

2024 Masters Championships

February 21 to 24, 2024
Cranbrook, BC



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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 Cranbrook 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 call, text or email. Email: hotrod461@outlook.com, Cell: 250-717-6668.

FORMAT: The BC Master Championships shall be an open Women's and Men's Championship taking place in Cranbrook February 21-24, 2024 with a preliminary round and playoff determined by Curl BC based on the total number of entries.

Masters Championship games are eight (8) ends (Thinking time – 30 minutes).

OFFICIATING:

- 1 Chief Umpire, 2 Game Umpires, 1 Timing Supervisor and 6 timers.{subject to change}
- 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: All measures will be done by the Game Umpires. Teams are asked to put up your score immediately after the end. The on-ice officials will prompt you if it is not done.

Timing Officials: Timers will be located upstairs. 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)**. **Teams are expected to be in position ready to deliver their first stone at the end of the 30 seconds**

Game Supervisors: will be positioned at both ends. They will conduct all measurements

Conceding a game: During a **non-televised game**, teams may concede after 4 ends in a 8 end game. In professionally produced televised or streamed games, teams must play a minimum of 6 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:
 - 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.

Curl Time will be used for timing games:

- 30 minutes to complete 8 ends.
- Mid-game break is 5 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 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 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".

NO TICK SHOT RULE: If prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre position or to a position outside the FGZ, the non-offending team had the option to:

- 1) Remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
- 2) Leave all stones where they come to rest.

If the stone is moved from the centre line to an out of play position, then the FGZ rule applies

If the stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.

TIMEOUTS: Each team may request two time-outs per 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 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 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 timeout is not used in the timeout discussion, it will continue until time expires, or the stone reaches the nearer T-Line

Only the coach 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: Teams will toss a coin before practice to determine first or second practice a minimum 45 minutes prior to the game in the preliminary round. Team's on the left side of the draw will throw red rocks. 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. 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) 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 an 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.

Each player must throw one clockwise and one counter clockwise LSD.

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.

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** 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 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. Communication can be done electronically. For example, if we are simply waiting for a team to select color of stones for a playoff game, it can be texted or e-mailed to the Chief Umpire within the 30 minute time frame. **Teams must be prepared to select 2 sets of each color of stone and /or hammer on this form.**

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, forfeit their choice (stone color, practice choice etc.) to which the team is entitled.

Stone selection for Playoff

As this is an even year, the first place ladies team will have first rock selection from all sheets, followed by the first place men's team, then second place women's team, then the second place men's team.

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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Chief Umpire

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