EXCEL U18 + U21 CUPS NOV. 29 - DEC. 1, 2019





WHO?

Curling Alberta's Excel U18 and U21 Cups will feature some of the best young teams from our province and beyond. More specifically, the fields for both our Excel Cups will include the top 4 male and top 4 female teams on the Excel Points Race within each age category, plus one team each from British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Alberta-based teams will qualify by way of the **Excel Points Race** as of November 19, 2019.

WHAT?

Our Excel U18 and U21 Cups are special events designed to provide teams with a competitive experience unlike any other in our province. These events will feature a purse of \$3,000 per gender, along with the opportunity to earn substantial Excel Points. This last benefit is particularly significant because the team that is leading the Excel Points Race after their Excel Cup will earn a direct berth into that Alberta Provincial Championship.

WHERE?

Curling Alberta's Excel Cups will typically be held at one of our **Excel Training Centres**, which are located at the Okotoks Curling Club, the Saville Community Sports Centre, and the Grande Prairie Curling Centre. Each of our Excel Training Centres is committed to providing superior playing conditions on a daily basis. In 2019-2020 the Excel U18 Cup will be hosted at Saville, while the Excel U21 Cup will be hosted in Okotoks.

WHEN?

Both Excel Cups will run November 29 to December 1, 2019. These dates have been selected because they mark the end of the fall bonspiel season, and provide ideal preparation for the Junior playdowns. Each Excel Cup begins with round robin games on Friday and Saturday, and finishes up with the semi-finals and finals on Sunday. The specific draw schedules for these events will be released once the fields are finalized.

WHY?

Curling Alberta recognizes that it takes more than high quality training opportunities to develop the elite curlers of the future. In fact, we believe that competition is an equally important component of the development process, and especially competition that brings together the best young teams from Western Canada. That is why we have created the Excel Cups, and why we are committed to running them in a first-class manner.

