



ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

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U21 MIXED DOUBLES STATEMENT

In the summer of 2016, the Ontario Curling Association transitioned the Junior Mixed Championship to a U21 Mixed Doubles in an effort to help train our developing athletes in the new Olympic discipline. CurlON is one of the only Member Associations offering this discipline as a resource to our athletes.

In each season since, the U21 discipline has been competed with the following entries:

2016-17	33 Teams	Winners	Kayla MacMillan	Morgan Calwell
2017-18	30 Teams	Winners	Riley Sandham	Matt Hall
2018-19	57 Teams	Winners	Anastasia Richards	Sammy Churchill

As part of our continued support of athletes, the Ontario Curling Council supported by CurlON and Curl NOCA lobbied the Ontario Winter Games program to add the U21 Mixed Doubles discipline. Starting in 2020, the Ontario Winter Games program will host four curling disciplines: U18 Men & Women, U21 Mixed Doubles and Wheelchair. The Ontario Winter Games are a multi-sport event and a feature of winter athletics in Ontario.

After review of the current 2019-2020 Youth Competition Calendar, CurlON has deferred the U21 Mixed Doubles to the Ontario Winter Games program in an effort to allow our U21 athletes the opportunity to compete in such a large and excellent Ontario program. In every year Ontario will host a U21 Mixed Doubles event for our athletes, in the years that U21 is hosted as part of the Ontario Winter Games program and in every other year as a CurlON U21 Provincial Championship.

As a response to the confusion in Ontario and a recent social media lobby / petition, CurlON wanted to clarify several facts:

- **CURLON HAS HELD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD AN UNDER 21 MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITION ANNUALLY.**
- **CURLON TRANSITIONED FROM JUNIOR MIXED TO U21 MIXED DOUBLES TO OFFER ATHLETES AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN IN THE NEW OLYMPIC DISCIPLINE**
- **ONTARIO ATHLETES HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN EVENTS THAN ANY OTHER MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA**





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ONTARIO EVENTS (open to U21 athletes) and other conflicts

Weekend	Potential Conflicts
Dec. 27 - 30	U21 Men & Women Provincials
Jan. 3 – 5	
Jan. 10 – 12	U21 Mixed Doubles OWG Qualifier Cashspiel Men / Women
Jan. 17 – 19	Men / Women Open Qualifiers
Jan. 24 – 26	U21 Men & Women National Championships OJCT - Stu Sells Mixed Doubles (U25) Slam Series - NJCT Qualifier (U21)
Jan. 31 – Feb. 2	Men's & Women's Provincials
Feb. 7 – 9	Mixed Doubles – Qualifier
Feb. 14 – 16	OUA / OCAA Championships
Feb. 21 – 23	OJCT - Players Championship U18/U21 Mixed Doubles
Feb. 28 – Mar. 1	Ontario Winter Games Mixed Doubles Championship
Mar. 6 – 8	Ontario Mixed Qualifier
Mar. 13 – 15	Canada U-Sport
Mar. 20 – 22	Slam Series – U21 Event
Mar. 27 – 29	
Apr. 3 – 5	
Apr. 10 – 12	Mixed Championship
Apr. 17 – 19	University Exams
Apr. 24 – 26	OJCT Championships

