



***COMPETITORS' GUIDE
FOR ALL COMPETITIONS
2021-22***

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

This Curl BC competitor guide is updated annually based on feedback from athletes, coaches, officials and Curling Canada.

This guide provides the policies, rules and guidelines athletes and coaches must adhere to at:

- 1. Zone Qualifiers**
- 2. Inter-Zone Qualifiers**
- 3. Open Qualifiers**
- 4. BC Championships**

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The competitor guide is split into the following six (6) sections.

- Section 1 refers to ALL Curl BC Competitions (zone, inter-zone, open qualifiers and**
- Section 2 refers to BC Championships for all categories**
- Section 3, 4, 5 and 6 refers to additional policies and category specific rules or policies.**

It is the responsibility of all competitors and coaches to read this guide and adhere to all policies contained in the most recent publication of this competitors guide. An electronic version of this guide is available here: <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/documents-forms-athletes/>.

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Section 1

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL CURL BC COMPETITIONS.

1. A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. MEALS

Teams are responsible for their own meals. The Competition Manager or Host Committee will inform you of any functions provided (i.e. banquet, brunch, etc.) however this is not common at zone, inter-zone or open qualifier competitions.

2. TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel expenses will be the responsibility of the teams. In BC Championships, prize money is awarded to the top 3 teams in all categories. <https://www.curlbc.ca/prize-package/>

3. TEAM NAME & CLUB REPRESENTATION

Team names on all BC Championship draws and sanctioned publications will be the last name of the skip (the person that calls the game). Teams must declare which member club they are representing; at least one player must be a member in good standing at that club. Teams can list more than one club on their registration if team members are members of different clubs. In the event that a team wins a BC Championship, it should be noted that only one club can be listed for the team registration form for Canadian Championships.

4. CONDUCT

Competitors and coaches are required to conduct themselves on and off the ice in an appropriate manner and abide by all Curl BC Policies, Competitor Guides, Curl BC General Rules and the Curl BC Category Specific Rules of the competition. The Chief Umpire may intervene at any time if a team, player, or coach is displaying inappropriate behavior. Competitors and coaches agree to abide by the Curl BC and Curling Canada Code of Ethics Policy which can be found on the Curl BC website.

****The Curl BC board is in the process of updating and approving our suite of policies at our September, 2021 Board meetings. This guide will be updated to be in alignment with those new policies once they are approved.****

Players could be fined for inappropriate conduct. The fine amounts are as follows:

1st offence: Fine from \$300- \$600

2nd offence: Fine from \$600-\$1,000

3rd offence: Fine up to \$1,000 + suspension

This includes:

- i. Use of inappropriate language to the point that it is offensive.
- ii. Making an obscene gesture that is deemed inappropriate by an Official.
- iii. Being abusive to anyone involved with the event.
- iv. Refusing to talk to an accredited member of the media.
- v. Refusing to wear a RF microphone (televised games only).
- vi. Refusing to cooperate with the televising network (televised games only).

Dress code violations, including the use of prohibited branding on clothing or equipment, are not allowed. Fines with regard to dress code violations are as follows. See <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/> for uniform and cresting rules:

First offence: Fine from \$150-\$500
Second offence: Fine from \$500-\$1,000
Third offence: Fine up to \$1,000 and suspension.

Players can also be fined for refusing to take a directive given by a Curl BC Official, conceding a game before the time frame designated by Curl BC without permission, or any off-ice activity considered inappropriate by Curl BC. The fine system is detailed on the Curl BC website in our rules section under “player fines for violations”. <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

In accordance with the Curl BC Harassment Policy:

- i. 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
- ii. 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 where, due to time or distance or other constraints, the Curl BC CEO cannot effectively approve necessary disciplinary measures;

Smoking by competitors, coaches or officials anywhere in the playing area at any time is prohibited. Players found in violation of banned substances in contravention to the rules of the World Curling Federation, Sport Canada, and Curling Canada policy, will be subject to the same ban as in place by the CC. 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 go to www.cces.ca

All team members must attend any designated competition team meeting(s), ceremonies and any banquet/social held in conjunction with the competition. If a competitor must be absent from the team meeting, ceremonies or banquet because of illness, accident, or other extenuating circumstances, prior permission must be granted by Curl BC.

Curl BC has sportsmanship awards in all categories, a competitor must participate in the voting procedure for any awards.

5. SOCIAL MEDIA

We would encourage any competitor who has a social media account like Twitter, Facebook or Instagram to post about the event and mention us in your posts – we are @CurlBC and will be using the event-specific hashtag which you will see in our posts. You can also use #curlbc. When posting please do so in the spirit of the event and abide by the social media guidelines which are on page 100 of the Curl BC Yearbook or can be found here at <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Athletes on the ice cannot wear devices that receive signals and or text messages (including apple/ smart watches) or otherwise shall be vetted and approved by the Curl BC office a minimum 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition. Devices that send or receive a signal cannot be used by the registered coach in the field of play. This includes behind the sheet of play while observing. If using a device to track performances like "Curl Coach", the device needs to be set to airplane mode during the game. Coaches and/or competitors are not allowed to manage/handle the videotaping or livestreaming of games or practice sessions at a Curl BC Open Qualifier, Zone, Inter-Zone or BC Championship. Speed traps are permitted during pre-event practice and evening practices at the discretion of the chief umpire.

7. TEAM MEETING

A team briefing will be communicated to all teams by email prior to the first draw by the chief umpire. 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. These questions should be directed to the chief umpire for the event.

8. COACHES

All coaches accompanying teams to a BC Championship must be NCCP Competition Coach certified and be a minimum of 21 years of age. One Certified coach in full uniform is permitted on ice for any practice sessions and may meet with their team during time outs and the fifth-end (or fourth-end) break. If there is more than one coach, only the coach of record can be on the ice at the pre-event practice and the pre-draw practices. Only the coach of record can go to ice level for timeouts. A team can change the coach of record by completing a change of lineup form that you can get from an umpire a minimum of 30 minutes before the pre-game practice. For Fifth-end (or fourth-end) breaks taken at ice level or in the field of play only the coach of record can take part. Coaches must also meet and adhere to all the Curl BC Safe Sport requirements. This includes having completed a criminal record check within the last 5 years and having it on record with the Curl BC office.

9. POTENTIAL DATE CONFLICTS

Teams competing in a Curl BC Zone, Inter-Zone, Open Qualifier and BC Championships do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels up to and including BC championship, national and world levels, until they are eliminated. If a team member has a date conflict between a playdown or BC Championship in one category, and a national or international competition where they are representing BC or Canada in a different category, that member can be replaced in the Curl BC playdown competition. If a BC Championship team cannot maintain a minimum of three of four of its original players, the team will become ineligible for advancement beyond the BC championship level and the runner-up will advance in their place.

If a mixed doubles team member has a date conflict because they are representing BC or Canada at a national or international level in another category, he/she may be replaced on the mixed doubles team in advance of any Curl BC playdown competition. A mixed doubles team cannot replace more than one player.

10. ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION

Please refer to the Curl BC website <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/anti-doping-information/>. To identify what substances and recreational drugs are prohibited, please go to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport at <https://www.cces.ca/>. Karen Watson is Curl BC's contact with regard to Anti-Doping questions. Her email is watsonkaren@shaw.ca.

For more information, refer to Curling Canada's Website: <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/hp-athletes/policies-guidelines/anti-doping-program/>

1.B. TEAMS

1. FIFTH PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

Fifth Players

- a. The inclusion of a fifth player is at no cost to Curl BC or the host committee.
- b. A curler may serve as 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;
- c. A fifth player may be declared on the team's entry form at registration or after any of the qualifying events. If you are adding a fifth player after registration you must complete a fifth player registration form at <https://bc.curling.io/en/products/4644-fifth-player-2021-22-season>. They will pay the current Curling Canada competitor's fee, and remain with the team until completion of that Curl BC competition;
- d. Fifth players may play in any game, at any position on the team; The exception to this rule is in the Club Championship category. In the Club Championship category all fifths must play lead and sweep rocks 3-8.
- e. Teams continuing on to national events will be subject to the rules of the body governing the national event regarding fifth players.

Substitution:

- a. Should a competitor be unable to play due to injury, illness or extenuating circumstances, spares or replacements are permitted during playdowns leading to BC Championships.
- b. Spare: a temporary player, replacing a player for one game, on a game by game basis.
- c. 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.
- d. A spare must be an affiliated member of a club in good standing, and meet all eligibility requirements for the competition.

Replacement:

- a. A replacement player replaces a player for the remainder of an event, or if the player cannot rejoin the team, for subsequent levels of competition.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 Zone, Inter-Zone or Open Qualifier level may be selected to play at a subsequent level of competition.
- d. 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. The player delivering last stone and the player acting as vice-skip must be opposite gender.
- e. The Chief Umpire must be advised 30 minutes before a game if a spare or replacement will be playing.

****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****

2. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration is done through the Curl BC website using Curling I/O. The registration deadline for all event categories is listed on the Curl BC website under each event category. These deadlines are subject to change which will be communicated through email, website, and/or social media. Curl BC will supply the official draw, rosters, and schedule for all sanctioned zone, inter-zone, , open qualifier and BC Championships.

3. WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- a. Teams may withdraw from an event prior to the registration deadline by emailing Curl BC (subject to an admin fee of 25% of the team's total entry costs).
- b. Withdrawals after registration deadline will not receive a refund unless approved by Curl BC.

4. SEEDING OF TEAMS AND DRAW PLACEMENT

Teams are self-seeded at all Open BC Championships. This is to give teams a ranking for the preliminary rounds of the draw. Teams are "planted" into the brackets or pools in a manner intended so that the top ranked teams do not meet until later in the competition. In the Women's and Men's categories teams will be seeded based on how they qualified, then based on their CTRS standing on Dec 7th, 2021.

- a. Zone, Inter-Zone, Open Qualifiers
 - All categories with a Curl BC sanctioned tours (men's, women's,) will use the tour standing to rank teams, if more than 3 eligible events have occurred by the time of seeding. A double-blind draw will be conducted by a member of Curl BC staff to determine draw placement of non-tour teams. The selection will be witnessed by a third party.
 - All other categories will not seed teams. A double-blind draw will be conducted by a member of Curl BC staff to determine draw placement. The selection will be witnessed by a third party.
- b. BC Championships
 - In the men's event, the CTRS winner ranked #1, and BCCT qualifiers ranked #2, #3 and #4. Teams 5-12 will be self-seeded by all teams.
 - In round robin events seeding of teams is not necessary.
 - In U18 and U21 categories, seeding of teams will be done based on the BCCT standing if more than 3 events occur prior to the BC Championship. if 3 events do not occur prior to the BC Championship, self-seeding will occur.
 - All other events categories (mixed, mixed doubles, senior, master, club championship) will use self-seeding to place teams into brackets or pools.

5. REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS

- a. Registrations for zone, inter-zone or open qualifier events will close immediately following the registration deadline.
- b. Registration information for each event prior to the registration deadline will be published online and available publicly on Curling I/O
- c. Late team registrations will only be accepted in the case of an administrative/technical error by Curl BC.
- d. The official rosters will be created as per the information submitted by the teams through the online registration process.
- e. The official rosters and draw will be posted online at least three days prior to the start of competition. These rosters will carry forward through each level of competition unless a change is submitted to Curl BC by email and confirmed.

6. PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

A. Zone, Inter-Zone, Open Qualifier Events:

i. Practice ice may be available prior to competition. The teams should arrange these sessions directly with the host club. Instructions will be emailed to the team contact via the team briefing email.

B. BC Championships:

i. When pre-event practice is sanctioned, the schedule will be provided by Curl BC.

ii. Team will receive 10 minutes on each sheet of ice they will play on during the BC Championship.

7. DRAW PRODUCTION

- a. Draws will be created by draw consultants and approved by the Curl BC Competitions Manager.
- b. At minimum, the official draw and roster will be emailed to the team contact of each team at least one week prior to the start of competition. The draw and roster will also be published on the Curl BC website three (3) days prior to the start of competition.
- c. If there are any delays due to unforeseen/unavoidable circumstances, Curl BC will advise affected teams of the reason for the delay and the estimated time of completion.
- d. The official draw, including draw times, is subject to change after being published. If any changes are made, teams and the host committee will be notified by email.
- e. The Chief Umpire will be responsible to allocate ice in the event of an error or conflict during the competition after the first draw (which will be assigned by Curl BC). This information will be posted publicly at the host club. Any issues or concerns should be brought to the attention of the Chief Umpire, whose decision will be final. Once the draw is posted at the host club, changes may be made by the Chief Umpire in consultation with the Curl BC Competitions Manager.

1.C. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

Curling is based on a code of ethics, good sportsmanship and personal integrity. Players and coaches are expected to follow this tradition and the rules of the game throughout the competition. Curl BC is in the process of updating their suite of policies all athlete must adhere to. This will be updated once the suite of policies is approved. The policies that guide the governance of Curl BC and its athletes, coaches and volunteers are contained in the first section of the Curl BC Board Policies (PDF) below.

<https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Curl-BC-Board-Policies-2021-02-11Feb.pdf>

The policies that guide the entire organization are contained in the second part of the policy booklet below

<https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Curl-BC-Board-Policies-2021-02-11Feb.pdf#page=57>

All Zone, Inter-Zone, Open Qualifier and BC Championship events will be played under the “Rules of Curling for Officiated Play” as specified in the latest edition of the rulebook published by Curling Canada (CC) including all subsequent rule changes and interpretations adopted by CC at the start of the competition.

"Rules of Curling for Officiated Play" are to be supplemented by rules in the Curl BC Rules document, this Competitors' Guide and/or the related appendix for a category specific event.

Note: There will be no warnings for any infraction unless it is stated in the rulebook or brought to your attention by the Chief Umpire prior to the start of competition. The Chief Umpire may suspend a player or coach from play.

2. OFFICIATING

Chief Umpire - The Chief Umpire shall be appointed by Curl BC and is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation. During a competition, the Chief Umpire assumes responsibility to interpret and administer the Curl BC Competitors' Guide, Category Specific Rules, Curl BC General Rules, Code of Conduct, and Curl BC Policies as listed on the Curl BC Website and Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play. At BC Championships, a Time Clock Operator and on-ice observer may be assigned to each sheet of ice and they are responsible for the timing and observing of that game. Officiating for BC Championships is further defined in section 2(B) (1).

3. EQUIPMENT

- a. All brush heads, including "target" brooms must be WCF compliant. It is the responsibility of the players and coaches to ensure compliance.
- b. Hair brooms and corn brooms are banned as sweeping devices. Visit the WCF website for the up to date code list and for more details: <https://worldcurling.org/competitions/brushes/> . Visit <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/hp-athletes/policies-guidelines/brush-head-moratorium/> for the detailed Brush Head Moratorium document.
- c. Each person must declare their one (1) sweeping device that will be used for the entire game and only that player may use that sweeping device. This declaration must take place prior to the first pre-game practice (brooms will not be marked).
- d. A player may only change a brush head with approval from the Chief Umpire.
- e. A sweeping device broken during the game cannot be replaced, except at the sole discretion of the Chief Umpire.
- f. A substitute entering a game must use the sweeping device of the player they are replacing.
- g. All equipment is subject to random inspection.

Equipment penalties:

If a player uses an illegal brush head, the game is forfeited AND:

- For a 1st offence, the offending player is removed from the game and cannot continue in the specific competition - they cannot be replaced.
- For a 2nd or subsequent offence, the entire team is disqualified from the specific competition and suspended from any Curl BC competition for 365 days.
- If a player uses another player's legal brush head, the stone is removed from play

1.D. COMPETITION

The rules and procedures contained within this section apply to all competitions except where amended within a specific category. See the category specific rules at <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Each playdown participant must meet the eligibility requirements of the competition as set out by Curl BC and Curling Canada. (See Curl BC rules for more information)
- b. Each playdown participant must primarily reside within the geographical boundaries of the province of British Columbia and within the jurisdictional area of Curl BC. (With the exception of Men's [Brier] and Women's [Scotties] permitting:

- One [1] Free Agent is allowed. A Free Agent is a citizen and a resident anywhere in Canada and can choose to compete in any member association. Note: Both affected member associations must approve.
- Each men's or women's team may also have up to 5 players who do not reside in the member association but who have Birthright status. This allows curlers to represent the province or territory they were born in should they move away. Refer to <http://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

*It is the team's responsibility to cross reference Curling Canada's Residency and Age Eligibility Policy at <https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/hp-athletes/policies-guidelines/residency-eligibility-requirements/> *

2. SAFE SPORT

Curl BC, along with our sport and government partners, recognizes the need for all sport governing bodies to play a stronger role in protecting athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and support staff, especially youth, from harassment and abuse. Curl BC has pledged to be part of the Responsible Coaching Movement by ensuring all competitive coaches adhere to the below requirements at Curl BC Competitions:

- Screening via a criminal record check every 5 years
- Ethics Training via Making Ethical Decision and the Coaches Association of Canada's, Safe Sport Module.
- Following the Rule of 2 when working with athletes.

More information can be found by visiting Curl BC's Safe Sport Page [here](#)

Curl BC's Safe Sport framework is focused on three key elements: Awareness, Prevention, and Action- all of which are strongly supported by governance, policies, and procedures. The objective of this framework is to ensure all Curl BC members have access to the resources and support services they need to safely facilitate and participate in curling specific programming and activities.



3. GAME DURATION

Game duration for BC Championships is further defined in section 2 (C) (1).

a. Timing:

1. All games will be timed. Consult event-specific team briefing document for details. The penalty for time clock violation (e.g. running out of time) will be enforced as per the Curling Canada Rulebook.
2. Time Clocks are not typically used at zone, inter-zone or open qualifier events.
3. If games are NOT timed, the Umpire will enforce 'pace of play' per the rule book to assist with keeping the games on schedule.

b. Time-Outs:

1. Time-outs are to be signaled with the traditional "T" sign and the Chief Umpire will time the 90 seconds from the time that both coaches together reach the ice level and must be signaled from the ice surface by the team whose clock is running.
2. If the play is at the away end the team that did not call the time-out will not meet with their coach until the coach of the team that called the time out reaches the hogline at the away end.
3. The coach of the team that did not call the time-out will have access to their team at the home end backboards only and must give priority to the team calling the time-out.
4. At the conclusion of the time-out (expiration of time) or when the team that calls the time-out leaves the field of play, the time-out is over for both teams. Coaches that call the time-out can access their teams on the backboards of the playing end only.
5. Only the designated coach or 5th player (not both) can meet with their team during the time out. Coaches can access their teams from the backboards only, there is no use of empty sheets or walks ways unless all sheets have walk ways.

4. PREGAME PRACTICE AND CHOICE OF STONE COLOUR (Zone, Inter-Zone, Open Qualifier and BC Championship Events)

- a. Under the direction of the Chief Umpire, each team will be allowed a 10 minute warm-up before each game on the sheet of ice on which they are about to play
- b. At zone, inter-zone, and open qualifier events Teams will throw a maximum of 16 stones for a maximum of 10 minutes, at BC Championships, teams may throw as many stones within the 10 minutes.
- c. Players are requested to stay off the ice until 1 minute to practice has been announced. Under the direction of the Chief Umpire, curlers may cool their sliders and they may slide. First practice will begin 30 minutes prior to game time.
- d. Teams practicing second will begin their practice following the first team's last stone draw. Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass during their opponent's pre-game practice.
- e. Teams will toss a coin before the practice, the winner will have the choice of practice OR rock color in all events except BC Championships. Teams will practice using only their stones for that game and may not handle or otherwise disturb their opponent's stones. At least 30 minutes prior to first practice, the last stone draw sheet needs to be completed by both teams and given to the Chief Umpire indicating the players who will be delivering the last stone draw. Please note that 2 players from each team will deliver a Last Stone Draw prior to each draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation and the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation. All players will

throw an equal number of last stone draws during the event (depending on the number of games played).

f. For Mixed Doubles, consult mixed doubles rules in the yearbook.

5. LAST STONE DRAW (LSD)

LAST STONE ADVANTAGE IN THE FIRST END (HAMMER) will be decided by a draw to the button following each team's pre-game practice.

PLEASE NOTE: For all zone, inter-zone and BC Championships two players will be designated to deliver the last stone draw per draw (with the exception of mixed doubles). This may or may not be the same procedure used at Nationals or Worlds. If the first team records a distance of 0.00 or 199.6 (laser offset) then a second player will deliver a last stone draw using the same turn. The team will then leave the ice. If both teams record the same distance over two stones, each team will alternate until the hammer is decided.

At BC Championships One (1) draw with the highest score (total distance from the button) will be thrown out of this calculation prior to this calculation being completed by the chief umpire.

Following the pre-game practice, under the direction of the Chief Umpire, the player designated will deliver the last stone draw as outlined above. Full sweeping is allowed and the closest to the button between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end.

The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.

Stones not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire will be assigned a distance of 199.6 cm (the stone must reach the nearer tee-line before time expires). A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by a team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

OTHER PRACTICE: During a zone, inter-zone, or open event, no other practice is permitted. Late night practice for BC championship events is determined by the Chief Umpire for that event in consultation with the event manager, host committee and chief ice technician.

Section 2

THIS SECTION REFERS ONLY TO BC CHAMPIONSHIPS. SECTION 1 SHOULD BE CONSULTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH Section 2.

2.A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. UNIFORMS AND CRESTING

- a. All team members must wear identical uniforms (matching jackets and shirts) when accessing the field of play including Opening/Closing Ceremonies. This includes fifth players.
- b. Coaches must also wear matching on-ice attire. If not possible, attire should be either similar in colour and style or plain black. Coaches and players are not permitted to wear jeans in the field-of-play or any sanctioned Curl BC event.
- c. Advertising/sponsorship on jackets may be worn provided it does not conflict with Curl BC Event Sponsors. If Teams have a conflicting sponsor not approved by Curl BC on their jackets, they will be required to cover the sponsor's crest prior to accessing the ice.

Curl BC Sponsors:

- Kruger (Scotties)
- Best Western
- belairdirect
- AMJ Campbell
- Connect Hearing (for BC Seniors and Masters Championships event)
- Original 16 (for BC Club Challenge Championships event)

BC Championship crests are to be attached to the upper left sleeve or on the left chest, in the same position for all members of the team.

The surname of the athletes in letters at least 2" (5cm) in height is required on the back of team jackets and must be easily visible for all BC Championships with the exception of club championships, mixed and stick BC championships

Baseball style hats, toques, headbands **matching in colour and style**, worn with the peak to the front and free of any corporate advertising conflicting with Curl BC sponsors may be worn. Hats with professional sport teams or other commercially trademarked logos cannot be worn on the ice during the championship

2. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

a. Rooms have been blocked at Best Western hotels in the area; you will need to call the hotel to make your reservations. Information will be provided to all teams on this in your qualifier package. If there is not a Best Western located in the community of your event, Curl BC will secure a rate at a local hotel.

b. Curl BC will award a Prize Packages for those competing teams. For more information go to:
<https://www.curlbc.ca/prize-package/>

3. FORMAL TEAM OBLIGATIONS

- a. The entire team, including the coach, is required to attend and participate in event ceremonies and social events. This includes opening ceremonies, banquet, etc.
- b. A member of each team may be called upon to speak or offer thanks to the Host Committee, event sponsors, volunteers and/or officials at different functions during the championship. Your cooperation is expected as a show of sportsmanship and failure to attend may result in disciplinary action.

4. FIFTH PLAYERS, ALTERNATES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

The Curl BC office must be notified of any changes to the roster by email, including addition of an alternate, coach or replacement. Refer to section 1.B. for more information on alternates, substitutions and replacements, how to change rosters and associated administrative fees.

2.B. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. OFFICIATING

In addition to the Chief Umpire, identified in section 1(C) (2), BC Championships may see the addition of the following officials.

- Timing Officials – The Game timer may be responsible for all timing your game using “thinking time”
- On-Ice Observers – The Game observers may be positioned at the end of each sheet of the ice for the main purpose of observing all play and updating scoreboards.
- Game Supervisors – home, away and timing supervisors will be positioned to assist with rule infractions and rule disputes.
- Deputy Chief Umpire

2.C. COMPETITION

1. GAME DURATION

Minimum Length of Game:

- a. In ten (10) end games, a minimum of five (5) ends must be played.
- b. In eight (8) end games a minimum of four (4) ends must be played.
- c. In all playoff, semifinal, and final games, a minimum of six (6) ends must be played (or as adjusted by a Chief Umpire, e.g. for TV games 8 ends must be played).

2. PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

Prior to the start of a competition, when available and in conjunction with the host, Curl BC will sanction and schedule practice ice time for all teams, giving each team an equal amount of time on relevant sheets of ice. A schedule will be provided to all teams prior to the event.

3. STONE SELECTION

- a. Round Robin or Pool Play format – the colour of handle will be predetermined. The team listed on top in the draw delivers dark handled stones and practices first.
- b. Non-Round Robin format – the teams will conduct a coin toss and will select either practice session of stone handle colour.
- c. Tie-Breakers – only the stones on the assigned sheet are used.
- d. Playoffs – see Playoff Stone Selection at section 2.C.6.

4. TIE-BREAKERS (after a Full Round Robin or Pool Play)

a. Tie-breakers:

- i. Teams that complete a round robin with identical win/loss records are considered tied.
- ii. Teams tied for a playoff position can be eliminated by who beat who, cumulative Last Stone Draw results or by losing a qualifying game depending on the field size. Refer to the preliminary and playoff formats document for each scenario based on the number of teams entered.
<https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Open-BC-Championship-Preliminary-and-Playoff-Round-Formats-1.pdf>
- iii. Teams tied for a playoff position shall be ranked by first considering the round robin win/loss records of those teams against each other. If more than two teams are involved, and this process establishes a higher and/or lower ranked team(s), it will then be repeated to rank the remaining teams.
- v. When teams cannot be ranked by their win/loss records, the ranking shall be determined by the cumulative Last Stone Draw totals for the week (lowest cumulative last stone draws). One (1) draw with the highest score (total distance from the button) will be thrown out of this calculation prior to this calculation being completed by the chief umpire.

b. Tie-breaker Games:

- i. Following the ranking process described above, the Chief Umpire shall determine the participants and schedule the tie-breaking game(s) if required.
- ii. The procedures shall follow those used for National competitions, found here:
<https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/hp-athletes/policies-guidelines/playoff-tiebreakers/>
- iii. Unless noted otherwise, teams ranked higher will have a choice of stone color or practice and a draw to the button will determine hammer using the same procedure as pre-game practice.

5. PLAYOFFS

In all Round Robin or Pool Play events, teams are ranked according to their results in their respective pool, as follows:

- Firstly, by overall win/loss records;
- Secondly, and if necessary, by head-to-head records; and
- Lastly, if necessary, cumulative last stone draw totals (cumulative LSDs)

6. PLAYOFF STONE SELECTION

In Mixed Doubles competition, there are no playoff stone selections. Consult the Mixed Doubles Category specific rules at <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/MIXED-DOUBLES.pdf>.

For other categories, within 15 minutes after the final round robin, pool play or tiebreaker game, teams must determine stone handle colour by attending a team meeting set by the Chief Umpire. Teams will then provide the Chief Umpire with a list of eight selected stones from one sheet prior to the game they are playing. The Chief Umpire will assign stones in the event of non-compliance. For dual events (events with teams of each gender playing at the same time such as U18, U21, Men's/Women's, Seniors, Masters, BC Winter Games), the following will apply:

- i. In the odd years (2021 for example) the top team on the Men's side (regardless of format) will have priority for selecting rocks.
- ii. In the even years (2020 for example) the top team on the Women's side will have priority for selecting rocks.

- a. In a round-robin event and if competing teams are from the same pool:
 - i. If a team has a better W/L record they will receive BOTH hammer and choice of stone colour in the playoffs.
 - ii. If teams have the same W/L record, the team that won the round robin game will have CHOICE of hammer or stone colour.
 - iii. If teams have the same W/L record and the Cumulative LSD was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have choice of stone colour or practice session and teams will draw for hammer.

- b. In a round-robin event, and if competing teams are not from the same pool:
 - i. If a team has a better W/L record they will receive CHOICE of hammer or stone colour.
 - ii. If teams have the same W/L record, and the cumulative LSD was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have CHOICE of stone colour or practice session and teams will draw for hammer.

Section 3

NATIONAL CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The winner of the BC Championship will represent British Columbia at their respective Canadian Championship, unless they are deemed ineligible. These champions, or the replacement team, become a BC Champion team representing British Columbia rather than representing their local club. National event paperwork must be completed immediately following the closing ceremonies. This information will be communicated to you by the event manager on site. Teams will receive a national competitors' guide with information relevant to the event they are attending.

Section 4

CURL BC CHAMPIONSHIPS CODES OF CONDUCT

Curling has its rules governing play, but equally as important is the way you conduct yourself while curling. This is outlined in the Curlers' Code of Ethics that is part of the Curling Canada rule book:

Curlers' Code of Ethics

I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship. I will conduct myself in an honourable manner both on and off the ice. I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach. I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates or umpires. I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner. I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or rules of the game.

Fair Play

Fair Play begins with the strict observance of the written rule; however, in most cases, Fair Play involves something more than even unfailing observance of the written rule. The observance of the spirit of the rules, whether written or unwritten, is important. Fair Play results from measuring up to one's own moral standards while engaged in competition. Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for teammates and opponents, whether they are winning or losing. Fair Play is consistent demonstration of respect for umpires, an acceptance of their decisions and a steadfast spirit of collaboration with them. Sportsmanlike behaviour should be demonstrated both on and off the ice. This includes modesty in victory and composure in defeat.

Section 5

CURL BC HARASSMENT AND APPEALS PROCEDURES POLICY

These policies can be found at the below link: <https://www.curlbc.ca/about-us/board-governance/>

Harassment Officer: A designate of Curl BC (Scott Braley) has been trained in respect to this policy and its procedures. The role of the Harassment Officer or Advisor is to serve in a neutral, unbiased capacity, to provide information about the resources and support available, and to receive Complaints, assist in informal resolution of Complaints, and to make recommendations for further action. The Harassment Officer will handle Complaints that may be resolved through informal procedures and will assign any other Complaints to an Investigation Officer. Scott can be reached at sbraley@curlbc.ca or at 604-333-3621.

Section 6

CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

A copy of the event specific rules is available on the Curl BC website. See link below for all 2021-22 categories

<https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2021-22-Curl-BC-Category-Specific-Rules.pdf>