

Curl BC Rules for the 2020-21 Season

Due to Covid-19, these rules are subject to change throughout the 2020-21 season. Please visit <https://www.curlbc.ca/return-to-competition/> and click on **Appendix H** for the most up-to-date information.

In addition to these rules, team members must adhere to the Curl BC Illness Policy for all Curl BC Events. Please review this new policy prior to registering for a Curl BC competition. The policy is available at: <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/APPENDIX-A-Curl-BC-Illness-Policy.pdf>

The rules have been reformatted and updated but most rules from last year remain in place. Bold and italicized are new for 2020-21.

1. Application

a. These rules apply to:

All Curl BC regions and member facilities; and
Curlers participating in competitions governed by Curl BC.

b. These Curl BC Rules (the "BC Rules") take precedence over the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play ("Curling Canada Rules").

c. If a Playdown Template (the "template") or Competitors' Guide (the "Guide") is issued for a specific event, the Template and/or Guide shall form an integral part of the BC Rules for the event and shall be enforceable as part of the BC Rules. Where the Template or Guide contradicts the BC Rules, the BC Rules shall take precedence.

2. Definitions

"Birthright player" means a curler who is eligible to play in a Member Association by virtue of having been born in the geographic boundaries of the Member Association and who is not primarily resident in the Member Association of his or her birthplace;

"CEO" refers to the Curl BC Chief Executive Office

"Free Agent" is 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)

"Current curling season" means the duration of a league or practice membership for which a curler has paid dues for the current year (September-April).

"good standing" in reference to a curler means:

- The full payment of all Curl BC member facility dues and league fees, and Curl BC affiliation fees.
- Full compliance with all Curl BC member facility policies for membership ; and
- The absence of sanctions imposed by Curl BC or by a Curl BC member facility on the curler, including, but not limited to, prohibition from curling.

"good standing" in reference to a Member Facility means:

- Full payment of Curl BC affiliation fees for all registered curlers at the facility;
- Provision of a list of all registered curlers at the facility;
- The absence of sanctions imposed by the Curl BC Board of Directors on the facility;

"Member Association" means a provincial sport organization that is the governing body for curling within an individual province;

"Member Facilities" means curling clubs in British Columbia which have paid affiliation fees and provided a list of registered curlers to Curl BC on or before a playdown registration deadline. The singular "Member Facility" is similarly defined;

"on or before" means prior to 11:59pm of the date mentioned.

"resident" means British Columbia residency which can be verified by providing a minimum of three of the following four items by September 1st if requested:

- Current BC Driver's license (or current travel picture ID)
- Current BC Care Card
- Letter from an employer confirming employment within BC
- Statement from landlord (if renting residence) or bank (if own residence) confirming residency within BC.

"region(s)" means the geographical areas of British Columbia as set out in the Curl BC Bylaws.

"replacement player" means a curler who is brought onto a team to replace an original player for the rest of the competition and at succeeding levels of competition;

"skip" is the person calling the game, regardless of order in which the person delivers rocks;

"spare" means a curler who is brought onto a team to replace an original player for one game only;

“thinking time” is the allocated time for each team to complete a game. The time clocks will operate while a team deliberates about choice of shot. The clock will stop when the delivering team’s stone reaches the nearer tee-line.

3. Playdown Eligibility

a. Curlers in good standing from Member Facilities in good standing may register and compete in a playdown competition leading to a BC Championship.

b. Curlers are responsible for ensuring their individual status with their respective Member Facility or Member Facilities. Each curler must meet the eligibility requirements of the individual competition as set out by Curl BC and Curling Canada.

c. A curler can only participate in one Member Association for playdown purposes, except for: a Free Agent who is primarily resident in BC who is competing in one or more of the following categories within BC, including:

- Mixed;
- Mixed Doubles;
- Seniors;
- Masters; or
- Club Challenge.

d. Each curler must be a primary resident in the province of British Columbia

e. Teams competing for a berth in the Men’s (Brier) or the Women’s (Scotties) may have: one Free Agent as a team member; and Up to 5 curlers that have Birthright eligibility (originally born in BC)

- If a curler is seeking an exemption from the residency requirements, the curler must submit an application to the CEO a minimum of 21 calendar days prior to the playdown registration deadline in which they are applying for.
- Residency exemption applications from curlers who are Free Agents or Birthright players must submit their application at least 30 days before the playdown registration deadline for the Men’s or the Women’s category respectively
- All document can be found at the Curl BC website in the “documents and forms for athletes” section of the website as they are made available by Curling Canada.

f. A curler who is granted a residency exemption is also exempted from the requirements set out in BC Rules 3d and 5c. Refer to: <http://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/> (Proof of residency form: check off “residency exemption” section on document).

g. Curlers must meet the age requirements in any event category with such requirements and as set out in the category specific rules

h. A curler may not participate in more than one regional playdown in the same category during the current season, but may participate in a regional or open playdown in a different category, unless otherwise stated in category specific rules.

i. If a curler in two playdowns has a time or date conflict, the curler must withdraw from the competition in which he or she is least advanced. The team will be permitted to use a replacement in accordance with Rule 5h. The player who has withdrawn will not be permitted to rejoin the team.

j. If a team has a time or date conflict with two or more events, the team must withdraw from the playdown in which it is least advanced

k. If a curler is deemed to be ineligible to participate in a playdown participation prior to play in the regional or open playdown, the player’s team may replace him/her with an eligible player in accordance with BC rule 5h the player’s team may replace him/her with an eligible player

l. If a BC Championship is held in one season and the National Championship is held in a following season, all team members of the BC Championship team must be members in good standing of a Member Facility in good standing in the season in which the National Championship is held

m. A curler and/or team may be disqualified from competing further in a particular playdown category if the curler and/or team violates any of these eligibility provisions during and in succeeding levels of the competition.

4. Entries for Playdowns

a. Entries to Curl BC playdowns must be received by the Curl BC office on or before the entry deadline established annually by Curl BC. Entry forms and all necessary documents must be completed in full.

b. By submitting an entry to a Curl BC playdown, each of the four players on the team is signifying his/her commitment, if successful, to continue to compete at each succeeding level of playdowns (regional, provincial, national)

- In extreme circumstances, a request can be made to the Curl BC CEO (or designate), PRIOR to the start of each event.

c. Once you have qualified or the BC Champion has been determined, no more than one player of that team may be substituted for the next level of competition. In the case where a BC Champion cannot field a team, the runner-up team shall represent BC at the National Championship (adhering to only one player substitution). The Curl BC CEO may appoint a team for the National Championship comprised of members from the BC Champion and runner up if neither the Champion nor runner-up team is available.

****(Note for 2020-21: If the 2021 Scotties BC Women’s, 2021 BC Men’s and/or 2021 BC Mixed Doubles Championships cannot be held due to public health orders, Curl BC will be using the results of the 2020 Scotties BC Women’s, 2020 BC Men’s and 2020 BC Mixed Doubles Championships respectively to determine our representatives at the 2021 Scotties Canadian Women’s, 2021 Tim Hortons Canadian Men’s Brier and 2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championships assuming Curling Canada is still able to host those events).***

d. Entry fees for playdowns will be determined annually by Curl BC.

e. Full payment of entry fees including competitor fees must accompany playdown entry.

f. Entry fees **WILL NOT** be refunded after the entry deadline, should the team withdraw. If a team withdraws from the competition before the registration deadline, a processing fee will be deducted from that team's original fee.

5. General Competition Rules

a. Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play shall apply except as superseded by the BC Rules.

b. Any changes to team personnel after submission of the entry but prior to the start of the competition must be communicated to the Curl BC staff member in charge of competitions. Replacement or substitute players must submit all required documentation to the Curl BC Office prior to the competition. Forms should not be submitted at events, as a last resort documentation can be supplied to the chief umpire or regional representative on site as long as the replacement player has been approved by the Competitions Manager.

c. All members on a playdown team must be in good standing at affiliated facilities, but not necessarily in the same region (exception BC Winter Games):

For Regional Event Categories:

Teams may be comprised of any eligible player from any region of the province;

On teams of four, if two or more members of the team affiliate in one region, the team must compete in that region;

On teams with a fifth, if the majority of team members affiliate in one region, the team must compete in that region;

If there is no region where two or more team members affiliate or if a four-person team represents two regions equally,

the team will compete in the region the skip (person who calls the game) resides in;

Changes in team members that affect regional representation will only be granted under extreme circumstance by the Curl BC CEO.

For Open Event Categories:

Teams may be comprised of any eligible player from any region of the Province. The team can play in any open event within their category.

d. Last Stone Draw (LSD):

One identified person will deliver the LSD. If the LSD is measured at 0.0 or 199.6 cm a second person will deliver a LSD. Only if both teams tie with identical LSD totals after two stones have been delivered will the teams alternate until hammer is determined.

Please note this may or may not be the same process used by Curling Canada, but will be consistent across all Curl BC events.

e. Time outs:

Each team may request two time-outs per game and one time-out during each extra end

- The time-out will be 90 seconds in length. This includes travel time by the coach or alternate to access the field of play. Additional time may be added at events at the discretion of the Chief Umpire
- The Coach or alternate (not both) whose team requested the time-out may access the end boards at the playing end but shall not access the playing surface unless walking to the back. The coach or alternate of the team who did not call the time-out will be allowed to meet with their team on the backboard at the home end only at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.

f. Multi Game Days:

Curlers should be prepared to curl more than two games in one day if required

g. Uniforms:

Participants at all playdown competitions shall be permitted to wear the advertising of their team sponsor(s), provided that such advertising is in good taste and does not conflict with Curl BC sponsors. Specific guidelines within the event templates will detail team attire. Curl BC crests must be affixed to the upper left arm or upper left chest of the outer garment of each member of a team, in the same position for all members of the team. Provincial sponsors' crests are to be affixed to the upper right chest of the outer garment of the team uniform. Team sponsor advertising should not be placed in these locations.

h. Fifth Players:

- The inclusion of a fifth player is at no cost to Curl BC or the host committee.
- A curler may be a fifth player on any team for which he or she is eligible but if that curler has already competed at the same level of competition, he or she may only accompany a team as a fifth player to a more advanced level of competition;
- A fifth player may be declared on the team's entry form at registration or after any of the qualifying events, fifth players will pay the current Curling Canada competitor's fee, and remain with the team until completion of that Curl BC competition;
- Fifth players may play in any game, at any position on the team;
- The expenses of the fifth player shall be the responsibility of the team; and
- Teams continuing on to national events will be subject to the rules of the body governing the national event regarding fifth players.

i. Substitution:

- Should a competitor be unable to play due to injury, illness or extenuating circumstances, spares or replacements are permitted during playdowns leading to provincial events.
- Spare: a temporary player, replacing a player for one game, on a game by game basis.
- Spares who are selected from a spare pool provided by the host committee and who play in one or more games at that playdown event will not be required to pay the Curling Canada competitor's fee unless they continue to the next level of play with the team. A spare must be an affiliated member of a club in good standing, and meet all eligibility requirements for the competition. Spares should be available to all teams in the event during a competition.

- Replacement player: replaces a player for the remainder of an event, or if the player cannot rejoin the team, for subsequent levels of competition.
- A replacement player must be a member of an affiliated facility in good standing, must meet all eligibility requirements for the competition, and must pay the current Curling Canada competitor's fee.
- A spare or replacement may play any position on the team and shall not have competed in nor be competing in the same level of competition in the current season. However, a spare or replacement that played at the regional level may be selected to play at a subsequent level of competition.
- If a spare or replacement comes into a game during an end in progress they will deliver the stones of the player they are replacing. At the completion of that end the team can redefine their team lineup.
- A team may choose to play with three players with the first two players each delivering three stones in each end. Under no circumstance may a team play with fewer than three players delivering stones. Exception: Mixed curling must always have four players on the ice with two men and two women alternating delivery of stones.

j. Mixed Team Makeup:

- The Player delivering last stone and the player acting as vice skip must be opposite genders.
- The following are the two (2) accepted team position/delivery rotations for 4-person mixed competitions:
 - (1) Male Lead (first thrower and sweeps delivered stones 3-8), female second (second thrower and sweeps stone 1-2 and 5-8) male third (third thrower and sweeps delivered stones 1-4) female skip (fourth thrower)
 - (2) Female lead (first thrower and sweeps delivered stones 3-8), male second (second thrower and sweeps stones 1-2 and 5-8) female third (third thrower and sweeps stones 1-4) male skip (fourth thrower)

k. The Chief Umpire must be advised 30 minutes before a game if a spare or replacement will be playing.

6. Coaches

a. To be eligible to coach at a playdown or provincial competition, a coach:

1. Must be Certified Competition Coach at a minimum.
2. Must be at least 21 years old as of Dec. 1 of the year prior to the national championship to accompany a Junior team to a Curl BC competition.
3. Must be at least 21 years old as of Dec. 1 of the year prior to the provincial championship to accompany a U18 team to a Curl BC competition.
4. BC Winter Games, U18 and Junior Teams must have a coach who:
 - has completed the NCCP Safe Sport Module in the past 5 years, or a refresher course in the past 5 years if the NCCP Safe Sport Module was completed more than 5 years ago; and
 - has submitted a criminal record check that is not more than 3 years old. The criminal record check must be on file with Curl BC, or if submitting for the first time, be submitted by the registration deadline of the event(s) in which the coach is coaching.

b. A team shall declare the name of its coach on the playdown entry form.

c. Any change in coaches must be communicated to the team to the Chief Umpire at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game and comply with rules a, b, and c.

d. If there is more than one coach, all coaches can be on the ice at the pre-event practice. Only the declared coach can go out for pre-game practices or, timeouts. Fifth-end (or fourth-end) breaks taken at ice level can only involve the declared coach. However if the fourth end or fifth end is taken on the "warm side of the glass" all coaches can take part. *(Note for 2020-21: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, teams can only have one declared coach in the facility who will take all practices and timeouts. However, if restrictions are lifted, the previous stated rule will come into play).

e. Any team with a coach under 21 years of age, or a team under the age of majority (19 years old) participating in an adult event, must also be accompanied by a chaperone over 21 years of age. All expenses relating to the chaperone shall be the responsibility of the team. The chaperone shall not receive any awards, prizes or acknowledgment. Coaches and chaperones must complete the online NCCP Safe Sport Module and have a Criminal Record Check available that is no more than five (5) years old. Criminal Record Checks should be submitted to the Curl BC office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the competition. The coach/chaperone shall be responsible for the team both on and off the ice during the entire competition. NCCP numbers for coaches and chaperones will be provided during online event registration so compliance is checked by the Curl BC office.

7. Playdowns Leading to Provincial Events

a. Curl BC shall determine the number of berths available at the BC Championship in each category annually. Berths may be allocated to regional events and/or to open events based on the number of registrations in a playdown competition. Curl BC reserves the right to allocate berths to support playdown registrations in any one event and/or to encourage regional representation at the BC Championship event.

b. It shall be the responsibility of the Curl BC Regional Representatives to arrange playdowns for all categories in their region on behalf of Curl BC.

c. Playdowns to determine provincial qualifiers must be completed at least 14 calendar days prior to the start of their respective provincial championship.

d. Reallocation of Qualifying Berths:

- In the case where there are insufficient entries in a qualifying event to produce the required number of qualifying teams the CEO will reallocate the qualifying spot(s) to the other qualifying events in an equitable manner.

- In the case where a qualified team withdraws from a BC Championship the CEO will reallocate the championship berth in an equitable manner. If qualifying events are still to be held, the berth shall be awarded to the remaining qualifying event with the most entries. If all events have been held, the berth shall be awarded based on the teams' records in qualifying events.

e. Pre-game Practice:

- Whenever possible, as time permits, each team will be allowed a 10 minute pre game practice before each game, where the team may deliver a maximum of 16 rocks total on the same sheet of ice on which they are about to play.
- Prior to the pre-game practice, teams will toss a coin with the winner having the choice of first or last practice OR rock color. Teams may use only the stones they are assigned for that game.

8. Provincial Championships

a. Curl BC will provide the official draw and determine the schedule of play at a provincial event.

b. A team briefing will be communicated to all teams by email prior to the first draw. The email's purpose is to communicate the officiating system, rule enforcement and penalties. Any queries the curlers may have can be addressed by email and in person prior to the pre event practice.

c. Game Time Operation:

- Thinking time allocated to each team to complete a ten end game shall be 38 minutes per team.
- Thinking time allocated to each team to complete an eight end game shall be 30 minutes per team. (Exception – wheelchair teams will be allocated 38 minutes per team, masters will be given 32 minutes. (Note - at the national masters it is 30 minutes).
- Thinking time allocated to each team to complete an extra end shall be 4.5 minutes per team. (Exception - wheelchair teams will be allocated six minutes per team.)
- When the first stone of the game comes to rest, the delivering team's game clock will begin once the opposing team has relinquished control of the house and all sweepers have moved to the side of the sheet. The clock will stop when the delivering team's stone reaches the nearer tee-line.
- No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the near tee-line.
- At the conclusion of each end, both time clocks are stopped for a period of time (30-45 seconds) as determined by the rules of the competition or the Chief Umpire. Each team may request two time-outs per game and one time-out during each extra end (see Rule 6.e)

d. Pre-event practice:

A practice session will be scheduled for all teams prior to the start of the first draw of the championship. Teams will be permitted to practice for a determined amount of time on each sheet of ice on which they will play during the event.

e. Pre-game practice: Each team will be allowed a ten minute warm-up before each game on the same sheet of ice on which they are about to play and may throw as many rocks as they want during this time. Teams listed on the left of the draw or the top position on the draw sheet will practice first using only the stones assigned to them for that game. Teams practicing first will use the color of stones in the top position on the scoreboard.

f. The host committee will provide a spare pool of curlers who meet all eligibility requirements. Spares will practice during regular scheduled pre event practice and will be available for selection by the team requiring a substitute. If there is no spare pool for an event, this will be communicated in the team briefing.

9. Conduct and Discipline

a. In accordance with the Curl BC Harassment Policy: 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 upon Curl BC

b. The Curl BC Event Manager in charge 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 to preserve the safety and/or integrity of the other curlers, coaches, chaperones, officials, host committee members, where, due to time or distance or other constraints, the Curl BC CEO cannot effectively approve necessary disciplinary measures;

c. Smoking or vaping of tobacco or marijuana by competitors, coaches or officials anywhere in the playing area at any time is prohibited.

d. Competitors and coaches may be subject to fines if they do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. See Playdown Templates, Codes of Ethics and Competitors' Guides for guidance. Visit www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules for an overview of the fines.

e. Curlers shall abide to the strict ban on the use of illegal substances in sport as set out in applicable rules by the World Curling Federation, Sport Canada, Curling Canada, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (the "Anti-Substance Rules").

f. If a curler is found in possession of a banned, or otherwise illegal, substance, or to have used a banned, or otherwise illegal, substance during the competition in violation of the Anti-Substance Rules, the curler will be subject to a ban from curling for a specified period of time, and a monetary fine.

g. If a curler is found in possession of a banned, or otherwise illegal, substance, or to have used a banned, or otherwise illegal, substance during the competition in violation of the Anti-Substance Rules, the curler may also be subject to other civil and/or criminal penalties. 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 refer to www.cces.ca.

10. Appeals

a. Appeals concerning disciplinary measures and process arising out of matters set out in rule 10 above shall be made in accordance with the Curl BC Harassment Policy (BG Appendix 11).

11. Other

a. Curl BC reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the BC Rules.

b. The Curl BC operational staff 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. The Curl BC Board of Governors will be consulted when appropriate.

c. Any matter not covered in these rules shall be governed by the Curling Canada Rules of Curling.

CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The BC Curling Club Championships shall be Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

The curling club represented by each team must be affiliated with Curl BC, in good standing, and all applicable dues paid in full.

Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:

- Regular league play, or;
- A club championship process, or;
- A designated Curling Club Championship within the club;
- A special event to determine your Curling Club champions for your club that is not part of your formal club championships

A 5th player may compete at any level of competition including the Canadian Championships. If they play, they must play the lead position throwing the first two stones of any and all ends for their team and sweeping delivered stones numbered 3-8. No exceptions. Any 5th player costs will be the responsibility of the team.

Please refer to the national rules for detailed eligibility requirements: <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/curlingclubchampionships2020eligibility-ENFINAL.pdf>

The chart below may help your BC team determine eligibility. Three players out of four players (or four out of five if you have a fifth) must be 'eligible' in the table to compete at the BC Club Challenge.

| Championship category | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 |
|--|---|---|---|
| BC Junior (U21) | Ineligible | Ineligible | Ineligible |
| BC Scotties | Ineligible | Ineligible | Ineligible |
| BC Men | Ineligible | Ineligible | Ineligible |
| BC U18 | Ineligible | Ineligible | Ineligible |
| BC Seniors | Eligible | Eligible | Eligible |
| BC Masters | Eligible | Eligible | Eligible |
| BC Mixed | Eligible | Eligible | Eligible |
| BC Mixed Doubles | 1st to 8th place ineligible, 9th or below, eligible | 1st to 8th place ineligible, 9th or below, eligible | 1st to 8th place ineligible, 9th or below, eligible |
| BC Wheelchair | Ineligible | Ineligible | Ineligible |
| BC Winter Games* Only one U19 player per team | Eligible | Eligible | Eligible |
| BC Stick | Eligible | Eligible | Eligible |

MEN

The Men's BC Championship shall be an Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

- **Individuals must be bona fide residents of BC prior to Sept. 1 of the year preceding the championship season. For the 2020-2021 season this is Sept. 1, 2020. (With the exception of now permitting players from any other Canadian location to be part of the team as a "Free Agent" and any player who has moved away from the province or territory they were born in to be part of the team due to their "Birthright" status).**
- **Updated residency eligibility rules for the Brier can be found here:**
<https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/canadian-team-ranking-system/residency-rules/residency-eligibility-rules/>
- No curler may enter the same category of competition in more than one region in a season
- Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including national events.
- If a game is tied after the ten ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- A maximum of two tiebreaker games will be played to determine 2nd place in each pool. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further.
- During a ten-end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fifth end. In televised games teams must play a minimum of eight ends unless permission to concede is granted by the network and Chief Umpire.

WOMEN

The BC Women's Curling Championship shall be an Open Provincial Championship. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

Individuals must be bona fide residents of BC prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season. For the 2020-21 season this would be Sept. 1, 2020. With the exception of permitting from any other Canadian location to be part of the team as a "Free Agent" and any player who has moved away from the province or territory they were born in to be part of the team due to their "Birthright" status. Up to date residency eligibility rules for the tournament of hearts can be found here: <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/canadian-team-ranking-system/residency-rules/residency-eligibility-rules/>

- A team may participate in any of the open playdown events.
- Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including national events.
- If a game is tied after the ten ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During a ten-end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fifth end.
- A maximum of two tie breaker games will be played to determine 4th place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further
- Open event #1 and #2 must be held within reasonable proximity to an airport.
- In televised or streamed games teams must play a minimum of eight ends unless permission to concede is granted by the network and Chief Umpire.

JUNIOR (U21)

The BC Junior Curling Championships be Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

- Each player entering a Junior competition shall be a maximum of 20 years of age or under on June 30th the year prior to the championship.
- If a game is tied after the ten ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During a ten end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fifth end.
- In televised and streamed games teams must play a minimum of eight ends unless permission to concede is granted by the network and Chief Umpire.
- Teams may designate a fifth player for BC competitions only. Fifth players are not permitted at national events.
- All teams must have a coach who meets the certification requirements, has completed a criminal record check and completed the NCCP SafeSport Module through the Locker.
- A maximum of two tie breaker games will be played to determine 3rd place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further
- Open event #1 and #2 must be held within reasonable proximity to an airport.
- Fair Play Time-Outs are permitted at junior events.
- Members of junior teams, including coaches, must refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or marijuana at any time during a competition.
- Juniors must be in their hotel room by midnight, unless attending an official provincial championship function. The first violation of this curfew will result in a one game suspension to the player(s). The second violation will result in suspension from the remainder of the championship. The coach will be immediately notified by the Curl BC Championship Liaison of the disciplinary action, and a letter will be written by the Curl BC Board to the appropriate guardians and curling club. A warning to this effect will be given through the team briefing.

U18

The BC U18 Curling Championships be Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules

- Each player entering the U18 competition shall be a maximum of 17 years of age or under on June 30th of the year prior to the championship.
- No curler may enter the same category of competition in more than one region in a season.
- If a game is tied after the eight ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During an eight end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- Teams may designate a fifth player for BC Competitions only. Fifth players are not permitted at National events.
- All teams must have a coach that meets the certification requirements
- has completed a criminal record check in the past 3 years and has it on file with the Curl BC office
- completed the NCCP SafeSport Module through the NCCP Locker in the past 5 years.
- Fair Play Time-Outs are permitted.
- A maximum of two tie breaker games will be played to determine 3rd place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further
- Members of teams, including coaches, must refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and marijuana at any time during a competition.
- Teams must be in their hotel room by midnight, unless attending an official provincial championship function. The first violation of this curfew will result in a one game suspension to the player(s). The second violation will result in suspension from the remainder of the championship. The coach will be immediately notified by the Curl BC Championship Liaison of the disciplinary action, and a letter will be written by the Curl BC Board to the appropriate guardians and curling club. A warning to this effect will be given at the team briefing.

BC WINTER GAMES (EVERY EVEN YEAR)

The BC Winter Games (BCWGs) shall consist of two pools of four teams with the top two in each pool advancing to a semi-final . The winner of each pool plays the second place team in the other pool with the winner advancing to the final. Except for tie-breakers, no team shall be required to play more than two games per day. All games shall be eight ends. A consolation round will occur for all team who do not advance to the playoffs.

For playdowns, the province shall be divided in accordance with BC Winter Games boundaries, which are currently eight zones. Each curler and coach shall compete only for the zone in which they make their permanent residence.

Rules

- Each player entering this competition shall be **15 years of age or under as of Dec. 31, 2021** and shall not be younger than 11 years of age as of the first day of the BC Winter Games, whichever applies. Players must meet BC Games Society Eligibility Rules in BC Games Years.
- If a game is tied after the eight ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During an eight end game, a mandatory break of five minutes will take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- For BC Winter Games the sponsorship rules of the BC Games Society will supersede Curl BC rules regarding cresting and team sponsors.
- Fifth players are permitted at all levels of competitions, up to and including the BC Winter Games.
- All teams must have a coach that meets the certification requirements and has completed a criminal record check.
- Coaches will be allowed to access their teams for two minutes following each even end.
- If a zone or zones do not provide a representative(s), the replacement team(s) shall be from the host zone first. Following this it will be allocated to the zone(s) with the most entries. If an equal number of entries in two or more zones prevent a clear choice, the extra berth(s) shall be decided by coin toss.
- Members of BCWGs teams, including coaches, must refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and marijuana at any time during a competition.
- Athletes must be in their hotel room by winter games curfew, unless attending an official provincial championship function. The first violation of this curfew will result in a one game suspension to the player(s). The second violation will result in suspension from the remainder of the championship. The coach will be immediately notified by the Curl BC Championship Liaison of the disciplinary action, and a letter will be written by the Curl BC Board to the appropriate guardians and curling club. A warning to this effect will be given at the team briefing.

SENIOR

The BC Senior Curling Championships shall be Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

- Each player entering in a senior competition shall be a minimum of 50 years of age or over on June 30 in the year of the championship. Players wanting to compete in the 2020-21 Seniors will be born on or before June 30, 1971.
- No curler may enter the same category of competition in more than one region in a season.
- If a game is tied after the eight ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.

- During an eight end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- Teams may designate a fifth player for BC Competitions only. Fifth players are not permitted at national events.
- A maximum of two tie breaker games will be played to determine 3rd place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further

MASTER

The BC Master Curling Championships shall be Open Provincial Championships. The preliminary and playoff format of the event will be determined based upon the total number of entries following the entry deadline. Teams may be expected to play three games in one day.

Rules:

- Each player entering Masters competition shall be a minimum of 60 years of age on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the provincial championship.
- No curler may enter the same playdown category in more than one region in a season.
- If a game is tied after the eight ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During an eight end game, a mandatory break of five minutes will take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- The use of the delivery stick at Masters Competitions is permitted and its use shall be in accordance with Curling Canada Rules for General Play Section 18.
- Teams may designate a fifth player for BC Competitions only. Fifth players are not permitted at National events.
- A maximum of two tie breaker games will be played to determine 3rd place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further

MIXED

The BC Championship shall be an open event. The format will be based on the number of entries in the event. Teams will play up to three games in one day for this event. All game shall be 8 ends.

Rules:

- Team must be made up of two male and two female players and the male and female players must play alternate positions. The Player delivering last stone and the player acting as vice skip must be opposite genders. The following are the two (2) accepted team position/delivery rotations for 4-person mixed competitions:
 - (1) Male Lead (first thrower and sweeps delivered stones 3-8), female second (second thrower and sweeps stone 1-2 and 5-8) male third (third thrower and sweeps delivered stones 1-4) female skip (fourth thrower)
 - (2) Female lead (first thrower and sweeps delivered stones 3-8), male second (second thrower and sweeps stones 1-2 and 5-8) female third (third thrower and sweeps stones 1-4) male skip (fourth thrower)
- No curler may enter the same playdown category in more than one region in a season.
- If a game is tied after the 8-ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- During an 8-end game, a mandatory break of five minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- Mixed teams are not permitted to have a fifth player.
- A maximum of two tie-breaker games will be played to determine 3rd place following round robin play. Cumulative LSD for the event will be used to break ties further.

WHEELCHAIR

The preferred BC Championship draw format is a round robin with a playoff however the draw format may be altered by the Curl BC CEO depending on the number of teams entered. Except for tie-breakers, no team shall be required to play more than two games per day. All games shall be 8 ends. There is an open direct entry in the Wheelchair Provincial Championship with all teams and players being required to satisfy Canadian Wheelchair Championship eligibility rules.

Rules:

- Teams may be comprised of eligible players from any region of the province.
NOTE: In the event that BC cannot field a team for a national competition from within the province, Curl BC can now request an exemption to the residency rule in this category. This will not apply in 2020-21 due to the cancellation of the national wheelchair championship. Please refer to the ruling from Curling Canada here: <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/wheelchair-policy-June2020-EN.pdf>
- Teams must have at least one member of each gender.
- If a game is tied after the eight ends allotted, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Each team will receive 36 minutes of thinking time.
- During an eight end game, a mandatory break of five minutes will take place at the conclusion of the fourth end.
- Fifth players are permitted at all levels of play up to and including national events.

MIXED DOUBLES

The BC Championship shall be an open event, with pool play. At the conclusion of the individual round robins, the top team in each pool will advance directly to the round of 16 in the championship round. The number of teams who advance to the first round of the championship round will depend on the number of entries/pools. Ties for first place will be decided by who beat whom, then by the total distance of the draws for hammer. No tie-breaker games will be played.

Rules:

- Teams may be comprised of eligible players from any region of the province.
- No curler may enter the same category of competition in more than one region in a season.
- A team must be comprised of two players, one male and one female.
- Alternate or spare players are not allowed. A team must forfeit any game(s) in which it fails to have both athletes playing for the entire game.
- Games shall be eight ends.
- Each team will receive 22 minutes of thinking time.
- Each team shall deliver five stones per end. The player delivering the team's first stone of the end must also deliver the team's last stone of that end. The other team member shall deliver the team's second, third and fourth stones for that end. The player delivering the first stone can change from end to end.
- The last stone is determined by each player delivering one stone (each with the opposite turn) – meaning that one will deliver clockwise and one counter clockwise
- For the final and semi-final games, playoff stone selection is as follows:
 - where there is a difference in the win/loss records of the teams, the team with the better win/loss record shall have hammer, choice of stone handle color and first practice.
 - where the teams have the same win/loss record, the team having won the round robin game shall have choice of either last stone or stone handle color. The team with hammer shall have first practice.

STICK (OPEN AND WOMEN'S)

Due to Covid-19, the 2021 Stick provincials have been cancelled.

- Both events are open Provincials and will be round robin or pool play depending on entries.
- Play-off Format: In both events the top teams in each pool will qualify for the playoffs, the 3rd and 4th place teams will be determined based on round robin record. Team 1 will play Team 4 in one semi final and Team 2 will play Team 3 in the other.
- If the open or women's event has 7 or few teams, it will be a round robin format, with the top 3 teams making the playoffs. Team 1 will advance directly to the final with Team 2 and Team 3 playing in a semi final game
- There is a chief umpire and event manager on site. Curlers will do their own measuring and are asked to mark the scoreboard promptly at the conclusion of each end so that online scoring can be updated timely.
- Rule enforcement and unresolvable on-ice situations are to be directed to the chief umpire and their decision will be final.
- Curl BC will adopt the same rules as the Canadian Stick Curling Association for this event. Curl BC applies the Rules of Curling for General Play, as approved by Curling Canada, with the following exceptions:

Rules:

- Each team is comprised of two curlers with no sweeping or brushing between the hog lines (Rule 6), each curler is always occupied, either delivering or skipping.
- One member of each team stays at each end of the rink, and must not cross center ice (except as provided for in Rule 8).
- The two delivering curlers alternately deliver six stones each per end, while their teammates skip that end. Then roles are reversed. All games are 6- ends.
- Each stone must be delivered with a curling or delivery stick, from a standing or sitting (in a wheelchair) position. This provides equity for those physically unable to attain the sliding position.
- A stone is in play when it reaches the hog line at the delivering end. A stone that has not reached the hog line at the delivering end may be returned to the player and redelivered. The player will redeliver the same called shot and ice.
- Sweeping/brushing is not allowed between the hog lines. This provides fairness to those unable to sweep/ brush. It also increases the challenge, not having the advantage of sweeping/brushing to affect either line or weight in the initial travel of the stone.
- The first three stones delivered in an end may not be removed from play before delivery of the fourth stone of that end. If that happens, the delivered stone is removed from play and all other stones are returned to their original position. With fewer stones used, and fewer ends, the stick game tends to be more defensive than the regular game. This rule helps make the game more offensive. The "in play area" is the area from the hog line to the back line.
- Each team may call a maximum of two 90 second time-outs (and meet at center ice) during a game. During an extra end, one time-out per team is allowed. Whenever a time-out is called, the opposing team may consult near center ice at the same time. This allows for team member consultation during a game in a timely manner. 9. In case of a tie, an extra end is played, with each player delivering 3 stones. The curlers then exchange roles at the midpoint of an extra end to complete the end. In the event the extra end is a blank, another end is played using the extra end format with each player continuing from the end of the rink where they finished the previous extra
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