



Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements

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On September 12th, 2018, a small working group met to review a potential pilot project involving the Club Championship eligibility rules. The group strongly recommends changes to the eligibility requirements to increase participation at the club level. The purpose of the change is to increase participation and ultimately increase the number of entries in Member Association playdowns while continuing to target club curlers.

For the 2018 - 2019 season, rules have been established to allow Member Associations additional club participation growing the number of teams competing to represent their province / territory. The event would continue to target non-elite teams (grassroots club curlers) who compete in their clubs regularly but now, are not limited to being the club champion.

The fundamental change proposed would allow Member Associations to control the number of entries per club. For example, Saskatchewan prefers to allow any eligible team to enter the regional playdowns. Or Ontario prefers to restrict the number of entries to a maximum of one per club.

All Member Associations will be responsible for setting their own entry fees and eligibility policies.

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We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship for curling clubs to engage their members to participate and represent their curling club at a regional competition which leads to the provincial / territorial championship and ultimately the national curling club championships.

The event was created for true club-based teams. The objective is to support the development of grassroots curling across Canada.

With this objective in mind, here are the proposed eligibility requirements for events leading to the November 2019 national championships. Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of this event as it pertains to the rules below.

- 1) The curling club represented by each team, must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Association, in good standing and all applicable dues paid in full.
- 2) The players of any club team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
- 3) Canadian citizenship is not a requirement.
- 4) Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club, but must declare one “home club” for this competition.
- 5) Each Member Association reserves the right to limit the number of teams qualifying from each club based on capacity and scheduling limitations.
- 6) Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
 - (a) Regular league play, or;
 - (b) A club championship process, or;
 - (c) A designated Curling Club Championship within the club;
 - (d) Teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a

sanctioned club league during the current curling season.

- (e) Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and / or women's set team leagues) may be granted an exemption to Rule (6)(d) by written request to their provincial / territorial Member Association.

(7) The use of the delivery stick by any or all four players (and any alternate) IS acceptable subject to the rules under 19. Curling With A Delivery Stick.

- (8) Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) replacement player from the club is allowed.
- (9) The replacement player must play the lead position (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
- (10) If the Member Association process includes a number of steps before declaring a champion, then the team may add a different spare at each level provided they play lead and are a member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
- (11) Teams who play exclusively in a major / super league - where teams from more than one (1) club compete - are ineligible for the Curling Club Championships unless the team competes in another eligible league in an affiliated club.
- (12) Each team will be allowed one (1) player:
 - (a) Who has played in any named Curling Canada event in any season or,
 - (b) In any provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event in any season or,
 - (c) Will be allowed one (1) player who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in any season.
 - (d) Definition: Curling Canada events include: mixed, Canada Cup, under-21, tournament of hearts, brier, seniors, mixed doubles, university, college, under-18.
 - (e) Example: Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends but he also represented Ontario at the Brier with his elite team. Craig and his Wednesday

night team of friends are eligible for the Curling Club Championships. However, the other three (3) team members of Craig’s Wednesday team cannot have played in:

- (i) Any provincial / territorial championship leading to a Curling Canada event in the current year and the past two (2) years, or;
- (ii) Any Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current year and the past two (2) years.

(13) We have established different levels of participation for all provinces & territories in events leading to a Curling Canada event. Individual Member Associations can choose to establish stricter guidelines, however these are the minimum:

| Member Association | Ranking that will disqualify a player (see Rule (8)) |
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| Yukon | finished 2nd or better at territorials |
| Northwest Territories | territorial champion |
| Nunavut | finished 2nd or better at territorials |
| British Columbia | competed in a provincial championship |
| Alberta | finished in the final 8 teams at provincials |
| Saskatchewan | finished in the final 8 teams at provincials |
| Manitoba | finished in the final 8 teams at provincials |
| Northern Ontario | finished 2nd or better at provincials |
| Ontario | finished in the final 8 teams at provincials |
| Quebec | 3rd or better at provincials |
| New Brunswick | finished in the championship round at provincials OR top 3 at open provincial events. |
| Nova Scotia | 3rd or better at provincials |
| Prince Edward Island | provincial champion |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 3rd or better at provincials |

(14) Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having not to have played in those events.

(15) Players who competed in the previous season’s National Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following year at any level.

- (16) Each team must be comprised of three (3) players that are a minimum of 19 years of age or over as of June 30th the year prior to the national championship. For example, a player must be 19 years of age on June 30th, 2019 for the November 2019 National Curling Club Championship.

- (17) Any team will be allowed one (1) player under the age of 19 years of age whom shall be considered a “minor” and must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible to cover all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.

- (18) Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Any request must be submitted by the Provincial / Territorial Member Association. Curling Canada will consult with the Provincial / Territorial Member Association and will notify them within five (5) business in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.