

## 1. APPLICATION

- (a) These rules apply to:
- (i) Curlers participating in competitions governed by Ontario Curling Association “CurlON”; and
  - (ii) All CurlON Zones, Regions and Affiliated Curling Club’s or facilities hosting a CurlON competition.
- (b) **It is a condition of participation in any competition organized and sanctioned by CurlON that the participant/competitor does so at his/her sole risk and that CurlON shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury resulting from or in connection with such participation. The participant/competitor by virtue of their participation agrees to indemnify and waive CurlON of any claims. The participant/competitor also agrees to the use of their likeliness, picture or video by CurlON in promoting the game of curling and CurlON competitions.**  
**ROWAN'S LAW: It is a condition of participation that all athletes under the age of 26 must acknowledge and provide CurlON a receipt of Concussion Awareness Resources prior to participation.**
- (c) All rules will comply with the Curling Canada “Rules of Curling for Officiated Play in 2018-2022” and any issued Moratoriums unless modified in the CurlON Rules Supplement, Competitor Guides, Templates, and draws for CurlON competitions. CurlON Rules listed in these documents will take precedence over Curling Canada “Rules of Curling for Officiated Play 2018-2022”.
- (d) All competition templates, guides, draws form an integral part of the rules for the event and shall be enforceable as part of the rules. These event specific rules may contradict the Rules Supplement and will take precedence for the duration of that event.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) CurlON hosts many levels of competitive play as defined below:
- “Playdowns” - The entire calendar(s) of sanctioned competitions within the CurlON program.
  - “Competition” – A group of events leading to declare a Provincial or National Champion.
  - “Event” - A specific draw leading up to the competition Provincial final.
  - “Qualifier” - An event that advances teams to a specific Provincial Qualifier or Provincial Final.
  - “Provincial Qualifier” - An event that advances teams to a competition Provincial Finals.
  - “Challenge Round” – An event that advances teams to a competition Provincial Finals.
  - “CurlON Cash Spiel” – An event that advances teams to a competition Provincial Finals.
  - “Provincial Final” - The final event in a specific competition.
  - “Restricted Qualifier/Restricted Provincial Qualifier” – An event that is only open to teams from a specified Zone or Region.
- (b) “Current curling season” - the duration of a league for which a curler has paid dues for the current year. Exceptions will include competitions that are not deemed completed in the current curling season and wrap around to the following season;
- (i) Curling Club Championship (hosted in October is considered part of previous curling season)
  - (ii) Canadian Mixed Championship (hosted in November is considered part of previous curling season)

- (c) “Member in Good Standing” is:
- (i) in compliance with all CurlON Affiliated Curling Club dues and CurlON assessment requirements; and
  - (ii) not under sanction by Curling Canada, CurlON or a CurlON Affiliated Curling Club, including but limited to, prohibition from curling.
- (ci) “On or before” - prior to 11:59 pm on the date mentioned. CurlON retains the right to extend the deadline in extenuating circumstances to allow an entry after this deadline.
- (cii) “Ontario Resident” - Ontario residency that can be verified by providing documentation as required under Curling Canada’s Policy for Residency.
- (ciii) “Zone(s)” - the geographical areas of Ontario as established by CurlON Operations team. (See current [CurlON Zone Alignment Map](#))
- (civ) “Region(s)” - the geographical areas of Ontario as established by CurlON Operations team
- (i) Region 1 includes all Affiliated Curling Club located in Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - (ii) Region 2 includes all Affiliated Curling Club located in Zones 5, 6, 7 and 8
  - (iii) Region 3 includes all Affiliated Curling Club located in Zones 9, 10, 11 and 12
  - (iv) Region 4 includes all Affiliated Curling Club located in Zones 13, 14, 15 and 16.
- (cv) “Skip” - the person standing on the tee line (for six stones), directing play and calling the game (regardless of what order they deliver rocks in). The team shall be listed under his/her name.
- (cvi) “Weighted Average Calculation” - the calculation to award additional teams to a qualifying event based on overall number of teams registered.
- CALCULATION:
- 1) Determine QUALIFIER ENTRIES (QE) – number of teams entered in a qualifier.
  - 2) Determine the TOTAL ENTRIES (TE) – total number of teams entered in all qualifiers leading to the same next level event.
  - 3) TOTAL QUALIFYING SPOTS (TQS) – total number of qualifying positions leading to the same next level event.
  - 4) WEIGHTED AVERAGE CALCULATION:
    - (TE) divided by (TQS) = Qualifying Spot Average (QSA)
    - (QE) divided by (QSA) - # sport advancing from qualifier
    - Guaranteed spots and rounding rules in effect with 0.5 being the determining factor

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

Annual affiliation fees will be payable by the Affiliated Curling Club based on the fee structure established by the Operations team and approved by the Board of Directors of CurlON. Affiliated Curling Club’s are required to submit affiliation fees to CurlON on or before January 1 of the current curling season, and a list of all curlers data by February 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season.

### 4. PLAYDOWN ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Each playdown participant must meet the eligibility requirements of the competition as set out by CurlON and Curling Canada. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements. If a player is found to be ineligible after the start of play, the team may be disqualified.

(b) Each playdown participant must primarily reside within the geographical boundaries of the Province of Ontario and within the jurisdiction of CurlON.

Except:

- *Men's [Brier] and Women's [Tournament of Hearts] permitting a maximum of one player "free agent" from any other Canadian location to be part of the team) See Appendix 'B'*
- Curling Canada birthright exemption See Appendix 'C'
- *A resident outside of the geographical jurisdiction of CurlON but within forty (40) kilometers of the CurlON geographical jurisdiction provided such residency is established prior to the entry deadline and remains in effect at all times thereafter to the end of the competition.*
- *CurlON members from an Affiliated Curling Club located in the United States of America are eligible to play in all CurlON events, except a competition leading to a sanctioned Canadian Championship.*

(c) If a player is requesting exemption from the residency requirements, they must submit an application to the CurlON Executive Director a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the entry deadline of the competition the applicant wishes to compete in. In the case of a Curling Canada "free agent" the forms must be completed and received no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

(d) Each playdown team participant must be a member in good standing of the same CurlON Affiliated Curling Club that submits their information as part of the Annual CurlON Membership Report. And shall be responsible for ensuring he/she has paid the prescribed CurlON/Curling Canada membership fee.

(e) An individual can only represent one (1) Province/Territory in all events in a Championship curling season.  
\*Exemption: "Curling Canada Free Agent Policy"(see Appendix B)

(f) Participants must meet the age restrictions as specified in each competition.

(g) Players who require an aid to compete (visual, speech or other) may contact CurlON for clarification of the aids use in a specific competition.

(h) If proof of age is required or requested, a birth certificate or acceptable equivalent such as a passport may be used.

(i) Upon an infraction of these provisions at any time during the progression to the Provincial Final, the entire team may become ineligible for further competition in that competition and/or default all previous games.

## 5. ENTRIES FOR COMPETITIONS

(a) Entries to a CurlON competition must be received online by the CurlON office on or before the entry deadline established annually by CurlON. Entry information and payment must be submitted using CurlON's online registration system.

(b) By submitting an entry to a CurlON event/competition, each of the four players on the team is signifying his/her commitment, if successful, to continue to compete at each succeeding level of the competition. (Provincial Qualifier, Provincials, Nationals)

- i) In extreme circumstances, a request can be made to the CurlON Executive Director (or designate), **PRIOR** to the start of each succeeding event for withdrawal.

(c) Once a team has been declared the CurlON Provincial Champion, no more than one player on that team may be substituted for the National level of competition. In the case where a CurlON Provincial Champion cannot field a team, the runner-up team shall represent CurlON at the National Championship (adhering to only one

player substitution). The CurlON Executive Director may appoint a team for the National Championship comprised of members from the CurlON Champion and runner up, if neither the CurlON Champion nor runner-up team are available.

- (d) Entry fees for competitions will be determined annually by CurlON.
- (e) Full payment of entry fees, including Curling Canada competitor cards (if applicable) or other fees, must be paid at time of online entry.
- (f) Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline.

## 6. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

**CURLING CANADA RULES FOR SWEEPING WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL CURLON COMPETITIONS.** All sweeping devices must comply with the [World Curling Federation approvals list](#) in all competitions.

- (a) Any changes to team personnel after submission of the entry but prior to the start of the competition must be communicated to the CurlON Event Coordinator. Replacement or substitute players must meet all eligibility rules and be prepared to supply documentation as required.
- (b) All members of a team must be members in good standing of the Member Facility they are representing, but not necessarily in the same Zone or Region that the competition is being held.  
Except: Competitions that restrict qualifying by prescribed Zones (Curling Club Championship, Ontario Challenge Championship and Ontario Club Challenge Cup).
- (c) All draws will be prepared using the self-seeding process (Exception: Club Championship, Ontario Challenge Championship, Ontario Club Challenge Cup which will be determined by random generation). Participating teams will receive a ranking form/survey that must be returned by the deadline shown on the form. Teams will be placed in the draw based on their overall self-seeding. If less than 25% of teams participating in an event complete the self-seeding process, teams will be placed in the draw using a random generator program.
- (d) A team meeting will be scheduled prior to each teams first draw at every event. At that time, the officiating system, rule enforcement and penalties will be reviewed. Any queries the curlers may have will be addressed. The Official in Charge / Chief Umpire and at least one member of every team must attend. A team that fails to be properly represented without the approval of the CurlON Event Coordinator will lose last rock advantage in the first end of ALL games.
- (e) Pre-game practice: Each team will be allowed a seven (7) minute warm-up before each game on the same sheet of ice on which they are about to play and ONLY with the stones they will be using in the game. Players are asked to properly chill their equipment before advancing to the playing surface. In Mixed Doubles teams will receive a four (4) minute warm up before each game.
- (f) Teams will conduct a coin toss, before the scheduled first practice, to determine choice of color or choice of practice. If a team is not present in time for the coin toss they will by default lose the coin toss and the non-offending team will have choice. If the non-offending team chooses rock color they will practice first. The offending team will have the opportunity to throw their Last Stone Draw if they can do so prior to the scheduled draw period of one (1) minute after their seven (7) minute pre-game practice.

- (g) Last Stone Draw: After each team's practice is declared complete and the coach has left the ice surface, one player from each team shall deliver one (1) stone within the one (1) minute period to the home end with sweeping that will be measured and removed. The stone must be touching the rings to be measured. One (1) player from the opposing team has the right to observe the measurement. The team that has the least measurement from the center pin will have last stone advantage in the first end of game play. In the event that the two (2) measurements are equal or both teams have a non-measure, the teams shall conduct a coin toss to determine last stone advantage. The draw to the button shall be conducted by the teams without the assistance of an official.

The team that has **first practice** will deliver their Last Stone draw using a **clockwise rotation** while the team having **second practice** will deliver their Last Stone draw using a **counter-clockwise rotation**.

If a team throws the wrong color stone or with the wrong rotation the throw shall be deemed non-qualifying and the non-offending team shall be awarded the last stone advantage in the first end. No other attempts by the offending team will be accorded.

(h) Game Time Operation

- i. Thinking time allocated to each team in a ten (10) end game shall be thirty-eight (38) minutes.
- ii. Thinking time allocated to each team in an eight (8) end game shall be thirty (30) minutes.  
EXCEPT:
  - Wheelchair events shall be thirty-six (36) minutes
  - Mixed Doubles shall be twenty-two (22) minutes
- iii. Thinking time allocated to each team in an extra end shall be four minutes and thirty seconds (4 ½) minutes  
EXCEPT:
  - Wheelchair shall be six (6) minutes
  - Mixed Doubles shall be three (3) minutes
- iv. Both teams are off the clock to start the game. The delivering team's game clock will begin when the first stone of the game comes to rest and the opposing team has relinquished control of the house with all sweepers having moved to the side of the sheet. The clock will stop when the delivering team's stone reaches the nearer tee-line.
- v. No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the nearer tee-line.
- vi. At the conclusion of each end, both time clocks are stopped for a period of time as determined by the rules of the competition or the Head Umpire.
- vii. Pace of Play: Where no time clocks are used the pace of play rule will be in effect:
  - Players are expected to keep up a reasonable pace of play during competition (approximately 15 minutes per end)
  - Should any game fall behind the next slowest game by a full end, the official shall inform both skips that they are behind the pace of play and are now subject to the "45 second rule"
  - Under the 45 second rule, the official will time each rock from when the skip takes control of the house to when the rock crosses the near t-line. Any rock that is delivered after the 45 second mark shall be removed from play.
  - Each team will be able to use their remaining allowed time-outs while the 45-second rule is in effect.
  - The 45 second rule shall be enforced until the game is back on pace.
  - Where games do not begin at the same time, it will be noted by the official at what point games are starting their first end in relation to the other games already being played.
  - If the game concludes under the Pace of Play rule and an extra end is required, the Pace of Play rule will remain in effect.

- (i) Time-outs – Each team may request two (2) time-outs per game and one (1) time-out during an extra end. Only the players on the field of play may signal for a timeout. Coaches/Alternates may signal their team without interfering with the field of play (ie. Banging on glass, opening field of play doors etc.)

PENALTY for breach will be loss of timeout.

- iii. The time out will be sixty (60) seconds in length. The timeout will begin when the team gathers and/or the coach/fifth has arrived in the field of play.
  - iv. The coach or alternate (but not both) whose team requested the time-out may access the field of play area adjacent to or at the end of the sheet but shall not access the playing surface. In all cases the Official in Charge or Head Umpire will determine if a coach/fifth is delaying their arrival to the field of play and may begin the timeout at their discretion.
  - v. The coach/alternate of the team who did not call the time-out may access the field of play and be allowed to meet with their team on the backboard at the home end only. They may not delay the resumption of play except as per 6 (e) (iv).
  - vi. The team that called the time-out will control the amount of time used for their time-out to the maximum of sixty (60) seconds in length. A team calling a time-out may not impede the opportunity for the opposing team coach/alternate to speak to their team. Each timeout will be a minimum of thirty (30) seconds in length.
- (j) During a ten (10) end game, an optional break of up to five (5) minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fifth end. During an eight (8) game, an optional break of up to five (5) minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- (k) Curlers should be prepared to curl up to three games in a day if required.
- Except:
- Master Men, Master Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Senior Mixed, and Wheelchair where three (3) games days cannot be scheduled for two (2) consecutive days, excluding tie-breaker games and playoffs.
  - Mixed Doubles where four (4) game days may be scheduled excluding tie-breaker and playoffs.
- (l) Participants at all playdown competitions shall be permitted to wear any number of logos advertising their team sponsor(s) with no restriction on size, provided that such advertising is in good taste and not demeaning. At the discretion of the Official in Charge, Head Umpire or Event Coordinator any logo(s) deemed not to comply will be required to be removed or censored. Failure to comply will result in player(s) removal from the field of play until such time as compliance is in effect.
- (m) Any team members participating in an event will not be permitted to practice at the host facility within twenty-four (24) hours of the first scheduled draw for the event. Exemption: A competitor who is participating in a scheduled league draw at their Affiliated Curling Club as a participating Club member.
- (n) Fifth players
- i. Fifth Player: A full member of a team that meets all eligibility requirement for the competition. CurlON supports the use of fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) players for eligible competitions.
  - ii. A team may register and utilize a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) player at any event. At each level of the competition the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) player must be a member of the same Affiliated Curling Club as the team they are representing.

**EXCEPT:** At all Provincial Finals the availability of a spare pool has been eliminated and teams are encouraged to bring a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) player. The fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) player may be ANY eligible player from across the CurlON jurisdiction, no matter the Affiliated Curling Club they belong to, who has NOT participated with another team in the competition at any level prior to the Provincial Finals. The cost of a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) who is participating at a Provincial Final is \$ 50.00 and is to be paid prior to the start of the Provincial Finals. This cost is paid directly to the host Affiliated Curling Club to cover additional costs for banquets and hosting.

THE FIFTH (5<sup>th</sup>) SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY PRIZES or AWARDS AS PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAM. The Provincial winning banner may include the name of the fifth at the request of the winning team.

- iii. A fifth player may be declared on the team's online entry or at any of the qualifying events. The fifth must pay the Curling Canada competitor card fee (if fee is required to compete in that event) and will remain with the team until completion of that CurlON competition.
- iv. Fifth players may play in any game, at any position on the team. The fifth may be used to distribute playing time among more than four (4) players during any competition.
- v. The expenses of the fifth player shall be the responsibility of the team.
- vi. Teams continuing on to a National Championship will be subject to the rules of the body governing the National Championship regarding fifth players.

(o) Substitution

- i. Substitute: A temporary replacement player, replacing a player for one game, on a game by game basis.
- ii. A substitute may play for more than one team in an event.
- iii. A substitute player must be a member of the same Affiliated Curling Club prior to start of play in event that the team has registered and must meet all eligibility requirements for the competition, and must pay the current Curling Canada competitor's fee (if event requires the fee).
- iv. A substitute player may play in any position on the team and shall not be competing in the same level of competition in the current season.
- v. CurlON strongly supports the utilization of four (4) player teams. In extenuating circumstances, a team shall be permitted to begin play with three (3) players, however, the practice of using three (3) players for a complete game, except in extenuating circumstances is not permitted. Extenuating circumstances are emergency or unplanned activities that preclude a team from fielding their four (4) person team. Abuse of the extenuating circumstances clause will result in disciplinary action. (Addendum for Mixed Play will be posted by December 31, 2019)  
The official in charge or head umpire must be informed thirty (30) minutes before a game if a substitute player will be playing in the game.

- (p) Any team in a CurlON competition must field a minimum of three (3) of the original five (5) members (six in Mixed) of their team. A substitute is not considered an official member of the team unless named as a fifth prior to next level of competition.

## 7. COACHES

- a) To be allowed to coach at all CurlON youth competitions, a coach
  - i) Must be certified at minimum Competition Coach or equivalent and provide a recent (less than three years) police check .
  - ii) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years old as of December 1 of the year prior to the National Championship.

- a) All Canada (CWG) and Ontario Winter Games (OWG) Events, teams must have a coach that meets CWG/OWG minimum certification without exception.
- b) A team shall declare the name of its coach at time of online competition registration.
- c) Any change in coaches must be communicated by the team to the official in charge or umpire at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- d) Only the declared coach/alternate will be permitted to access the team during practice, warm-up, fourth/fifth end breaks and timeouts. For timeouts only one of the two may access the ice shed.
- e) A one-time exemption is available to unqualified coaches wishing to coach in an U-18 event provided that the coach signs an agreement with CurlON stipulating their intent to become qualified before November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following season. For all teams participating in a U-15 event the coach must have a minimum of Police check

CurlON Event	CRC Required	Qualifier/ Provincial Qualifier	Provincial	National
Scotties/ Brier	es if any member of the team is under age 18	Certified Competition Coach		Certified Competition Development or Certified Competition Coach and Competition Development In-Training or Mental Performance Consultant with one of the following qualifications: licensed member of the Canadian Psychological Association, graduate degree in sport and performance psychology or related field, Member of the Canadian Sport Psychology Association, Member of the Applied Association for Sport Psychology. Note: A coach may use this status for a maximum of one Curling Trials and a maximum of two Canadian Men's / Women's Championships. Curling Canada's position is that an individual coaching at this level should be working towards achieving a Certified Competition Development status.
U21 Men/ omen	es		Certified Competition Coach	
U18 Men/ Women	es	Competition Coach Trained	Note: Competition Coach Trained	Competition Coach or shop Managing thical Decisions or shop
Wheelchair	es		Certified Competition Coach	
U21 Mixed Doubles	es	Not required if both athletes are over age 18. (If one athlete is under age 18 a Certified Competition Coach (ice access) OR Chaperone (no ice access) is required.		N A
U18 Mixed	es	Competition Coach Trained		
Mixed Doubles/ Seniors/ Mixed	es if any member of the team is under age 18		Certified Competition Coach	
All other CurlON adult events	es if any member of the team is under age 18	Certified Competition Coach		N A



Ontario Curling Council Event	CRC Required	Provincial Qualifier	Provincial	National
OWG U18 Men & Women	Yes	Competition Coach Trained ***		N/A
OWG U21 Mixed Doubles		Certified Competition Coach		
OWG Wheelchair				
ParaSport Winter Games Wheelchair				
ParaSport Winter Games Visually Impaired		Club or Competition Coach Trained		
Canada Winter Games	Certified Competition Coach	Certified Competition Development Coach OR Certified Competition (Competition Introduction) Coach with specialized Canada Winter Games Professional Development Module		
U15 Challenge Cup		Must be accompanied by a chaperone (does not need to be certified)	N/A	

## 8. CONDUCT and DISCIPLINE

- a) In accordance with the CurlON Harassment and Code of Conduct policies:
- i) Competitors and coaches are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the ice, and avoid any action or conduct that disrupts or interferes with events, or reflects adversely on CurlON. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated at any time during a competition (eg. Slamming brushes in anger, verbal or physical abuse of an official, willful damage to ice surface, damage to curling club, hotel or restaurant facilities, offensive and/or abusive language).
  - ii) The CurlON official in charge / Umpire of a competition is empowered to oversee the competition and resolve disputes, including having the authority to implement necessary disciplinary measures on an emergency basis where, due to time or distance or other constraints, the CurlON Executive Director cannot effectively approve necessary disciplinary measures;
  - iii) The CurlON Executive Director or designate has the power, at any time, to suspend or expel for just cause, any player or coach from competition for such period as the policy allows.
- b) Competitors and coaches may be subject to fines or discipline if they do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. As a mandatory condition of competition every player, coach and parent of a minor agrees to abide by CurlON's Codes of Conduct.
- c) Players found in violation of banned substances in contravention of the rules of the World Curling Federation, Sport Canada and Curling Canada policy, will be subject to the same ban as in place by Curling Canada. A list of banned substances may be obtained from the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) at 1-800-672-7775. For further details go to [www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca).

## 9. APPEALS

Appeals concerning disciplinary decisions or harassment issues shall be made in accordance with CurlON policies.

## 10. OTHER

- a) CurlON reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the foregoing rules.
- b) CurlON has 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.
- c) Any matter not covered in these rules shall be governed by the Curling Canada "Rules of Curling for Officiated Play 2018-2022".

## MEN'S TANKARD

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE Canadian resident and citizen, residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for an exemption) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Member Facility they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: No restriction to participate in this event**

### POLICY

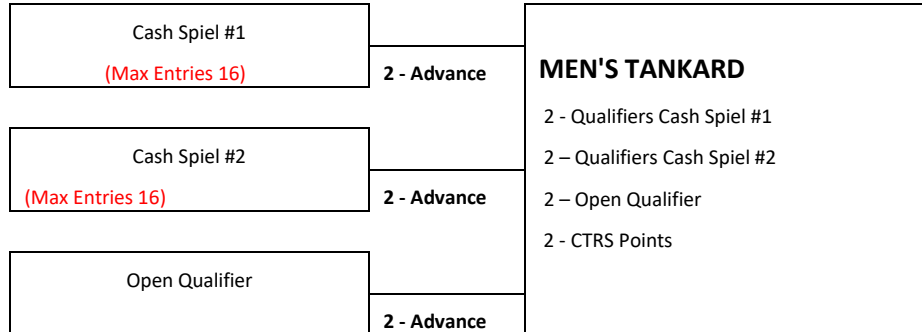
1. The Men's Tankard Provincial Final shall be an eight (8) team round robin event with a semi-final and final played with ten (10) end games.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:
  - **Two (2)** Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) berths (Ontario) ending at the conclusion of the 2019 Canada Cup on December 1, 2019. The two (2) teams will be announced after the posting of the official CTRS rankings on or after December 1, 2019.
  - **Two (2)** berths from CurlON Cash Spiel #1 (maximum # entries = 16)
  - **Two (2)** berths from CurlON Cash Spiel #2 (maximum # entries = 16)
  - **Two (2)** berths from CurlON Open Qualifier
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close as follows:
  - CurlON Cash Spiel #1 **December 8, 2019**
  - CurlON Cash Spiel #2 **December 29, 2019**
  - CurlON Open Qualifier **January 13, 2020**

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 of the year preceding the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season. (With the exception of permitting a maximum of one (1) player from any other Canadian location to be part of the team – see Curling Canada Residency and Free Agent Policy and Curling Canada's Birthright Policy).
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the National Finals.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time

## Men's Tankard Qualification Diagram

### PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS – WOMEN'S

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any **FEMALE** Canadian resident and citizen, residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for an exemption) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Member Facility they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: No restriction to participate in this event**

### POLICY

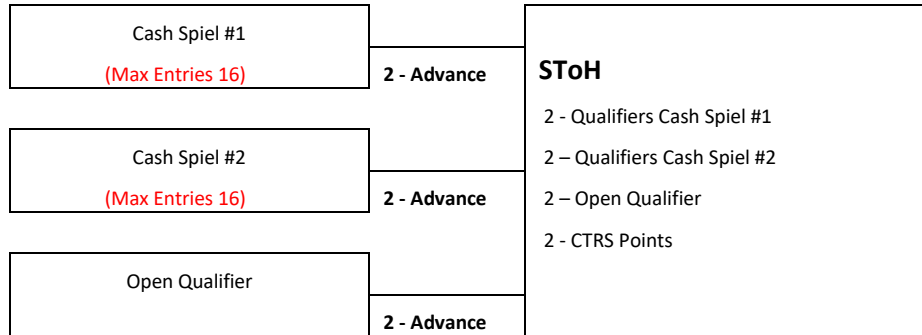
1. The Women's SToH Provincial Final shall be an eight (8) team round robin event with a semi-final and final played with ten (10) end games
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:
  - **Two (2)** Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) berths (Ontario) ending at the conclusion of the 2018 Canada Cup on December 1,,2019. The two (2) teams will be announced after the posting of the official CTRS rankings on or after December 1, 2019.
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## Scotties Tournament of Hearts – Women’s Qualification Diagram

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## CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – MEN & WOMEN

The Provincial and National Events held in fall 2019 are considered part of the 2018-19 season.

### **CURLING CANADA SWEEPING DEVICE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED FOR THIS COMPETITION.**

All sweeping devices must comply with the [World Curling Federation approvals list](#) in all competitions.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is subject to the EVENT qualification as defined by Curling Canada annually.

**AGE RESTRICTION: At least 3 players must be nineteen (19) years of age or older as of June 30, 2019.**

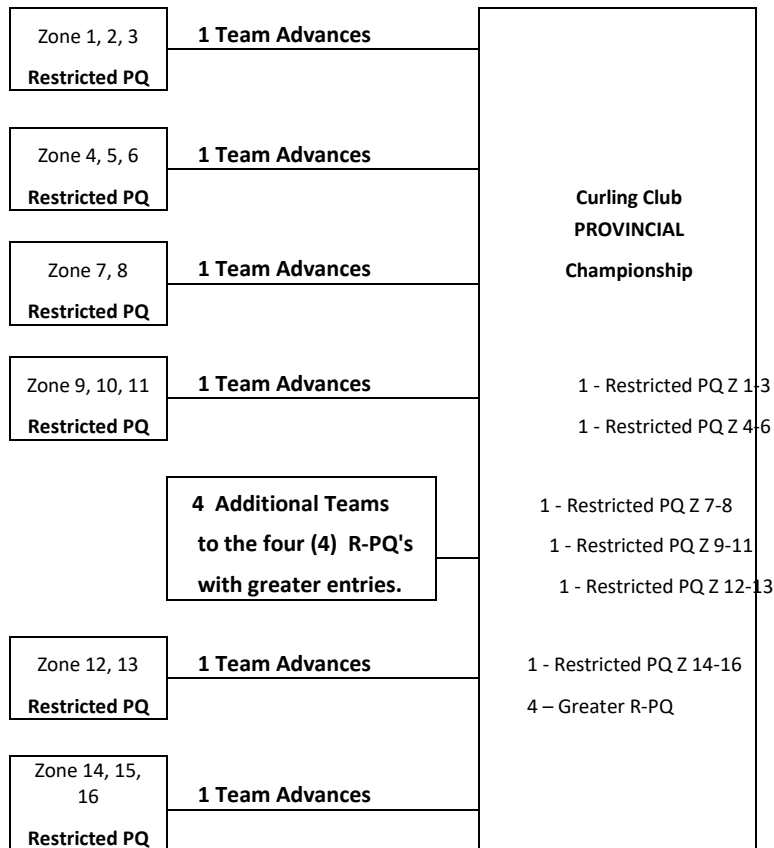
#### POLICY

1. The Curling Club Championship Provincial Finals shall be a ten (10) team pooled event with a four (4) team playoff, played with eight (8) end games.
  2. Teams must participate in the Restricted Zone Provincial Qualifier (R-PQ) that their Affiliated Member Club is located.
  3. All teams must register online by the entry deadline of **October 6, 2019**. It is the responsibility of the team and Affiliated Member Club to confirm their team's eligibility to compete.
  4. The ten (10) teams shall qualify as follows:
    - Each of the six (6) Restricted Zone PQ's will qualify a minimum of **one (1)** team per gender. The **four (4)** Restricted Zone PQ's with the greater number of entries will receive **one (1)** additional Provincial berth.
- Each event will be conducted using a modified double knockout to qualify the number of teams.

#### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 of the year preceding the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are **NOT** permitted at all levels of play up to and including the National Finals. Teams must abide by the 2018-19 Club Championship Rules as posted by Curling Canada in regard to substitute players.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time

## Curling Club Championship – Men’s & Women’s Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## U-21 (JUNIOR) MEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE Canadian resident and citizen, residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be twenty (20) years of age or younger as at June 30, 2019 which means athletes born after June 30, 1998.**

### POLICY

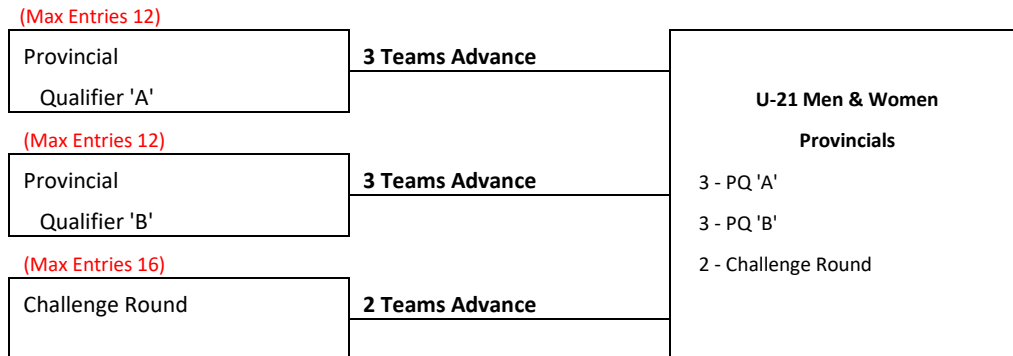
1. The U-21 Men & Women Provincial Finals shall be an eight (8) team round robin with a semi-final and final to declare a Champion.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:  
**MEN/WOMEN- Provincial Qualifiers** Note: Maximum entries per PQ is twelve (12) teams.
  - **Three (3)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
  - **Three (3)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'**MEN/WOMEN – Challenge Round**
  - **Two (2)** berths from Challenge Round NOTE: Maximum entries is sixteen (16) teams.
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **November 3, 2019**.
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a modified double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.
3. Entries into the Challenge Round are considered another level of the playdown leading to the Provincial finals for that event. Teams entering the Challenge Round may be reformatted with qualified participants of previous events. The Challenge Round may be a teams first entry point into the process.
4. Teams may concede their game at any time.



## U-21 (Junior) Men & Women Championship – Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## U-18 MEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be seventeen (17) years of age or younger as of June 30, 2019 which means athletes born after June 30, 2001.**

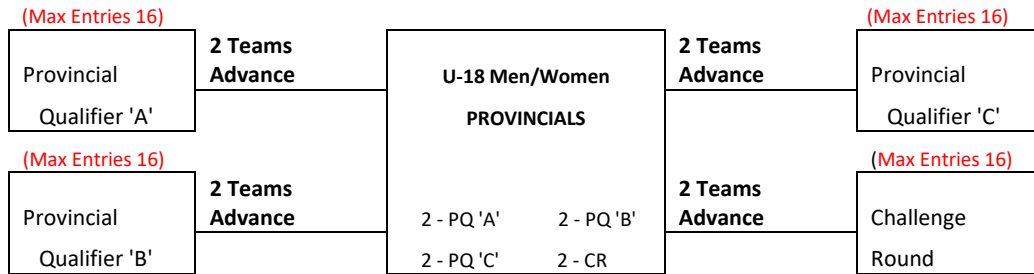
### POLICY

1. The U-18 Men & Women Provincial Finals shall be an eight (8) team round robin with a semi-final and final to declare a Champion.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:  
**MEN/WOMEN- Provincial Qualifiers** NOTE: Maximum entries to each PQ is sixteen (16) teams.
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Challenge Round
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **January 26, 2020**.
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.
3. Entries into the Challenge Round are considered another level of the playdown leading to the Provincial finals for that event. Teams entering the Challenge Round may be reformatted with qualified participants of previous events. The Challenge Round may be a teams first entry point into the process.
4. Teams may concede their game at any time

## U-18 Men & Women Championship – Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## MASTER MEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be sixty (60) years of age or older at December 31, 2019.**

### POLICY

1. The Master Men & Women Provincial Finals shall be an eight (8) team round robin with a semi-final and final to declare a Champion.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:

**MEN - Open Qualifiers** – NOTE: Maximum number of entries per Qualifier is twelve (12):

- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '1' advance to PQ 'A'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '2' advance to PQ 'A'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'A' using weighted average calculation
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '3' advance to PQ 'B'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '4' advance to PQ 'B'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'B' using weighted average calculation
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '5' advance to PQ 'C'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '6' advance to PQ 'C'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'C' using weighted average calculation
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '7' advance to PQ 'D'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '8' advance to PQ 'D'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'D' using weighted average calculation

**MEN/WOMEN- Provincial Qualifiers** – NOTE: Maximum number of entries per W-PQ is eight (8):

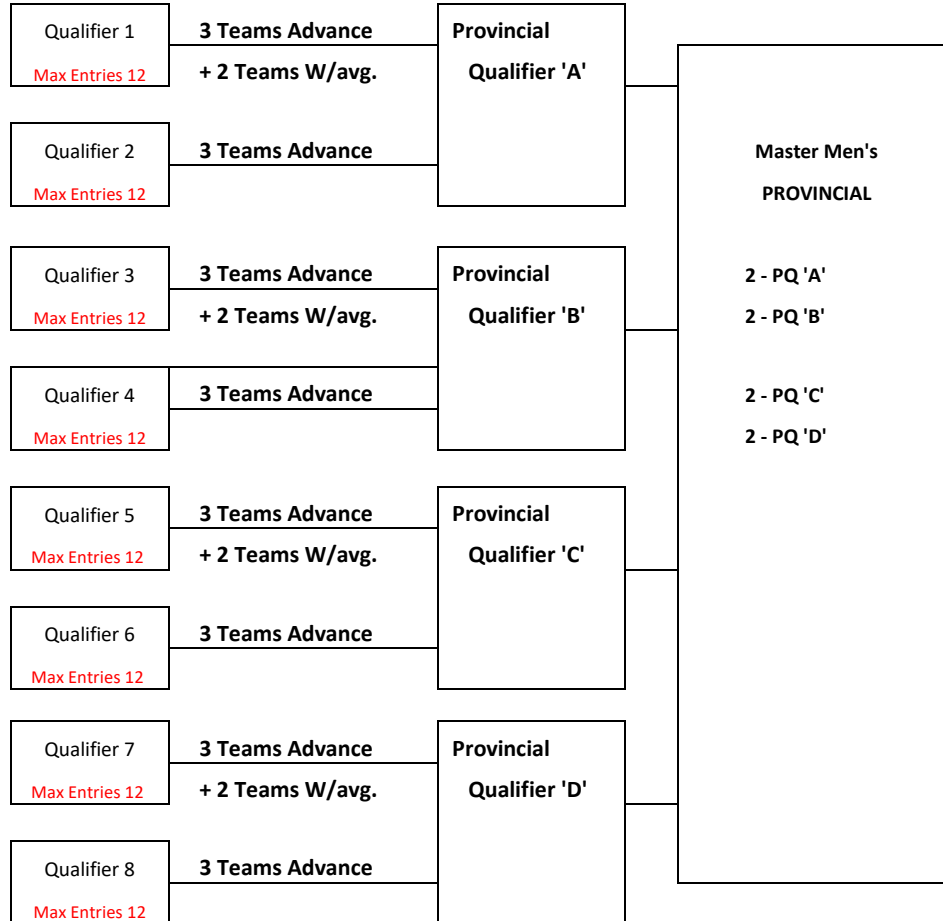
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'D'

3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **November 17, 2019** (men) and **December 1, 2019** (women).
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

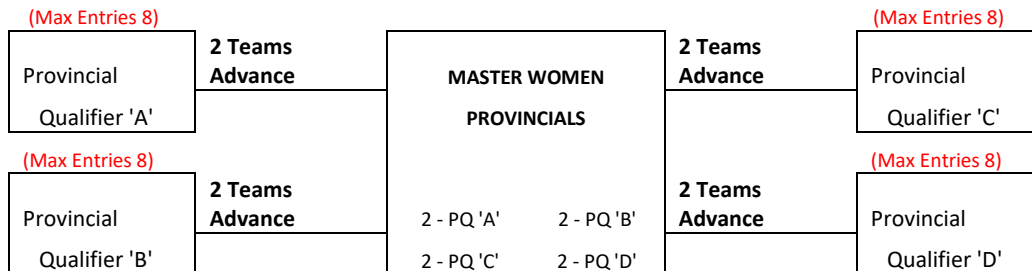
### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.
3. Entries into the Challenge Round are considered another level of the playdown leading to the Provincial finals for that event. Teams entering the Challenge Round may be reformatted with qualified participants of previous events. The Challenge Round may be a teams first entry point into the process.
4. Teams may concede their game at any time

## Master MEN Championship – Qualification Diagram



## Master WOMEN Championship – Qualification Diagram



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## SENIOR MEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE Canadian resident and citizen residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION:** All players must be fifty (50) years of age or older on June 30 of the year of the Canadian Championship, which means athletes born on or before June 30, 1970.

### POLICY

1. The Senior Men & Women Provincial Finals shall be an eight (8) team round robin with a semi-final and final to declare a Champion.

2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:

**MEN - Open Qualifiers** – NOTE: Maximum entries per qualifier twelve (12) teams.

- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '1' advance to PQ 'A'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '2' advance to PQ 'A'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'A' using weighted average calculation
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '3' advance to PQ 'B'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '4' advance to PQ 'B'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'B' using weighted average calculation
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '5' advance to PQ 'C'
- **Three (3)** berths from Qualifier '6' advance to PQ 'C'
- **Two (2)** additional berths advance to PQ 'C' using weighted average calculation

**MEN & WOMEN- Provincial Qualifiers** NOTE: Maximum entries to women PQ is sixteen (16) teams.

- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
- **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'

#### **MEN & WOMEN – Challenge Round**

- **Two (2)** berths from Challenge Round NOTE: Maximum entries is sixteen (16) teams.

3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **December 15, 2019** (men) and **January 12, 2020** (Women).

4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

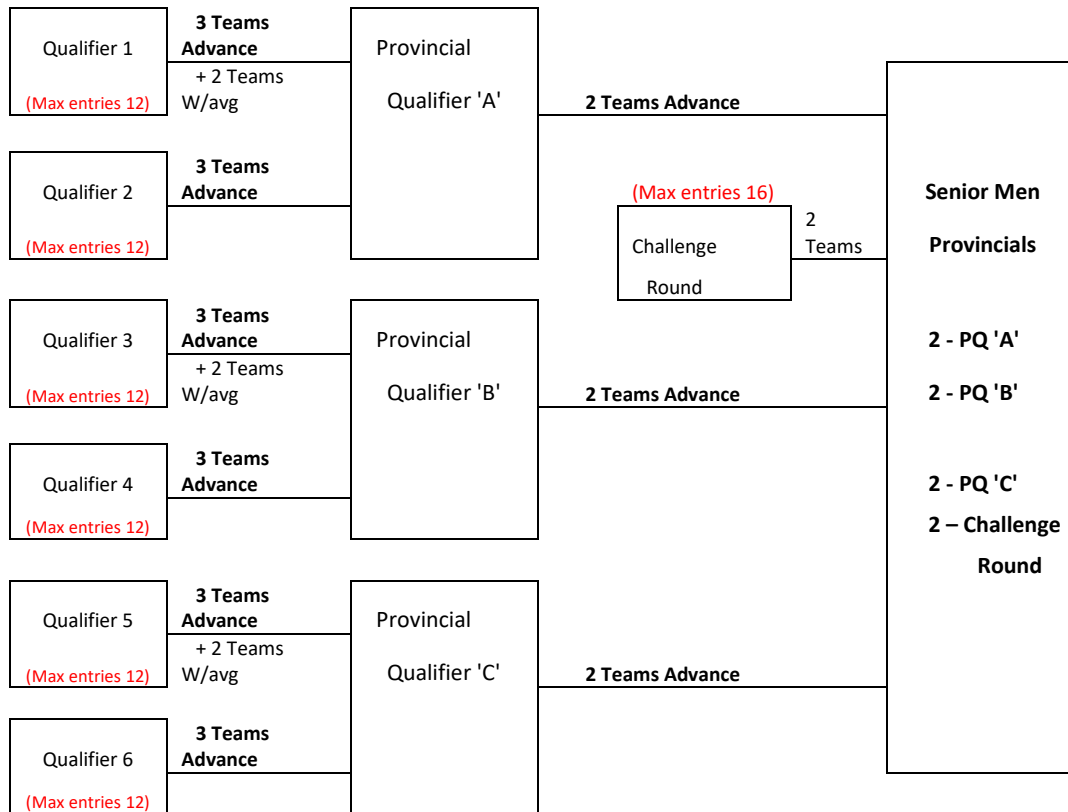
1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.

2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.

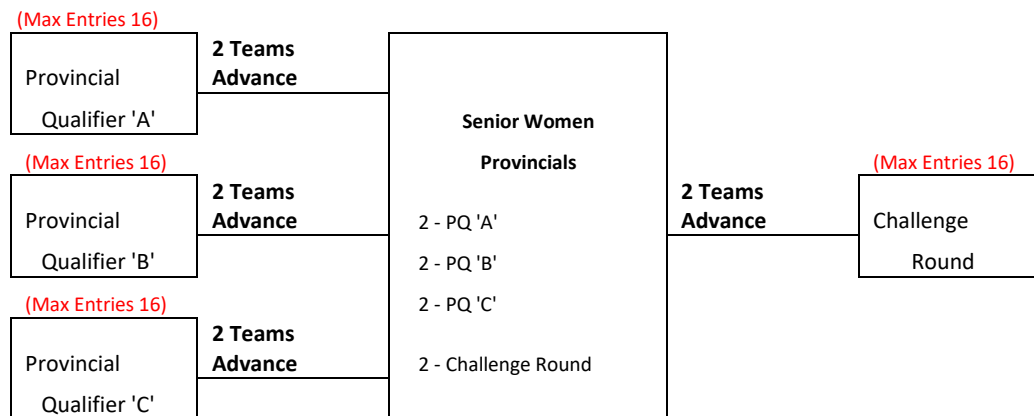
3. Entries into the Challenge Round are considered another level of the playdown leading to the Provincial finals for that event. Teams entering the Challenge Round may be reformatted with qualified participants of previous events. The Challenge Round may be a teams first entry point into the process.

4. Teams may concede their game at any time.

## Senior MEN Championship – Qualification Diagram



## Senior WOMEN Championship – Qualification Diagram



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## WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of a CurlON Affiliated Member Club. Each team must contain a minimum of one (1) male participant and one (1) female participant.

**AGE RESTRICTION: No restriction to participate in this event.**

### POLICY

1. The Wheelchair Provincial Final will be contested with an open round robin format with a semi-final and final to declare a Champion.
2. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on March 7, 2019.

### RULES

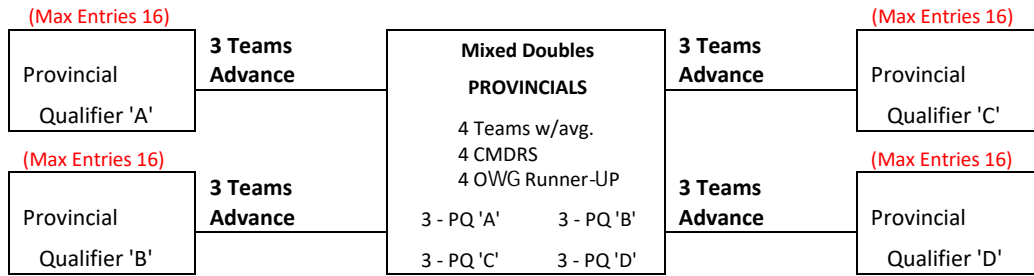
1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.
3. Entries into the Challenge Round are considered another level of the playdown leading to the Provincial finals for that event. Teams entering the Challenge Round may be reformatted with qualified participants of previous events. The Challenge Round may be a teams first entry point into the process.
4. Teams may concede their game at any time.



No current diagram for Wheelchair as event is an open round robin



## Mixed Doubles – Qualification Diagram



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## MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE Canadian citizens, residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: NO AGE RESTRICTION to participate in this event.**

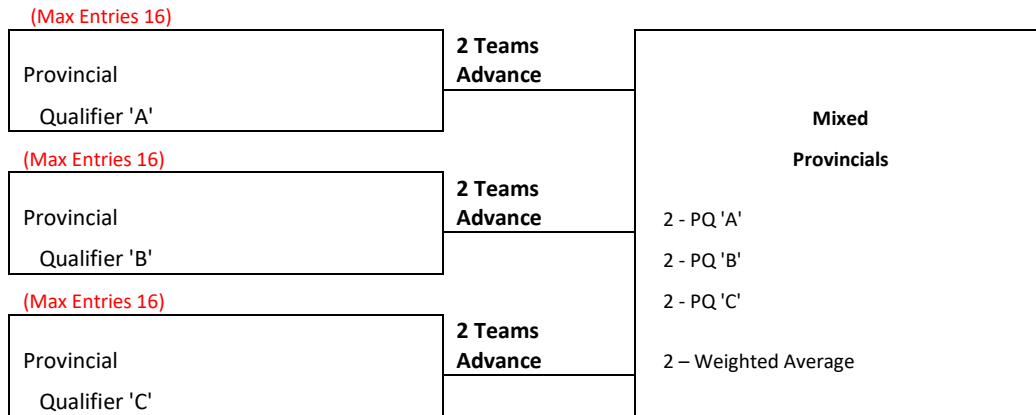
### POLICY

1. The Mixed Provincial Finals shall be an eight (8) team round robin with a semi-final and final playoff.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:  
**PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS** – NOTE: Maximum number of entries per site is sixteen (16) teams.
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'
  - **Two (2)** additional berths advance to the Provincial Championship using weighted average calculation
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **February 23, 2020**.
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final. In Mixed competition each team is allowed one (1) fifth per gender.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time

## Mixed Championship – Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## ONTARIO CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

*(Previously Colts & Trophy, Intermediates)*

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE who resides in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifies for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be nineteen (19) years of age or older at December 31, 2019.**

Teams will consist of four (4) players who will have collectively earned a maximum of twenty (20) basis points. Each player earns basis points by having participated in the following Provincial events in the past five (5) years (2014-15 to 2018-19). Each player earns points for only the highest point event listed.

PROVINCIALS to a National Championship: Tankard (Brier), Scotties, Mixed, Seniors

Value = 10 Points

PROVINCIALS hosted by CurlON: Colts, Trophy, Intermediates

Value = 5 Points

### POLICY

1. The ONTARIO CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP Finals shall be a Men – Twenty (20) team and Women –Twenty (20) team round robin pool event with Men eight (8), Women eight (8) qualifiers.
2. The event will have a prize pool based on achieving the maximum entries:
3. Events will be restricted to the first Men – twenty (20), Women – twenty (20) teams to register after the opening registration date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any teams after the maximum is met will be placed on a waiting list.
4. Teams will be guaranteed four games within their pool, luncheon on Saturday, Friday Event and all prizing (Cash, Banners and keeper prizes)

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play including the Provincial Final. Team must meet the basis points requirement for the four players participating in any game.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time.

## ONTARIO CLUB CHALLENGE CUP

*Previously Best Western and Fairfield Marriott Challenges*

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE who resides in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifies for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be nineteen (19) years of age or older at December 31, 2019.**

Teams will consist of four (4) players who will have collectively earned a maximum of ten (10) basis points. Each player earns basis points by having participated in the following Provincial events in the past five (5) years. Each player earns points for only the highest point event listed.

PROVINCIALS to a National Championship: Tankard (Brier), Scotties, Mixed, Seniors

Value = 10 Points

PROVINCIALS hosted by CurlON: Colts, Trophy, Intermediates

Value = 5 Points

### POLICY

1. The ONTARIO CLUB CHALLENGE CUP Finals shall be a Men – Twenty (20) team and Women – Twenty (20) team round robin pool event with Men eight (8), Women eight (8) qualifiers.
2. The event will have a prize pool based on achieving the maximum entries:
3. Events will be restricted to the first Men – twenty (20), Women – twenty (20) teams to register after the opening registration date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any teams after the maximum is met will be placed on a waiting list.
4. Teams will be guaranteed four games within their pool, luncheon on Saturday, Friday Event and all prizing (Cash, Banners and keeper prizes)

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play including the Provincial Final. Team must meet the basis points requirement for the four players participating in any game.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time.

## SENIOR MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All MALE players must be fifty (50) years of age or older at June 30, 2020 and All FEMALE players must be forty-five (45) years of age or older at June 30, 2020.**

### POLICY

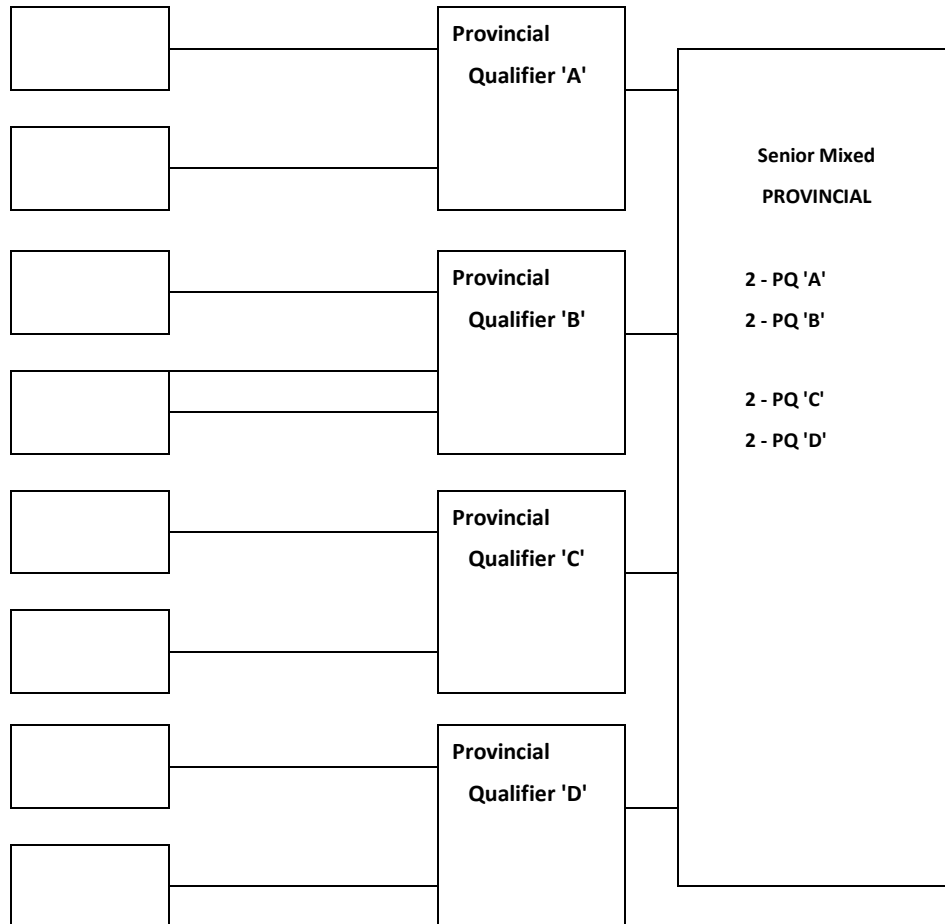
1. The Senior Mixed Provincial Final shall be an eight (8) team round robin with the winner declared champion. Any ties for 1<sup>st</sup> will be decided by a tie-breaker process.
2. The eight (8) teams shall qualify as follows:  
**Provincial Qualifiers**
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'D'
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **February 23, 2020**.
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final. In Mixed competition each team is allowed one (1) fifth per gender.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time.



## Senior Mixed Championship – Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## SILVER TANKARD and WOMEN'S TANKARD CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions).

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be seventeen (17) years of age or older at December 31, 2019.**

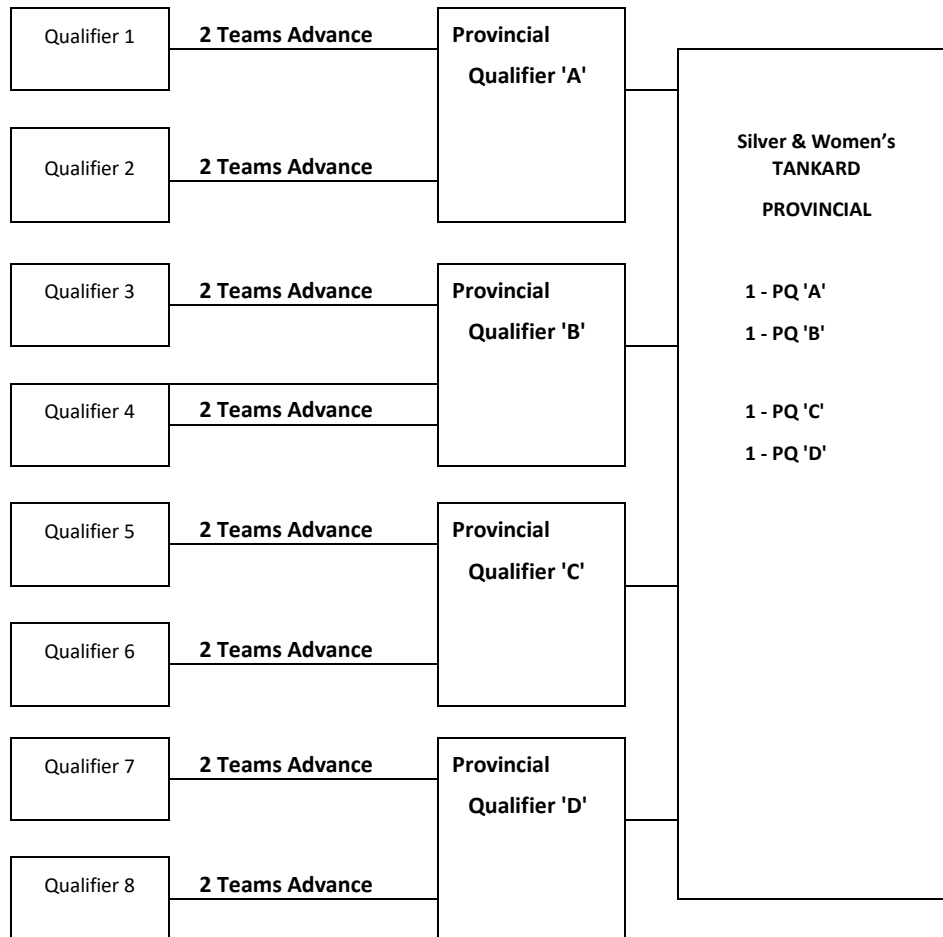
### POLICY

1. This is a double team event – each team entry will consist of eight (8) team members.
2. The Silver Tankard and Women's Tankard Provincial Final shall be a four (4) team single knockout event with a consolation final.
3. All teams must register online by the entry deadline of **March 15, 2020**. It is the responsibility of the team and Affiliated Curling Club to confirm their team's eligibility to compete.
4. The four (4) teams shall qualify as follows:
  - Each of the four (4) Provincial Qualifiers (PQ's) will qualify **one (1)** team per gender.Each event will be conducted using a double knockout to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time.
4. If the competition is under a timing protocol (usually at Provincial Finals), the double entry teams will complete each end in unison. Meaning if one game completes an end prior to the other game the team that completed their end will have their timeclock stopped and that game will wait for the completion of the other team's end prior to starting the next end in the game. This process will be in effect until the conclusion of the game.

## SILVER TANKARD & WOMEN'S TANKARD - Qualification Diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## U-18 MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be seventeen (17) years of age or younger as at June 30, 2019 which means athletes born after June 30, 2001.**

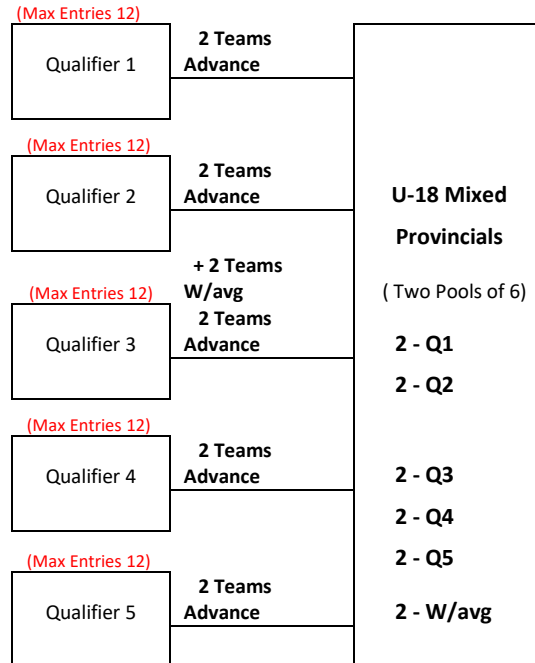
### POLICY

1. The U-18 Mixed Provincial Final shall be an twelve (12) team, two pools of six round robin with a four team playoff.
2. The twelve (12) teams shall qualify as follows:  
**PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS NOTE:** Maximum entries per PQ is twelve (12) teams.
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'A'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'B'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'C'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'D'
  - **Two (2)** berths from Provincial Qualifier 'E'
  - Additional **two (2)** berths using weighted average calculation.
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **September 15, 2019** and close on **February 23, 2020**.
4. Each qualifying event will be conducted using a double knockout draw format to qualify the number of teams.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including the Provincial Final. In Mixed competition each team is allowed one (1) fifth per gender.
3. Teams may concede their game at any time.

## U-18 MIXED – Qualification diagram



\*CurlON reserves the right to adjust draws and/or qualifying spots based on number of entries received to preserve fairness of opportunity and weighting of events

## U-15 DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

**THIS IS A DEVELOPMENT EVENT ONLY (Does not lead to a banner). Purpose is to activate new youth curlers/teams into an officiated format while offering opportunities to develop along the athlete pathway.**

### ELIGIBILITY

Event is open to any MALE or FEMALE residing in the CurlON jurisdiction (or qualifying for one of the exemptions) and is a certified Member of the CurlON Affiliated Member Club they represent. Teams may compose of all male, all female or a mixed format to train.

**AGE RESTRICTION: All players must be fourteen (14) years of age or younger as at June 30, 2019 which means athletes born after June 30, 2004.**

### POLICY

1. The U-15 Development Challenges shall be four (4) separate events with a maximum of sixteen (16) teams at each event.
2. The event will be a pooled format with various types of training and competition. Mentor coaches will be provided to work with teams and their coaches.
3. Entries will open for all competitors on **October 15, 2019** and close on **TBA**.

### RULES

1. Individuals must be a resident of Ontario by September 1 in the year of the Championship season – September 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 season.
2. Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play.

## Appendix 'A' - Tie-Breaker Draws

For the 2019-20 season CurlON will adopt the one (1) only tiebreaker game scenario. Under this format teams tied for the final playoff position will be determined by the following:

- If two (2) teams are tied for the final playoff spot – teams will play a tiebreaker game
- If three (3) or more teams are tied for the final playoff spot – the two (2) tiebreaker teams will be declared first, by head-to-head amongst the teams, if unsolvable, then by draw to the button scores.

### Example 1:

In a three (3) team playoff (semi-final, final) with the following scenario:

Team A:	6-0
Team B:	5-1
Team C:	4-2
Team D:	4-2

In this case Teams C and D would play a tiebreaker game to advance into the semi-final vs. Team B.

### Example 2:

In a three (3) team playoff (semi-final, final) with the following scenario:

Team A:	6-0	
Team B:	5-1	
Team C:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 2-0
Team D:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 1-1
Team E:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 0-2

In this case Teams C and D would play a tiebreaker game to advance into the semi-final vs. Team B, Team E would be eliminated based on head-to-head record.

### Example 3:

In a three (3) team playoff (semi-final, final) with the following scenario:

Team A:	6-0	
Team B:	5-1	
Team C:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 1-1 – draw to button score: 46cm
Team D:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 1-1 – draw to button score: 32cm
Team E:	4-2	record amongst C,D,E: 1-1 – draw to button score: 16cm

In this case Teams D and E would play a tiebreaker game to advance into the semi-final vs. Team B, Team C would be eliminated based on draw to the button score.

This tiebreaker format will be applied to all CurlON competitions including page playoff formats.

## Appendix B – Curling Canada Free Agent Policy

FREE AGENT POLICY (effective 2018-2019)

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

- **Definition:** A Free Agent is defined as a member in good standing of any Member Association of Curling Canada competing as a non-resident player in the Tournament of Hearts and the Brier.
- **Free Agents** are allowed to compete in the Tournament of Hearts and the Brier only (at any level of play). A maximum of one (1) Free Agent will be allowed per team, which includes any alternate player.
- Free Agents competing in the Tournament of Hearts and Brier in any other Member Association will also be allowed to compete in any other competition (except the Tournament of Hearts and Brier) leading to any Curling Canada championship in the jurisdiction of the Member Association where they are resident. For example, player 'A' lives in Winnipeg and is a free agent for a Saskatchewan-based team in the Brier playdowns. Player 'A' would then be able to play in the Mixed for Manitoba, or any other Manitoba event he might be eligible.
- **Student-Athletes 20 Years of Age and Under on June 30 the year prior to the Canadian Juniors or prior to the Under-18:**
  - A player under the age of 21 (as described above) and registered full time in a recognized school (elementary, high school, CEGEP, college or university), may compete as a Free Agent for any other Member Association in the Tournament of Hearts and the Brier only.
  - Eligible athletes in this category have two (2) options:
    - **Option 1:** They may compete as a Free Agent for any Member Association in the Tournament of Hearts and Brier and, they may compete for the Member Association where the school is geographically based in any other competition leading to any Curling Canada championship they are eligible to compete. For example, player 'A' lives in the Yukon, goes to school at the University of Alberta and is a free agent for a Nunavut-based team in the Tournament of Hearts. Player 'A' would be able to play in any other Alberta event she might be eligible.
    - **Option 2:** They may compete as a Free Agent for any Member Association in the Tournament of Hearts and Brier and, they may compete any other competition leading to any Curling Canada championship they are eligible for in the jurisdiction of the Member Association where their family resides. For example, player 'A' lives in the Yukon, goes to school at the University of Alberta and is a free agent for a Nunavut-based team in the Tournament of Hearts. Player 'A' would be able to play in any other Yukon event she might be eligible.
    - Either option is acceptable but not both.
    - This policy does not apply to the University or College curling championships. These events are operated under eligibility rules established by U SPORT and CCAA and do not affect eligibility in Curling Canada events. A student-athlete can compete for any university / college in any province or territory without jeopardizing their ability to compete in any Curling Canada competition.
- If asked, traditional on-campus, full time students will establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution that the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status. Enrollment in online schools is ineligible for this exemption.
- Student-Athletes requesting this exemption must identify their "Free Agent", then notify the Member Associations involved, seeking their approval. If necessary, they may be asked to provide the required documentation proving the remaining players [3 of 4] are bona fide residents of the Member Association they are intending to represent.
- "Free Agent" requests must be received by the respective Member Associations on or before October 31 each year. Following the approval process between the respective Member Associations, the player must also register appropriately on the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS). Finally, the Member Associations will forward copies to Curling Canada.
- All individuals must comply with the membership criteria of the province or territory they wish to represent including the acquisition of a Curling Canada Competitor Card.
- Individuals claiming to be bona fide residents of the curling jurisdiction they wish to represent or, individuals engaged in the exemption process, may be requested to participate in Curling Canada's "Whereabouts" Program, as administered by the Director of High Performance to validate their residency or the merit of their request for an exemption.





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## RESIDENCY ELIGIBILITY REVISION V.3

### A. BIRTHRIGHT STATUS FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS & BRIER ONLY

Curling Canada's residency eligibility rules for the **Brier and Tournament of Hearts ONLY** - including the provincial / territorial playdown processes leading to those national championships - have been updated to include **Birthright Status**. This revision will be effective immediately beginning with the 2019-20 curling season.

**POLICY:** Canadians that have moved away from the province / territory where they were born are now eligible to play for that province / territory under the **Birthright Status**. The player **must** be a bona-fide resident in Canada to claim this exemption.

#### Birthright Special Circumstances:

##### 1) Nunavut Territory / Northwest Territories

- a) A player born before April 1, 1999 anywhere in the Northwest Territories that is now considered part of the Territory of Nunavut may claim birthright for **either** the Northwest Territories **or** Nunavut. If a player claims one or the other Territory will determine their Territory of birth for the remainder of their career.
- b) A player born in the Territory of Nunavut on April 1, 1999 or later may claim birthright for Nunavut **only**.

##### 2) Medical

- a) Often mothers are transferred to a bigger hospital / clinic in another province or territory by doctor's orders or to be close to family support. The birth certificate in this case would note the province or territory of the hospital / clinic where they were born. A player may provide a letter from the provincial / territorial health care provider (of the mother's residence) indicating that when they were born, they had health care coverage from the said province / territory of their mother's residence. The player will be granted birthright status in this case. If you cannot provide the letter, you may not claim Birthright for the province / territory where your mother lived but may claim Birthright based on your birth certificate.



## 3) **Border Towns / Northern Ontario**

- a) Canadians born in border towns such as Lloydminster (which has geographical boundaries in both Saskatchewan and Alberta) will be assigned a *'birthright home Member Association'* based on the province / territory indicated on their government documentation.
- b) The current Ontario and Northern Ontario border for curling will determine if a player was born in Northern Ontario or Ontario. If the town/city of the athlete's birth has a curling club, then they will be considered as born in the affiliation of that club. If the town / city of birth does not have a curling club, they will be assigned to the member association with the closest affiliated club to their birth town / city. *(Any disputes will be resolved by Curling Canada.)*

## 4) **Born outside of Canada**

- a) Canadian citizens not born in Canada **will not be** eligible for this option unless they can provide the government letter noted in bullet 2) *Medical*.

## 5) **Full-time Students**

- a) Full-time students in good standing attending a recognized post-secondary educational institute, may play in the **Tournament of Hearts** or the **Brier** in one (1) of these four (4) jurisdictions:
  - i) for the province or territory where they are attending school, **or**;
  - ii) for the province or territory where they maintain their residence of record, **or**;
  - iii) for the province or territory where they were born, **or**;
  - iv) for any province or territory as a Free Agent.*Note: students may be required to provide proof of registration and academic standing.*

## 6) **Miscellaneous**

- a) An individual may only participate in the playdown process for the Tournament of Hearts or the Brier in **one (1)** province or territory in a specific championship season.
- b) Where eligible, Canadians may play for different member associations year to year. For example, in 2019-2020 they play in territory 'A' where they were born. Then in 2020-2021, they choose to play in province 'B' where they reside.



- c) Free Agents, athletes using the birthright option, and student-athletes are allowed to participate in any other event they are eligible for in the province or territory where **they reside or have declared as their residence**. For example, a player residing in province 'A' chooses to be a free agent in province 'B' for the Tournament of Hearts. In the same season, this player can participate in the 4-person Mixed competition for province 'A'.

## **B. Residency & Eligibility rules for the Tournament of Hearts and Brier leading to the respective World Curling Federation (WCF) championships will be updated as follows:**

### **An athlete in competition for the Tournament of Hearts or Brier (at all levels):**

- 1) Must be a Canadian citizen.
- 2) Must be a **bona fide resident** of the province / territory they intend to represent. Member Associations may allow Canadian citizens who are residents of border towns in the United States, and who are active members in good standing of affiliated Canadian curling clubs, to participate.
- 3) **Birthright:** born in the province / territory in which they intend to represent.
- 4) Must not have competed for any other member country in any World Curling Federation competition (at any level) the previous two curling seasons (a curling season is determined as September 1 to May 31).
- 5) May be a **Free Agent**. A Free Agent is a citizen and a resident anywhere in Canada who chooses to compete in any of the fourteen (14) member associations. (*note: both affected Member Associations must approve any Free Agent.*)

### **C. Teams in competition for the Tournament of Hearts or Brier (at all levels):**

- 1) If one (1) player on a team of four (4) players is a free agent, the other three (3) players (including any alternate player) **must be bona-fide residents** in the province or territory and/or must have **Birthright Status**.
- 2) If a free agent is not used, all players on a team of four (4) players **must be bona-fide residents** in the province or territory and/or must have **Birthright Status**. Any alternate **may** be a Free Agent.



- 3) All four (4) or five (5) team members may claim birthright status.
- 4) Must be a member in good standing of the same affiliated curling club. (*Member Associations may adjust this to one or more affiliated curling clubs.*)

## D. PROOF OF RESIDENCY

To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, an individual must be able to provide proof to be considered a **resident** or to have **birthright status** for playdown purposes.

An individual claiming to be a bona fide **resident** of a province or territory whose playdown structure he or she wishes to enter, must be able to provide a minimum of three (3) of the following four (4) items to the Member Association (if requested):

- a) Current Driver's Licence (or valid travel picture ID) from that province / territory;
- b) Current Health Care Card from that province/territory;
- c) Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory;
- d) Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province / territory – a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.

*Note: In addition to providing the above documentation, an individual must spend the majority of their non-compete time in the province / territory in which they are claiming to be a bona fide resident.*

To participate in any Curling Canada Championship, **individuals MUST be bona fide residents** of the province or territory in which they wish to enter play prior to **September 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year preceding the championship season. This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- a) Transfer due to employment
- b) School attendance
- c) Military service and transfer



Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by the two (2) Member Associations affected:

- a) Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial / territorial boundary;
- b) Individuals that reside in province / territory “A” and conduct the majority of their work outside of province / territory “A”, may represent province / territory “A” on the assumption that they can validate that the majority of their non-work and non-train/compete time is spent in province / territory “A”.
- c) Individuals that have a primary residence in province / territory “A”, a temporary / secondary residence in province / territory “B”, and who conduct the majority of their work in province territory “B”, may represent province / territory “B” on the assumption that they can validate that the majority of their work-related time is spent in province / territory “B”. The individual must be able to provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of the curling season the exemption is being requested, will be located with the geographical area of the Member Association they wish to represent.

## E. PROOF OF BIRTH

The athlete will produce a valid birth certificate or valid passport or a letter from the provincial / territorial health care provider (of the mother’s residence) indicating when they were born that they had health care coverage from the said province / territory of their mother’s residence. Curling Canada will keep a permanent digital record of each athlete’s birth province or territory as part of our athlete database.

## F. PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING

A student may be requested to provide proof of registration and academic standing.

## G. PROCESS FOR EXEMPTION REQUESTS FOR RESIDENCY OPTION

- a) Exemption requests must be received by Curling Canada and the respective Member Associations **a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Member Association’s deadline for entry to the first stage of the championship in question.**



- b) Detailed information noted in **D. Proof of Residency** will be required with the exemption request.
- c) The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application.
- d) If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
  - i) Chief Executive Officer, Curling Canada;
  - ii) Director, High Performance, Curling Canada;
  - iii) Vice-Chair of the Operations Advisory Council (must be an Executive Director of one of the fourteen (14) Member Associations).
- e) Individuals who have employment in two (2) curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Associations and the Director, High Performance, Curling Canada.
- f) Individuals that meet exemption criteria will be considered bona fide residents of the province / territory granting the exemption. They are not considered free agents.

In the case when a team enters the Provincial / Territorial Canadian Championship playdown process and is found **not** to be following the residency rules, the entire team risks being suspended for **one (1) year** from Curling Canada and Member Association sanctioned events. Suspension shall only be implemented subsequent to due process and it is determined that residency and/or exemption related information has been provided in a fraudulent manner.

## **H. PROCESS FOR RESIDENCY CHALLENGES**

It is understood that the residency rules will be national in scope and, in the event the rules are challenged, Curling Canada will assist in the defense of any challenge at the Member Association level and/or protect Curling Canada's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate. **Note: there is not a process to challenge birthright or student enrollment.**



## I. WHEREABOUTS PROGRAM

Curling Canada's "whereabouts" program will be implemented as required to provide confirmation that a team member follows established residency and/or exemption criteria and to ensure all related documentation / statements that the individual has provided are valid.

The protocol for the "whereabouts" program is as follows:

- a) It is brought to the attention of a Member Association that a team member(s) may not be compliant with the residency / exemption criteria.
- b) If the Member Association agrees, they shall work together with Curling Canada in an effort to establish confirmation that the individual is compliant.
- c) The individual(s) shall be contacted and asked to confirm that the documentation / statements provided are accurate / valid and to establish that they are aware of the potential consequence of having provided fraudulent documents and/or statements.
- d) The Member Association and Curling Canada shall then determine if further confirmation is warranted and if so, the Director, High Performance will implement Curling Canada's Whereabouts Program.
- e) The individual will be contacted and requested to participate in Curling Canada's Whereabouts Program and their team will be advised. Failure to grant approval will result in the individual being deemed not to be complying.
- f) The whereabouts program is intended to establish the exact location of the individual on a 24/7 basis and therefore the individual must be a willing participant in providing proof positive as to the credibility of their claim to be following the residency rules.
- g) The Whereabouts Program will make use of any reasonable means possible and available to establish that the individual in question is in fact in compliance with the residency rules. This will be done with the approval of the individual in question. Failure to grant approval will result in the individual being deemed not to be complying.
- h) If it is established that the individual is deemed not to be complying, they will be provided the opportunity to participate in Curling Canada's Appeal Process, which will be implemented in a timely manner by the Director, High Performance. **(END)**