

### Summary of Curl BC Rules Changes for 2021-22

1. In addition to coaches needing to be fully Competition Coach Certified to Coach at all Curl BC events, all coaches and chaperones at Curl BC events shall be in alignment with Curl BC's pledge to implement the three steps of the responsible coaching movement. These steps will help participants and coaches benefit fully from sport participation in a safe, healthy, and fun environment.

**Step 1:** Take the NCCP Safe Sport Training 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.

**Step 2:** Have a valid criminal record check. 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.

**Step 3:** Be committed to following the "rule of 2" at all times while fulfilling the role of coach.

2. Team can now register only one (1) coach during the registration process. If a coach substitution needs to happen during an event, the process is outlined in *rule 6.c* of the General Curl BC Rules.
3. Devices that send or receive a signal cannot be used by the registered coach within the field of play. This includes behind the sheet of play while observing the game. If using a device that sends or receives a signal, the coach must have the device set to "airplane mode".
4. Athletes on the ice cannot wear or use devices that send or receive signals and or text messages (including apple/ smart watches).
5. In the BC Winter Games Category Athletes must be in games accommodation sites (scanned in) by BC Games curfew (11:00pm), unless attending an official provincial championship or games 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.
6. In the BC Winter Games Category Coaches and adult supervisors shall be in games accommodation sites (scanned in) by BC Games curfew (11:00pm), Violation of curfew will be reviewed by the Curl BC Provincial Advisor and BC Winter Games Staff, and disciplinary actions will follow.
7. In the Club Championship category, each four-person team is now allowed to have up to four (4) players who have in the previous 3 seasons participated in a Provincial Championship in Mixed, Senior, Masters or Mixed Doubles.
8. In the Club Championship category, each four-person team is now only allowed one (1) Under-18 Player, if they have advanced to a U18 Provincial or National U18 Championship in the past 3 seasons.
9. In the Women's category, due to a compressed schedule this upcoming Olympic year, Curl BC will only be holding One (1) Women's Open Qualifier leading to the 2022 BC Scotties. This event will have 4 qualifiers.
10. Due to COVID-19, Curl BC was not able to hold a 2021 BC Scotties Championship or 2021 BC Men's Championship. The berth's that is normally awarded to the defending champion's has been reallocated to the BC Curling Tour Points Race for the 2021-22 season only. This means 3 men's teams and 3 women's teams will now qualify directly for the 2022 Provincial Championships based on results in BC Curling Tour Events in 2021. One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's team will also still qualify directly based on being the #1 BC team on the Canadian Team Ranking System from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 period. The CTRS berth is awarded prior to awarding the three BC Curling Tour Berth's.
11. U18, U21, U21 Special Worlds Qualifier, Mixed (2021 and 2022), Mixed Doubles, Club Championships (2021 and 2022), Seniors (2021 and 2022), and Masters will be Open BC Championships during the 2021-22 season. The preliminary and play-off round for each of these championships will be based on the number of teams and the number of days scheduled for the event.
12. Tie Breaker games have been eliminated from all Open BC Championships. Tie's for the final playoff berth will now be broken by head to head, followed by cumulative LSD for the week. This is consistent with National Championship rules for these categories. This may be excluding master's nationals, who's playoff format will be subject to the schedule put forward by the organizing committee for the 2022 Canadian Masters Championships.
13. Teams will now throw two (2) LSD's in all BC Championships to determine hammer. One (1) team member will throw the **clock wise** rotation for their LSD and one (1) team member will throw the **counter clock wise** rotation. Team's may practice on the entire sheet during their pre-game practice.

14. Suggested rule changes are welcome throughout the year and will be considered by Curl BC's Competition Committee by completing the below online form. All proposed rules changes will be reviewed by the Curl BC Competitions Committee during their 4 annual meetings. Rules change proposals **must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** to be considered for implementation in the 2021-22 season.  
<https://forms.monday.com/forms/1a44cdccbbb8d4fe0688c41aa1ff57fc?r=use1>