



## 2025 BC Senior Men's and Senior Women's Provincial Championships

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

Abbotsford, BC

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

The Abbotsford Host Committee and Curl BC are looking forward to welcoming you to the Abbotsford Curling Club.

If you have any questions **after** reading this information, please call, text, or email Henry Wong – 604-315-8778 ([henry.wong@telus.net](mailto:henry.wong@telus.net))

**FORMAT:** This is a 6-day event in Abbotsford from March 18-23, 2025.

The Senior Women's BC Championship will consist of 5-teams competing in a Round Robin format with a 3-team playoff format. The Senior Men's BC Championship will consist of a total of 21-teams competing in 3 pools with 7 teams per pool. Playoff listed below.

Games are 8-ends.

**Conceding a game:** Teams may concede a game after completion of 6 ends (or as approved by the Chief Umpire).

### **OFFICIATING:**

- Chief Umpire, Game Umpires, Timing Supervisor and timers.
- Rule enforcement and on-ice situations are to be directed to the Game Umpire, and if unresolvable directed to the Chief Umpire. The decision of the Chief Umpire is final.

**On-Ice Officials:** There will be a Home Umpire and Away Umpire assigned to draw. Umpires will do all measurements and they will put up the score. The score must be confirmed with the Game Umpire to ensure accuracy.

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

1. When both teams still have stones to be delivered (at least one each) and there is a concession, no points are given and Xs 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 one stone remaining and there is a concession:



- a. If the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, Xs will be 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, Xs 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 Xs.

**Timing Officials:** Timers and monitor's will be behind the glass in the lower lounge.

A timeout signal should be **clearly** directed to your timer or Game Umpire so your clock can be stopped. Timeouts must come from a player on the ice while their time clock is running. Signals are "T" for team timeout or "X" for technical timeout. There will be 1-minute between ends (with an additional 10-second buffer). If the stone is not delivered by the end of the 10 second buffer your team's time clock will be started.

CurlTime will be used for timing games:

- 30 minutes to complete 8 ends.
- Mid-game break is 5 minutes. Teams are reminded that the clock will be started for the team if they are not in position ready to deliver the first stone when the mid-game break is over.
- An extra end is 4 min 30 seconds with a 3-minute break prior to the start of the extra end.

**CLARIFICATION OF FREE GUARD ZONE, FIVE ROCK RULE:** This is a clarification on the Free Guard Zone and Stones in Play.

Just as a reminder that Curl BC follows Curling Canada Rules as stated in our Competition guide unless otherwise indicated in our Competition guide. <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Competition-Guide-Aug-15-2024.pdf>

See page 20. All 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: <https://www.curling.ca/files/2024/02/Rule-Book-2022-Insides-HQ-ENG-CC-FINAL.pdf>

Please review the following on **Page 45 and 46** in the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play (Curling Canada) from link above.

Page 45 outlines: **Rule 12. Free Guard Zone (FGZ), Five Rock Rule**



Page 46 outlines: **Rule 13. Stones in Play and Scoring**

This means, for example, a stone that is in the FGZ (but not touching the centre line) can be bumped into any area that is in play, such as the house, or the white "triangle" area behind the house and in front of the backline. It is only if the stone is removed from play (touches the

sidelines, bumpers, or is clearly over the backline) that the delivered stone must be removed and the stationary stone is replaced to its original position.

**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 has 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.
- 3) Teams can remove **their own** stone from play, into the FGZ or into the house.

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.**

**A stone can be measured by a Game Umpire to determine if it is touching the center line or not.**

**TIMEOUTS:** Each team may request one (1) time-out per game and one (1) time-out during any extra end. The time-out will be a maximum of sixty (60) seconds plus any designated travel time for the coach (or alternate) to access the field of play. Additional travel time will be communicated to the teams at the pre-event practice.

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

Coaches or alternates will be positioned behind the glass in the upper or lower lounge and will walk down **their sheet of ice during a timeout** (there are no walkways). **DO NOT RUN.**

Timeouts are to be signaled with the traditional "T". The team that did not request the timeout may communicate with their coach or alternate player for the same amount of time as the coach or alternate player of the team who called the timeout. The team that did not request the timeout may meet with their coach or alternate player at home end but must give priority to the team calling the timeout. At the conclusion of the timeout the coach or alternate player **must leave the field of play immediately.** 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 the timeout will continue until time expires, or the stone reaches the nearer T-Line.

Only the coach or alternate 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 will travel to the playing end backboards to meet with their teams. Coaches must be dressed appropriately to access the field of play (matching team jackets or black jackets) (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:** The teams listed on the top of the draw will practice first and will be assigned RED handled stones. The team throwing YELLOW handled stones will have the same period of practice starting immediately following the RED handled stone draws for last stone advantage. Each team will be allowed a 9-minute warm-up with 1 minute to complete each Last Stone Draw 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 players who will be delivering the last stone draws. All players will throw an equal number of last stones 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.

**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 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.

In the Senior Men's preliminary round, each player must throw a minimum of **one** clockwise and **one** counter-clockwise LSD.

In the Senior Women's preliminary round, each player must throw a minimum of **one** clockwise and **one** counter-clockwise LSD.

Only the four 'game' players are allowed on the ice during the last stone draw.

**OTHER PRACTICE DURING THE EVENT: There will be no evening practice provided at this event.** Consideration may occur if teams are sitting for more than 24 hours.

**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. Coaches must be attired in similar clothing as the teams (team jacket or black jacket). No jeans or sweatpants will be allowed in the field of play.

**UNIFORMS:** All team sponsorships must be approved by Curl BC prior to the event. All team members must wear identical uniforms (matching jackets and shirts) when accessing the field of play and during Opening/Closing Ceremonies. This includes the alternate player. 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 or sweatpants in the field of play at any time.

Headwear (baseball hats, headbands) can be worn if they match and are free of any corporate advertising conflicting with Curl BC sponsors. Hats with professional sport teams or other commercially trademarked logos cannot be worn in the field of play. Any headwear worn must be the same for every player should any player choose headwear. The Chief Umpire will provide approval for all headwear.

**ORIGINAL TEAM LINE-UP FORMS:** Teams will submit an original team 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 or player position 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.



**EQUIPMENT MORATORIUM:** 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/>

Random 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.

No broom bags will be allowed in the field of play. Kit bags are permitted. The locker rooms will be secure.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Devices that receive signals and or text messages must be set to airplane mode (including apple/smart watches). Devices that send or receive a signal cannot be used by a coach in the field of play. If using a device to track performances (Curl Coach) the device needs to be set to airplane mode during the game. Coaches and/or competitors are not allowed to manage/handle livestreaming of games or practices. Speed traps are permitted during pre-event practice.

#### **PLAYOFF INFORMATION:**

##### **Women's Playoff Format:**

5 team Round Robin

3 team playoffs (hammer designated first practice)

- Top 3 teams from preliminary round advance to playoffs

Teams will be ranked as follows:

- First WIN/LOSS record,
- Second, HEAD TO HEAD then
- Third will go to LAST STONE DRAW which will be used to determine ranking
- The top ranked team advances to the Final
- Second and Third ranked team will advance to the Semi-Final
- The winner of the Semi-Final will play the top ranked team in the Final
- The team with the Better WIN/LOSS record: will have last stone advantage (first practice) AND choice of stone handle colour
- If teams have the same WIN/LOSS record and are ranked based on the Round Robin game the team will have choice of last stone advantage (first practice) or choice of stone colour



- If ranking is based on LAST STONE DRAW, then the higher ranked team based on LAST STONE DRAW has choice of colour and second practice. Teams will draw for hammer

### **Playoff Stone Selection:**

Teams will play with the stones assigned to Sheet E for the semi-final.

Teams playing in the final will be able to select a set or stones from sheets C and E only.

For all combined events in the 2024-2025 championship year, the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the WOMEN first.

### **Men's Playoff**

21 teams divided in to 3 pools of 7

Teams will play 6 preliminary round games each

There will be no tie breakers. Teams may be eliminated based on their cumulative LSD (Last Stone Draw)

Playoffs

- Top 2 teams from each pool advance to playoffs

Teams will be ranked within their preliminary pools as follows:

- First WIN/LOSS record,
- Second, HEAD TO HEAD then
- Third if necessary, will go to cumulative LAST STONE DRAW (Draw <https://www.curlbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Curl-BC-LSD-2024-25.pdf>) which will be used to determine ranking

The 6 playoff teams will be ranked based on the results from the preliminary round as follows:

1. First WIN/LOSS record
2. Second, Cumulative Last Stone

In the Quarter finals, Team 3 will play Team 6 and Team 4 will play Team 5.

In the Semi finals, Team 1 will play the lowest seeded winner of the Quarters. Team 2 will play the highest seeded winner of the Quarters.

The winners of the Semi finals will play off in the final to determine the champion.



### **Playoff Stone Selection**

- 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.

Teams will play with the stones assigned to their sheet for the quarters and semi-finals.

Teams playing in the final will be able to select a set of stones from any sheet. For all combined events in the 2025 championship year, the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the WOMEN first.

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/>. You are our sport ambassadors and you influence our younger athletes with your on-ice demeanor. What you demonstrate during a game is what they will emulate as they play their game.

Please refer to [Rules | Curl BC | Our House is Your House](#) for player fines for violations.

Any questions/concerns that are not 'on-ice related' should be directed to the Event Operations Manager assigned to this event.

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

Good Luck and Good Curling,

*Henry Wong*  
Chief Umpire