

2023 Wheelchair Championship

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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 2022-2023 season. The Richmond Curling Club has worked hard to make this a successful championship.

Teams competing in the Championship

If you have any questions **after** reading this information, please email kgmackenzie@telus.net or call home # (250) 383-7751 or cell # 778-677-8409 (**if calling after Dec. 9**).

FORMAT: Will be the best two out of three games. All games will be played on sheet 2.

OFFICIATING:

- 1 Chief Umpire/Game Umpire and 1 timer.
- Rule enforcement and un-resolvable on-ice situations are to be directed to the Game Umpire/Chief Umpire. The decision of the Chief Umpire is final.

On-Ice Officials: All measures will be done by the Game Umpire/Chief Umpire. Teams are asked to confirm the score after the completion of each end.

Timing Officials: A Timer will be located at the home end. 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 time out. Between end-breaks will be one (1) minute. **Teams are expected to be in position ready to deliver their first stone at the end of one minute.**

Game Supervisors: will travel with pay and hang the score before taking a position at the playing end. They will conduct all measurements.

Conceding a game: A team may concede a game at any time during a non-televised game.

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:
 - a. If the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, X's are placed on the scoreboard.
 - b. 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.
 - c. If after 15 stones are delivered and no stones are counting and the game is conceded, X's are placed on the scoreboard.
 - d. If a game is conceded with more than 2 ends remaining, the first non-scored end will be marked with X's.

CurlTime will be used for timing games:

- 38 minutes to complete 8ends.
- Mid-game break is 7 minutes. Teams are reminded that thinking time will start for the team if they are not in position ready to deliver the 1st stone or when the mid-game break is over.
- Extra end is 6 minutes with a 3-minute break prior to the start of the extra end.

As per Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Rule 17 (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 an 8-end game and one 90 second timeout during an extra end. Timeout will commence once the coach reaches their team, at which time the supervisor will signal to start the time out. If there is no coach, the time-out will commence automatically.

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

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 with their team 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 both coaches **must leave the field of play immediately**. The coach of the team that did not call the timeout will access their team at the home end back boards 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 an empty adjacent sheet will be allowed to access the back boards).

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 20 MINUTES PER SHEET. The schedule for pre-competition practice will be controlled by an umpire.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE AND CHOICE OF STONE COLOR: Teams will toss a coin before practice a minimum 45 minutes prior to the game; the winner will have the choice of practice order OR rock colour in the preliminary round. Each team will be allowed a 9 minute warm-up before each game on the sheet of ice on which they are about to play. There is no limit to the number of stones which may be thrown. Teams will practice using only their stones for that game and may not handle or otherwise disturb their opponent's stones. All players will throw an equal number of last stone draws during the event (depending on the number of games) 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 a draw to the button following each team's pre-game practice. At least 15 minutes prior to first practice, the Last Stone Draw Declaration Card needs to be completed by both teams and given to the Chief Umpire indicating the two players who will be delivering the last stone draw.

Following the pre-game practice, under the direction of the Chief Umpire, two identified players from each team will deliver a LSD. The first player will deliver a clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation. Players designated will deliver their stone (full sweeping allowed) and the lowest combined LSD 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 near 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.

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: Evening practice will be available for all BC Championships, if the schedule of events permits. If evening practice is available, the following process will occur. The Chief Umpire will provide teams with a practice schedule based on their game schedule the following day, immediately following the preliminary round game of the day, each team will have the option to be scheduled for a 10 minute practice on the first sheet of ice they are scheduled to play the following day. If teams are not able to practice on the sheet they may play on their second or third game each day.

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 checks will take place at the discretion of the Chief Umpire throughout the championship.

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** of the same color from any of the sheets that were used during the competition.

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 stones selected from the specific sheets must be identified to the Chief Umpire. Failure to identify stones could result in stones being selected for you. Communication can be done electronically. For example, if we are simply waiting for a team to select colour of stones for a playoff game, it can be texted or e-mailed to the Chief Umpire within the 30 minute time frame.

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

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

Regards

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