#   2021 BC Championships

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**Prepared by Chief Umpire:**

**The Chief Umpire will oversee all field of play action and assist competitors in the competition.**

Congratulations to all the competing players for their achievements in the 2021-2022 season. (Location) has worked hard to make this a successful championship.

**Teams competing in the Championship**

If after reading this information, you have any questions, please call or text (enter your information – name and contact info, include email and phone #)

**FORMAT:** Enter the event format here

**OFFICIATING:**

* 1 Chief Umpire, Game Observers (confirm with host committee), Timing Officials and Game Umpires.
* All measures will be done by the Game Umpires.
* Rule enforcement and unresolvable on-ice situations are to be directed to the Game Umpire and if need be to the Chief Umpire. The decision of the Chief Umpire is final.

**On-Ice Officials (if available)** are your extra set of eyes. Observers will mark the score and chart the play. Please indicate the stone color and the # of points scored at the completion of each end even if the result is obvious.

**Timing Officials** are positioned (indicate where). A timeout request should be called directly to your timer so your clock can be stopped. Timeouts must come from a player on ice while their time clock is running. Signals are "T" for game timeout or "X" for technical timeout. Between end-breaks will be **Turn and Go** (30 second window). **If teams are not in position and ready to deliver their first stone of the end at the end of 30 seconds their clock will start.**

**Game Supervisors** will be positioned at both ends. They will conduct all measurements and in the absence of on-ice officials can post the score.

**Conceding a game:** During a **non-televised game teams may concede at any time**. In televised games teams must play a minimum of 8 ends unless permission to concede is granted by the television network and the Chief Umpire.

**Clarification of the score with a concession of the game:**

1. When both teams still have stones to be delivered (at least 1 each) and there is a concession no points are given and X’s are placed on the scoreboard (if a team is mathematically eliminated - the game is over).
2. When one team has delivered all their stones and the other team has 1 stone remaining and there is a concession:
	1. If the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, X's are placed on the scoreboard.
	2. If the team that did not deliver all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, the points in the house are placed on the scoreboard.
	3. If after 15 stones are delivered and no stones are counting and the games is conceded X's are placed on the scoreboard.
	4. If a game is conceded with more than 2 ends remaining, the first non-scored end will be marked with X’s.

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CurlTime will be used for timing games:

* 38 minutes to complete 10 ends.
* Mid-game break is 5 minutes. Teams are reminded that thinking time will start for the team to deliver the 1st stone of the 6th end **if the player is not in the delivery position ready to start the end when the mid-game break is over.**
* Extra end is 4 min 30 seconds with a 3-minute break prior to the start of the extra end (traditional 8 and 10 end games).

As per Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Rule 8 (7) “If an Umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the umpire will notify the skip of the offending team and, after the notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the t-line at the delivering end within 45 seconds; the stone is removed from play immediately”.

**TIMEOUTS:** Each team will have two 90 second timeouts during a 10 end game and one 90 second timeout during an extra end. Timeouts include the travel time for a coach to access the field of play. After the site review additional time **may** be added to allow the coaches to get to the field of play. Extra time allotted will vary for Home and Away ends and will be determined by the Chief Umpire.

Timeouts will be displayed on the time clocks and controlled by the Game Umpire.

Both coaches are asked to cooperate and make sure to stop if a team is throwing when you are crossing the end of their sheet. Your consideration will be noted and extra time added.

Timeouts are to be signaled with the traditional "T". If the play is at the away end the team that did not call the timeout will not meet until the coach of the team that called the timeout reaches the hogline at the away end. At the conclusion of the timeout or when the team calling the timeout concludes their discussion the timeout is over for both teams and the coaches **must leave the field of play immediately**. The coach of the team that did not call the timeout will have access to their team at the home end backboards only, and must give priority to the team calling the timeout. Coaches that call the timeout can access their teams at the backboards of the playing end (use of empty adjacent sheets will not be allowed).

The 90 seconds, if not used in the timeout discussion will continue until it expires or the stone reaches the nearer T-Line.

Only the coach or 5th player (not both) may access the field of play during the timeout.

Coaches are reminded that clean curling shoes are required to access the field of play. Coaches going to the away end will travel to the away end backboards to meet with their teams behind the backline. Coaches must be dressed appropriately to access the field of play (jeans or sweatpants will not be allowed).

**PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE:** Pre-competition practice is 10 MINUTES PER SHEET. The schedule for pre-competition practice will be controlled by an umpire.

**PRE-GAME PRACTICE AND CHOICE OF STONE COLOR**: Prior to 1st practice, **both teams** must complete the LSD master list indicating which players (two) will throw their Last Stone Draw (please note that 2 players from each team will deliver a last stone draw prior to each draw – first player will deliver the clockwise rotation and the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation). Teams will practice using only their stones for that game and may not handle or otherwise disturb their opponent’s stones No team can access the ice for practice until the Last Stone Draw sheet is completed indicating the players who will be delivering the last stone draw.

* **All Championships:**
* **Teams will toss a coin before the practice with the winner having the choice of 1st or 2nd practice OR stone colour.**
* Each player on the team will throw a minimum number of **Last Stone Draws** depending on the format of the event and number of games played.
* Only 16 stones or 9 minutes for zone or inter-zone playoffs. No stone limit during provincials.

Under the direction of the Chief Umpire, before each game teams will be allowed a 9-minute warm-up on their appointed sheet. At the conclusion of the 9-minute warm-up 1-minute will be added for each Last Stone Draw. There is no restriction as to the number of stones that may be delivered in the allotted time (provincial championships). Only 16 stones can be delivered during any zone or inter-zone competition. Notice will be given 1 minute prior to start of each practice and teams will be advised when they may access the ice surface. Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass during their opponent's pre-game practice.

**LAST STONE ADVANTAGE IN THE FIRST END (HAMMER)** will be decided by two draws to the button following each team’s pre-game practice. Teams have 1 minute to deliver each stone.

Following the pre-game practice, under the direction of the Chief Umpire, the first player designated will deliver a stone using the clockwise rotation (full sweeping allowed) and following the measurement the second player designated will deliver a stone using the counter clockwise rotation (full sweeping allowed) and the cumulative total of the two will determine which team will receive last stone advantage in the first end. Coaches and/or 5th players must be on the backboard at the home end before the player delivers the stone and no communication with the team is permitted. The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.

If a team covers the button triangulation measuring will take place (as long as the ice techs have put in the additional holes at 3 or 9 o'clock and 6 o'clock). If triangulation is not available the measurement will be recorded as 0.00.

If both teams record the same total, each team will alternate until the hammer is decided. Any player can throw in the shoot off including a player who has already participated.

**Stones that do not reach the nearer Tee-line within the time allotted by the umpire will be assigned a distance of 199.6 cm.** A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by the delivering team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

**OTHER PRACTICE DURING THE EVENT:**

**Evening Practice** will be available at the discretion of the Chief Umpire and the facility. Each team will be permitted 10 minutes practice on the sheet(s) the team is playing on for the next day’s competition. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the morning and will be removed immediately after the start of the last draw of the day. **Teams must indicate on the evening practice sheet if they will be participating**. Failure to do so may eliminate the team from that evenings practice. Concessions may be possible upon discussion with the Chief Umpire. Failure to arrive at the designated time may result in forfeit of the practice time for that sheet.

The winner of the 1-2 game will be advised if any time is available for practice prior to the **FINAL.** The decision will be made in consultation with Chief Umpire and the Head Ice Technician. Practice may not be on the sheet designated for the final or with your designated rocks.

**COACHES:** All certified coaches must receive approval from Curl BC prior to the championship. Only one coach will be permitted (from the original line-up form) to participate in the pre-game practice.

**ORIGINAL LINE-UP FORMS:** Teams will submit an original line-up form to the Chief Umpire prior to the start of the event. If there any changes to the original line-up (including a coaching change) a **Change of Line-up form** must be given to the Chief Umpire before a player can enter a game in progress. A change in line-up prior to the start of a game should be submitted to the Chief Umpire prior to the pre-game practice. It is assumed that the original line-up will begin each game unless a change of lineup form has been submitted. Any further change will require the completion of a new Change of Line-up form.

**EQUIPMENT MORATORIM:** Curl BC has adopted the sweeping moratorium and equipment recommendations from Curl BC. ALL ATHLETES AND COACHES should familiarize themselves with this document and adhere to it. There will be no warnings and penalties will be applied as outlined in the document. This document is available on the Curl BC website.

Please refer to: http://www.curlbc.ca/curlers/rules/

Equipment checks will take place at the discretion of the Chief Umpire throughout the championship. Any changes to broom heads must be approved by the Chief Umpire prior to being used.

**PLAYOFF INFORMATION:** When the final playoff positions have been determined, each team involved will be asked to attend a short meeting with the Chief Umpire to make their choices. Teams will select a **complete set of any eight game stones** and one reserve stone of the same color from any of the sheets that were used during the competition. The reserve stones will be picked from stones after all teams have selected their sets.

Before leaving the meeting, stone color choice must be identified to the Chief Umpire. No later than, 30 minutes prior to the pre-game practice, the complete set of stone selection from the specific sheets must be identified to the Chief Umpire. Failure to identify stones could result in stones being selected for you.

At the conclusion of each playoff round teams must be available for the next playoff meeting to make the selection for the next game. Teams that do not attend a post round robin meeting or subsequent meetings within the allotted time, or are not prepared to make a decision, forfeits their choice (stone color, practice choice etc.) to which the team is entitled.

**Stone selection for Playoff** games running dual championships will be decided by the established Curl BC method to make it fair for all playoff games as more than one game will be played at one time. In the finals, as there is only one game played both Mens and Ladies stones may be selected from **All 5 sheets**.

For **ALL** combined events in the 2021-2022 championship year (ladies/men) the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the men first.

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES COULD CHANGE AND **EVERYONE** SHOULD ENSURE THEY KNOW WHAT ORDERS ARE IN PLACE.

Curling Canada has confirmed that it will require proof of double vaccination, for all players and spectators, age 12 and older, to take part in Curling Canada-affiliated events. This means that unvaccinated BC youths will not be able to advance to the Canadian U21 championships, or other national events at this point.

Since one of the prime functions of Curl BC’s provincial championships is to provide athletes with a path to national events, as well as to Team Canada, this will preclude unvaccinated curlers including youths from competing in BC Championships leading to a Curling Canada Championship.

Curl BC recommends the use of vaccines for everyone 12 and older. There are severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the Health Canada-approved vaccines have been found safe and effective. Curl BC also recommends the use of masks, even when vaccinated and when not legally required, as there are multiple risks from new variants of the virus.

Additionally, Curl BC encourages self-monitoring for any symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, and any new loss of taste or smell). If any of these symptoms should occur, please seek medical attention and avoid visiting curling facilities until the health situation is diagnosed and resolved.

Please see link below the PHO orders:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

Curlers are reminded of the Curlers’ Code of Ethics (which is located on our website at the below link. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated

<https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

Please refer to: [www.curlbc.ca/player-fines-for-violations](http://www.curlbc.ca/player-fines-for-violations)

Any questions/concerns that are not ‘on-ice related’ should be directed to the Event Manager or Board Liaison assigned to this event.

Please address any field of play / game related concerns to the Chief Umpire.

Good luck and Good Curling