

2024 BC Mixed Doubles Championship

December 27-31, 2023

Victoria Curling Club

1952 Quadra Street



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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 2023-2024 season. The Victoria Curling Club has worked hard to make this a successful championship.

Teams competing in CurlBC Open Mixed Doubles Championship

If you have any questions **after** reading this information, please call, text or email kgmackenzie@telus.net, home #(250) 383-7751, (cell#: 778-677-8409 is only active during competitions).

PLAYDOWN FORMAT: The BC Mixed Doubles Championship shall be an open entry event taking place at Victoria Dec. 27-31, 2023. The format for the 2024 preliminary and playoff round will be four (4) pools of five (5) teams, with a modified Page Play-off. Games will be 8 ends in length Thinking time – (Twenty-two minutes), (Mid-game break – Four minutes), (Extra Ends – Three Minutes with one Time-out).

A team is comprised of two players, one male and one female. Alternate players are not allowed. A team must forfeit any game(s) in which it fails to have both athletes playing for the entire game.

OFFICIATING:

- 1 Chief Umpire, 2 Game Umpires, 1 Timing Supervisor and 8 timers.
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Please refer to: www.curlbc.ca/player-fines-for-violations

MODIFIED FREE GUARD ZONE: No stone in play including the "positioned" stones and those in the house can be moved to an out-of-play position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of an end. If there is a violation, **without exception** the delivered stone shall be removed from play and any displaced stone(s) shall be replaced to their original position by the non-offending team as per (Rules of Curling for Officiated Play - Mixed Doubles)(rule (5) page 56).

Timing Officials: Timers will be located in the lower lobby behind the home end of each playing sheet. 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 **1 minute 30 seconds**. **Teams are expected to be in position ready to deliver their first stone at the end of the end**

of the break. Game time will be 22 minutes per team with two one minute time outs, between ends, mid-game break is 4 minutes an extra end is 3 minutes with 1 time-out.

TIMEOUTS: Each team may request two time-outs during an 8 end game and one time-out during any extra end. The time-out will be a maximum of sixty seconds in length plus any designated travel time for the coach (or alternate) to access the field of play. 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.

Both coaches are asked to cooperate and make sure to stop if a player is in the process of delivery before 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 with their team until the coach of the team that called the timeout reaches the backboard 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***).

If the full time out is not used in the timeout discussion, it will continue until time expires, or the stone reaches the nearer T-Line

Only ***certified Curl BC coaches*** may access the field of play during the timeout.

TECHNICAL TIMEOUTS:

Teams are encouraged to use the "X" signal to request a technical / official timeout (timeout for free guard zone measurement, end of end measurement, rule interpretation, etc.)

Conceding a game: The skip of the losing team may concede a non-televised game provided one of the following criteria have been met: 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)..

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE: Due to the number of teams at this event, Pre-competition practice will be **20 MINUTES** on a sheet of playing ice. Every effort will be made to assign teams to the sheet they will play their first game on. 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. Under the direction of the Chief Umpire, each team will be allowed a 7-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. At least 15 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 two players who will be delivering the last stone draw. All players will throw an equal number of last stone draws during the event (depending on the number of games played). 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. Opposing teams may not be in the field of play during the other team's pre-game practice.

SPARE STONE: At the end of the team's pre-game practice the "spare" stone will be moved to an out-of-position area – the spare stone can be switched out at the completion of an end.

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 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.

POSITIONED STONES: The positioned stones used for each draw will be as follows draw 1, stones #1 and #2, draw 2 stones #3 and #4, draw 3 stones #5 and #6, draw 4 stones #7 and #8 and then go through the order again (depending on the # of draws). A determination for what position will be used on the ice will be determined with the ice technician of the facility and will be announced prior to the 1st draw.

OTHER PRACTICE: During the event, no other practice is permitted.

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. **NO JEANS ARE ALLOWED IN THE FIELD-OF-PLAY.**

Coaches are reminded that clean curling shoes are required to access the field of play. Coaches going to the away end will travel down the side of the playing sheet to the away end backboards to meet with their teams behind the backline.

LINEUP FORMS: Prior to the first game of the event, a lineup form must be submitted to the chief umpire.

DELIVERY ROTATION: Each team shall deliver five (5) stones per end. The player delivering the team's first stone of the end must also deliver the team's last stone of that end. The other team member shall deliver the team's second, third and fourth stones for that end. The player delivering the first stone can change from end to end.

If a player delivers a stone out of proper rotation, the delivered stone will be removed from play and any displaced stones are returned to their original positions by the non-offending team. Should the infraction not be discovered until after the delivery of a subsequent stone, play continues as if the infraction did not occur, however the player that delivered the first stone of the end can only deliver a maximum of two stones in that end.

EQUIPMENT MORATORIUM: Curl BC has adopted the sweeping moratorium and equipment recommendations from Curling Canada. ALL COMPETITORS should make themselves familiar

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. All teams MUST have their brooms and grippers inspected before the event—this must be done before first practice, please allow sufficient time.

Broom pads/heads can be changed between games as long as they have been seen and approved by the chief umpire. Please refer to: <http://www.curlbc.ca/curlers/rules/>

Any questions/concerns that are not 'on-ice related' should be directed to your Curl BC Regional Reps.

Good luck and Good Curling

Regards

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