that has the least measurement will have last stone advantage. In the event that both teams' two (2) measurements are equal, the teams shall conduct a coin toss to determine last stone advantage.

A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by a team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

Please note that the draw to the button will be conducted by the teams without assistance of an Umpire.

BROOMS AND BRUSHES:

Please note Rule 15 (page 51) Equipment from the 2016-18 CURLING CANADA Rules of Curling for Officiated Play.

All players competing at the PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP will be required to conform to the moratorium as detailed under "EVENTS leading to a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

that advances to a WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP” **INCLUDING** the **BEING REQUIRED** to use of WORLD CURLING FEDERATION (WCF) approved brush heads.

OCA EVENTS Leading to a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

In summary:

(1) Only World Curling Federation (WCF) approved brush heads will be allowed for use at Ontario Championships leading to a National Championship.

(2) In all events, the obligation for compliance is on the individual players (and/or coach) to source a compliant brush head for play. Players and coaches will be responsible for ensuring any sweeping brush brought to the playing field is compliant with the moratorium.

(3) Hair brooms and corn brooms are banned for use as sweeping devices. During this moratorium, however they will be allowed to serve as sliding brooms.

(4) Any player using a sweeping device in competitions noted in (1) that is NOT APPROVED by the WCF ~~will be suspended from the remainder of the competition and the game in question will be forfeited. The team will not be allowed to replace the player for the remainder of the competition and will play with three players~~ will be subject to the following: once violation is confirmed – stone in question will be removed from play and considered a burnt stone between hog lines. All other stones will be replaced in original positions. Player/team will receive a verbal warning and a second infraction by player/team will result in player being suspended from the remainder of the competition and the game in question will be forfeited. The team will not be allowed to replace the player for the remainder of the competition and will play with three players. ~~A second infraction by the same player or same team (any player, any time) will suspend that team for the remainder of the competition in question and for the next season. A second infraction by a specific player, at anytime, will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season and for the next season.~~

** strikethrough is CurlION modifications to Curling Canada moratorium*

(5) Each player must declare his or her approved sweeping device at the start of the game. Only that player can use that device for sweeping during the game. **Penalty:** If a player sweeps with another person's sweeping device, the stone shall be removed from play. (see Rules of Curling for Officiated Play – Rule 10 which states “stone is removed from play immediately and all other stones returned to original position prior to offence”)

(6) A player may not change their brush head during a game, unless special permission is granted by the official in charge or Chief Umpire at formally officiated events. **NOTE to OFFICIALS & UMPIRES** – Special permission is to be granted only if the head in question is damaged beyond use by an action other than intentional destruction by competitor/team, or the brush head is causing damage to the ice surface through no intentional action of the competitor/team.

(7) If an alternate or substitute player enters a game that has started, they MUST use the broom of the player they are replacing. PENALTY: If a new sweeping device is brought into the game, the team will forfeit the game.

(8) The target broom must be the declared sweeping brush of the skip and vice-skip. Using a separate or different broom as the target broom is NOT allowed and is considered a breach of rule 5 with the same penalty.

(9) The moratorium covers any pre-competition practice, pre-game practice, and the draw for last stone advantage. PENALTY: If an unauthorized sweeping device is used, the offending team will relinquish last stone advantage in the next scheduled game.

(10) The sweeping techniques from Curling Canada's General Play Rule 11 (8)(a),(b),(c) and Officiated Rule 12 (8)(a),(b),(c) will continue to be enforced.

(11) Random inspections of equipment by an umpire may be carried out during any event and/or during a game. Opposing players may request an inspection of a brush head prior to or during a game.

(12) **Authority:**

(a) The Chief Umpire is authorized to administer the Moratorium and may assign other umpires to perform various duties, as required.

(b) The Official in Charge is authorized to administer the Moratorium.

(c) The Chief Umpire is authorized to make decisions regarding this Moratorium not specifically covered in this rule protocol. The Official in Charge is asked to contact the Official on call for clarification and guidance regarding any rulings.

(d) All decisions of the Chief Umpire or Official in Charge and Official on Call are final.

PLAYOFF FORMAT:

Round robin games between teams will resolve insolvable ties as far as possible before tie-breaker games will be played. Teams that are tied for the final playoff spot in each pool will be involved in tie-breaker games.

The playoffs shall be a four (4) team playoff. In the first playoff draw, the second (2nd) place team in Pool A will play the first (1st) place team from Pool B while the second (2nd) place team in Pool B plays the first (1st) place team from Pool A with the winners advancing to play in the sudden death final.

The Head Umpire or designate will make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

Additional information relative to tie-breakers, playoffs and sheet assignments will be discussed by the Head Umpire and the teams involved after the last game of the round robin.

Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. Teams tied for a playoff position can only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).

The only playoff positions that shall involve tie-breaker games are the second playoff positions.

When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in the playoff draw or tie-breaker game(s). If a complete ranking of the tied teams cannot be established by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.

When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records, only those teams that remain tied after such shall use a draw to the button similar to that used to determine last stone advantage prior to a round robin game.

When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or tie-breaker game(s) is the same, the team that won the game between the two during the round-robin shall have choice of either last stone or stone handle colour. The declaration of last stone or stone handle colour shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the Umpire.

All tie-breakers shall be played with the stones from the sheet assigned. Stone handles shall not be changed from one set of stones to another.

STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE: T/B's & Playoffs

In playoff games, last stone advantage and choice of stone handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the round-robin. If the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone handle colour. The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first. A team is allowed to throw its own stones during practice and not those of the opposition.

For the men's and women's final games, teams will be permitted to select stones from an adjacent sheet of ice if they desire. All other games will use the stones assigned to the sheet of ice they are playing on. Handles cannot be changed.

PENALTIES AND RULE ENFORCEMENT:

The CURLING CANADA Rulebook has a number of different sections. You should take note of the section titled Rules of Curling for Officiated Play as well as the CurlION Rules Supplement.

Every rule has an enforcement procedure that will be followed at this Ontario championship.

It should be noted that there are no warnings for any infraction unless it is stated in the rulebook or brought to your attention by the Head Umpire prior to the start of the competition!

OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES & APPEALS:

Refer to the CurlON Rules Supplement and CURLING CANADA Special Rules section for more details.

DOPING CONTROL:

During this competition, random samples may be collected from athletes for testing for banned substances. The samples will be collected by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports (CCES) who will conduct the laboratory analysis and report the results. Athletes are required to follow all instructions if asked to provide a sample. Failure to comply with instructions given by the doping control officer will be considered an avoidance of testing and sanctions may be applied.

It is your responsibility to review all medications (OTC and Prescription) for compliance. If you have any medical issues or are on any prescription medications that may require a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption). CCES will, after a positive test, require a medical review to grant a retroactive TUE.

Please review your requirements at www.cces.ca for all information and to review if your medication is a banned substance. Not knowing is not an excuse it is your responsibility to know what you are taking.

ALTERNATE PLAYERS' POOL:

CurlON does not recognize alternate players **therefore you cannot bring a 5th player to this event.**

Please note that if your team has previously changed a player from the team that qualified from your club or at the qualifier, you will be unable to select another alternate but will be allowed to play with three players. All alternates **MUST** play lead.

TRAVELERS CURLING CLUB CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018:

The winner of the Travelers Curling Club Championships will represent Ontario at the Travelers Curling Club Canadian Championships to be held November 19th to 24th, 2018 in Miramichi, NB.

You will be provided with playing uniforms (jackets and shirts). Return airfare (if applicable) or mileage and hotel accommodation, are provided by CURLING CANADA/Travelers.

All details will be discussed at the team meeting following the final games of the Travelers Curling Club Championship and all team members must be present to sign

forms and to be sized for on-ice uniforms. This meeting will be held in the curling lounge and conducted by Dave Hutchison.

CurlION TIMING GUIDELINES (Exhibit 15)

1. Timers should be equipped with an official CurlION time clock (preset to the appropriate time permitted for each team to complete their ends), as well as a stopwatch to be used to time breaks between ends, team timeouts, and breaks at mid-game and before extra ends. It is also helpful to have a pen/pencil and a piece of paper (or form) on which to record the time remaining for each team at the completion of each end (optional), and the number of timeouts taken by each team. An example of such a form can be found at the end of these guidelines.
2. The thinking time for each team to play a 10-end game is 38 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running. Thinking time for each team to play an 8-end game is 30 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running. (At the Silver Tankard & Women's Tankard events, 45 minutes will be used.)
3. In the first end, neither clock is running until:
 - the first rock has come to rest or has crossed the back line,
 - the players on the delivering team have moved to the side of the side,
 - the delivering team has relinquished control of the house.
4. The clock for the team about to deliver continues to run until their delivered stone crosses the nearer tee-line.

NOTE: No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the near tee-line.

5. No clock is running until all the following conditions are met:
 - All stones have come to rest in play or crossed the far back line. This includes any stones that have gone out of play over the side lines, and any stones thrown through or "into the boards".
 - the players on the delivering team have moved to the side of the side,
 - the delivering team has relinquished control of the house.At this time the opposing team becomes the delivering team and their clock is started.
6. At the conclusion of an end both clocks are off. Once a decision on the score of the end is reached – including the measurement, if required – and all stones begin to be moved towards the back line, the team delivering the first stone of the next end has 30 seconds to commence delivery of a stone. If the stone has not crossed the near tee-line within those 30 seconds their clock should run until it does.
7. The next end is then timed in the same way as the first, see paragraphs 3, 4, 5 & 6.
8. A maximum 5-minute timeout may take place at the completion of the 5th end of a 10-end game and the 4th end of an 8-end game. Both teams must be on the ice and ready to play at the end of 5 minutes.

9. Both team clocks will be stopped for timeouts, measurements, injuries, deliveries of rocks belonging to opposing team, replacements of stones following free guard zone violations, official involvement and any other circumstances as directed by the Umpire-in-charge.
10. Team timeouts will normally be signaled by the team to the Umpire-in-charge. However, if the Umpire is occupied elsewhere and does not notice the timeout being called, the timer may stop the clock at the team's request, but should notify the Umpire-in-charge immediately. (Timers should also make a note whenever a team calls a time-out in order to advise the Umpire-in-charge, if requested, how many remain.)
 - If the team calling the timeout has an officially declared coach, both clocks should be paused until the coach reaches the sheet on which the game is being played. At this time, the 60-second timing begins.
 - If the team calling the timeout does NOT have an official coach, the 60-second timing begins as soon as the timeout is called.
11. Each team is allowed 5 minutes thinking time to complete each extra end plus one 60-second timeout to be called by the team when their clock is running. A maximum 3-minute timeout may take place at the completion of the 10th end in a 10-end game prior to the start of any extra ends (the 8th end in an 8-end game). The 3-minutes excludes the time required for all the stones to be moved to the far end of the rink. (Note: If an extra end is required, timers will generally be supplied with a special CurlION clock preset to the 5 minutes per team permitted for the end.)
12. The Umpire-in-charge should be advised when a team has only 5 minutes left on their clock. The Umpire-in-charge must be notified when a team's time has run out.
13. The team's final stone must reach the near tee-line prior to their time expiring to avoid a potential forfeiture of the game due to a game time violation.
14. As per CURLING CANADA rules, a team may continue play after their opponent's clock has expired in attempt to tie or win the game within their allotted time.



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		Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E	Sheet F
Friday	9:00am		C vs D	1 vs 2	3 vs 4	A vs B	
	1:00pm	5 vs 1	C vs D	A vs B	5 vs 1	2 vs 3	2 vs 3
	5:00pm	1 vs 3	4 vs 2	3 vs 4	B vs C	E vs D	E vs A
	9:00pm	5 vs 4	5 vs 4	1 vs 2	E vs A	E vs D	B vs C
Saturday	8:30am	4 vs 2	1 vs 3	A vs C	D vs B	A vs C	D vs B
	12:30pm	D vs A	B vs E	C vs E	3 vs 5	4 vs 1	2 vs 5
	4:30pm	D vs A	B vs E	3 vs 5	C vs E	2 vs 5	4 vs 1
	8:30pm	Tiebreakers (if required)					
Sunday	9:00am	Tiebreakers or Semi-Finals					
	1:00pm	Men's Final or Women's Final					
	4:00pm	Men's Final or Women's Final					

THE TEAMS

		Club	Skip
Women's A	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		

Women's B	A		
	B		
	C		
	D		
	E		

Men's A	A		
	B		
	C		
	D		
	E		

Men's B	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		

