

MEN

The Men's BC Championship shall be a 12- team event with two pools of 6 and a 4-team playoff with 10-end games. The top two (2) teams in each pool will advance to the playoffs. Games will be 10 ends in length. The successful team will represent BC at the 2022 Brier, March 4-13th, 2022 in Lethbridge, BC. The 12 teams shall qualify for the BC Championships as follows:

- The top team on the Canadian Team Ranking System as determined by points accrued from September 1st, 2021 to December 7th, 2021.
- The top three BC Tour teams as determined by points accrued at events within BC September 1st, 2021 to December 7th 2021, who have competed in a minimum of three (3) BC tour events.
- 5 Zone/Inter-Zone events – 8 berths to be prorated (based on the number of entries) among the 5 inter-zone events. Each Inter-zone event gets 1 berth, as long as the inter-zone event meets the minimum number of 3 teams entering.

The Inter-Zone events are as follows:

Zone 1: Kootenays

Zone 2: Thompson-Okanagan

Zone 3/4/5: Fraser Valley/Fraser River/Vancouver-Coastal

Zone 6: Vancouver Island-Central Coast

Zone 7/8: Northwest/ Northeast

Note - points from zone, provincial and national events do not go towards the CTRS Berth or the BC Tour Berths.

*If a zone has fewer than 3 entries, that berth will be prorated within the other zone events.

**If there are only one or two entries in a inter-zone playdown, that team may travel to the next closest inter-zone event.

The team's other option will be to withdraw from the inter-zone playdown process. If going to an alternative inter-zone event, a subsidy will be offered.

***In the event of a high number of entries, consideration will be given to increase the BC Championship to a larger number of teams

Berth reallocation is at the discretion of the CEO.

Rules:

- Individuals shall be bona fide residents of BC prior to Sept. 1 of the year preceding the championship season. For the 2021-2022 season this is Sept. 1, 2021. (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 can 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 inter-zone 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 shall play a minimum of eight ends unless permission to concede is granted by the network and Chief Umpire.