

CURL PEI Provincial Championships Rules of Play

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CURL PEI Code of Ethics

To ensure that all curlers are aware of their responsibilities when playing the game, Curling Canada has adopted the following Code of Ethics as an official supplement to the Rules of Curling:

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.

Coaching Code of Ethics

- The coach shall act with integrity in performing all duties owed to athletes, the sport, other members of the coaching profession and the public.
- The coach shall strive to be well prepared and current in order that all duties in their discipline are fulfilled with competence.
- The coach shall act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.
- The coach shall accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules that define and govern the sport.
- The coach shall accept the role of umpires in providing judgment to ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.
- The coach's conduct toward other coaches shall be characterized by courtesy, good faith and respect.
- The coach shall maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and support the principles of Fair Play.

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.
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CURL PEI Provincial Championships - Rules of Play

The Curl PEI Executive has the right and the obligation to set the regulations for eligibility into Provincial Championships. All affiliated clubs shall apply these rules consistently.

1. Rules of the game shall be those adopted by Curling Canada's current Rule Book, unless specified otherwise in specific rules of play.
2. All provincial curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full time residents within PEI (with the exception of one 'Free Agent' being allowed in the Men's and Women's championships) and are members in good standing of one of the member clubs of CURL PEI. To ensure that individuals are treated equally Policies for Residency have been adopted that clearly outline what an individual must be able to provide to be considered eligible in terms of residency for playdown purposes, these policies are Appendix A and B.
3. Each team must have four players and all four must be members of the CURL PEI, but not necessarily the same club, by entry deadline prior to the championship.
4. There shall be no limit to the number of teams accepted from any club except for in the Travelers Club Championship which is limited to one (1) men's and one (1) women's team per club. All team members participating in an event leading to a National CURLING CANADA event that requires a competitor's fee, shall have purchased one prior to initial play commencement.
- ~~5.~~ A team may start, and continue, with three (3) eligible team members with the first two (2) each throwing three (3) rocks. A team shall include a minimum of two (2) players from the original team. The reason for the missing player is to be provided to the head umpire. At any time during the play, if a player is unable to start or continue because of injury, death or serious illness in the family, or is called to attend a meeting of his/her employer, the team on which he/she is playing shall, with the permission of the Head Official, be allowed a substitute. Such a substitute must be a member of a club and must not have played as a registered member of a team at the said event and shall pay the CURLING CANADA Competitor's Fee. Substitutes shall play any position in accordance with the CURLING CANADA Rules of Curling for Officiated Play. Mixed events must have a full complement of players to commence and continue any game play.
6. Although team registration must be received on time, names on team rosters can be changed up to the start of the event, provided they are eligible for the event and they are not registered on another team in the event. No team can be completely changed, to maintain team entry requires two of the original four team players. The only exception is for the Travelers event, a club may register a team without names on the roster however the names must be submitted two weeks prior to the provincial start date.

7. Teams who wish to drop out of a competition after deadline without a reason deemed acceptable to the CURL PEI Executive, would face a penalty of not being able to enter CURL PEI events for balance of the current season and a full year thereafter.
8. Teams may play three games a day during provincial events. It is further provided that no team shall be required to commence a game without having a rest period of at least one hour, excluding the pre-game practice. No draw shall commence after 10:00 pm except under extenuating circumstances.
9. An entry fee will be fixed by the Executive of CURL PEI. (See Appendix C for current schedule of fees)
10. In all games, the directives and decisions of the Head Umpire must be obeyed and accepted. Grievances and complaints must be submitted to the Head Umpire no later than one hour following the completion of the game in question.
11. During a competition voting members of CURL PEI shall be contacted by email and phone to exercise its right to over-rule the local Committee only under extreme circumstances.
12. The CURL PEI Event Coordinator will ensure that, as a condition of hosting the competition, the host club is able and willing to accommodate the play downs in the event that extra time is required.
13. The following inclement weather policy will be implemented by the Curl PEI Event Coordinator, when required:
 - a) Once an event has started:
 - a. If there are local accommodations available, the event will continue as scheduled, provided the necessary personnel (such as club staff and head event umpire) can safely get to the host club.
 - b. If no local accommodations are available, the CURL PEI Event Coordinator, Head Event Umpire, and the Club Event coordinator will work together to make the decision to cancel/postpone games after due consideration of existing weather conditions.
 - b) If an event has not started the CURL PEI Event Coordinator, Head Event Umpire, and the Club Event coordinator will work together to make the decision to cancel/postpone games after due consideration of existing weather conditions.

The Curl PEI Event Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that this policy is posted at all events. The posted notice will include the name and telephone number of the

Curl PEI Event Coordinator.

The Curl PEI Event Coordinator is responsible for notifying teams of any delays, cancellations, and/or re-scheduled draws through direct contact.

14. The team that wins the competition and represents the province of Prince Edward Island in a national event must wear the colours assigned to Curl PEI by CURLING CANADA.
15. Substitution of one player on the winning team may be made prior to the start of the Canadian championship event, subject to the approval of the Executive of Curl PEI. In the event that 2 or more players from the winning team are unable to attend the National Championships, the runner-up team will automatically be declared the new representative.
16. The closing date for all team entries will be set by the CURL PEI Executive. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
17. No team member shall be allowed to advertise, wear or display a product which is in direct competition with a product sold by the sponsor of the event being played.
18. For each game, unless otherwise determined, both teams must be present and READY to go on the ice 30 minutes prior to game time. Failing to be present means you forfeit both last rock and rock colour.
19. The draw formats will be approved at the Annual General Meeting prior to the season. The CURL PEI Event Coordinator and the Club Event Coordinator will take an active role in the production of the schedule. They will keep the following points in mind:
 - a) Generate an acceptable draw with only the following necessary information: number of teams, dates of play, times of games and number of ices available;
 - b) The teams will be drawn blindly or "from a hat" and positioned on the prepared draw in the order drawn, unless seeding is required by Specific Rules of Play;
 - c) The draw schedule, complete with skips' names, will be delivered to the media at least one week prior to the competition start date. The completed draw will also be sent as expeditiously as possible to the CURL PEI Webmaster for posting on the CURL PEI website, as well as to curling clubs across PEI.
20. No team or participant shall enter a competition knowing it is unlikely they will be able to complete the event provincially or participate in the next step event. Entry fees are non-refundable unless an exception is granted by the CURL PEI executive.
21. In order to be granted access to the playing area of the Provincial Play Downs,

coaches must be Club Coach Trained; Intro Comp Coach Trained; or be old Level 1 Certified, unless specified otherwise in the event's Specific Rules of Play. In order for the winning team to have the Member Association Certification of Eligibility form signed for the next step competition, the coach listed must be certified with required Coaching Certification for said event at the time of signing.

22. The Curling Canada Sweeping Moratorium (Appendix D) has been adopted.

a. The Moratorium **will** be enforced at the following events:

- i. PEI U18 Championships
- ii. PEI Pepsi Juniors Championships
- iii. PEI Scotties Tournament of Hearts
- iv. PEI Tankard Championship
- v. PEI Seniors Championships
- vi. PEI Mixed Championship
- vii. PEI Travelers Championships
- viii. PEI Mixed Doubles Championship (starting in 2017)

b. The Moratorium **will not** be enforced at the following events:

- i. PEI Stick Championships
- ii. PEI Masters Championships¹
- iii. PEI Future Scotties/Tankard
- iv. PEI U16 Championships
- v. PEI U13 Championship
- vi. PEI Little Rock Jamboree

¹ Canadian event will be enforcing the Curling Canada Sweeping Moratorium.

Rules for All Events That Are Round Robin - Playoffs

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| #2 | | | | P2 | | | Champion |
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| #3 | | | | | | | P3 if necessary |

The following directive explains the various playoff scenarios for Round Robin competitions, following the preliminary play:

1. If the team who advances to the Finals has not lost during the preliminary play, they must be beaten twice.
2. In playoff games, last rock advantage AND choice of rock handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the preliminary play.
3. If the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last rock advantage OR choice of rock handle colour.
4. The team delivering the last rock in the first end will practice first.
5. Selection of stones shall be done before the pre-game practice has started. Failure to comply shall result in allowing the other team to select; if both teams fail to comply it will result in stones being assigned. (moved)
6. The Provincial Event Coordinator shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs. In the event the Provincial Event Coordinator is not available the Event Head Umpire will make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

Ties

1. Teams tied for a playoff position shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tiebreaker game(s).
2. All tie-breakers will be played with the rocks from the sheet assigned. Rock handles shall not be changed from one set of rocks to another.
3. Tie-Breaking Process:
 - When teams are tied for a playoff position, their round-robin win/loss record against each other will determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in the playoff draw or tie-breaker game(s). If a complete ranking of the tied teams cannot be established a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.

Clarification: No team, involved in a tie-breaking process will be placed more than one game ahead of other teams involved in the tie.

- When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records, only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the ranking based on LSD.
 - When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a tie-breaker game(s) is the same, the team that won the game between the two during the round-robin shall have choice of either last stone **or** stone handle colour unless their ranking has been determined by the last stone draw, then those results shall provide choice of stone handle colour or second practice and teams will draw to the button for last stone advantage.
4. The Head Umpire will administer the tie-breaker scenario based on the tie-breaking sequences found in Appendix E.

Team Ranking Process

Prior to each Round Robin game each team will compete in the 'Last Stone Draw' for last rock advantage in the first end. A running total of Last Stone Draws will be kept and posted. As part of a team's ranking for tiebreaker scenarios, all LSD's will be totaled minus the highest (one or two) pre-game draw Last Stone Draw. The accumulated distance of the LSD's from the button shall determine each Team's LSD Total. (Clarification: the highest pre-game Last Stone Draw will be dropped from the total).

Note: that during the Round Robin Play each player on each team will deliver a minimum number of Last Shot Draws in accordance with the letter from the Head Umpire of the event.

The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until the ranking is completed.

Rules for All Modified Triple Playoffs

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| X | | | | P2 | | | |
| | | P1 | | | Champion | | |
| Y | | | | | | | |

Last stone advantage AND choice of rock handle colour shall be awarded to the higher ranked team. If the teams rank is equal then the team who qualified first will have choice of last stone advantage OR choice of rock handle colour. The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first.

The teams advancing to the Playoffs will be Ranked accordingly:

- A. One (1) team goes undefeated (AAA) winning all three qualifiers.
 - No Playoff Games are required
- B. One team wins two qualifiers and a second team wins one qualifier (AAC, ABA, or ABB)
 - The team who won 2 qualifiers is ranked #1 – for all playoff games and has last stone advantage AND choice of rock handle colour in both games.
 - The other team is ranked #2
- C. Each qualifier is won by a different team (ABC)
 - The team who played in the most qualifying games is ranked #1
 - The team who played in the next most qualifying games is ranked #2
 - The team who played in the least qualifying games is ranked #3
 - o If there is a tie in qualifying games played; the tied teams rank is deemed equal. The team who qualified earliest (A qualifier > B qualifier > C qualifier) in each playoff game will have choice of last stone advantage OR choice of stone handle colour.

In the event that scenario A occurs and the second place team needs to be identified the process to do so will be:

- o The team who played in the most qualifying games is ranked #2
- o If there is a tie in qualifying games played; the team who played in the A qualifier is ranked #2

Playoff Formats

Provincial Playoffs will have scheduled dates however; the dates may vary slightly depending on the entry numbers and other requirements.

The following provincials are participatory events and so, do not necessarily follow all Curl PEI Provincial Championships Rules of Play: U13, U16, & Junior Mixed. The primary focus when determining the format for these events is to guarantee the teams three (3) games and to complete the events between Friday and Sunday. These events may be points based.

The Stick will be points based and run Tuesday to Thursday.

The following provincials will be Modified Triple Knockouts and run Friday until the event is complete: U18, U21, Women's, Men's, Adult Mixed, Mixed Doubles, Seniors, Masters. If there are less than five(5) teams registered in the U18, Adult Mixed, Mixed Doubles, Seniors, or Masters *the format will be determined by the Curl PEI executive committee.*

The (Travelers) Club Curling Championship will be a Round Robin and may begin as early as Thursday and run until the event is complete.

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial U13

1. Competitors will be a maximum of 12 years of age on June 30 of the year prior to the competition.
2. Games will be six (6) ends.
3. This will be an open event.
4. All teams must have an adult coach or Chaperone on-site for each game. Minimum certification is not required to access field of play.
5. The U13 will continue to be tied to the March Break. It will not be held either weekend of the March break but the closest weekend prior to or after the March break that the Club is able to host them.
6. There must be an official at all draws.
7. Time clocks will not be used.

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial U16

1. Competitors will be a maximum of 15 years of age on June 30 of the year prior to the competition.
2. Games will be eight (8) ends.
3. All teams must have an adult coach or Chaperone on-site for each game. Minimum certification is not required to access field of play.
4. The U16 will be held the last weekend in February or the first weekend in March whichever the host club has to offer.
5. There must be an official at all draws.
6. Time clocks will not be used.

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial U18

1. Competitors will be a maximum of 17 years of age on June 30 of the year prior to the National competition.
2. Games will be eight (8) ends, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. Teams require a coach who is Club Coach Trained; Intro Comp Coach Trained; or old Level 1 Certified on their registration form to participate in the event and on-site for each game.

- a. The Head Event Umpire, under special circumstances, may allow a game to begin without a certified coach present.
4. Time clocks will be used.
5. Winners eligible to curl in the National U18 Championships do so at their own expense.

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial Juniors (U21)

1. Competitors will be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30 of the year prior to the National completion.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event that the winner continues on to, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. Juniors may play in the Men's, Women's, Mixed and Mixed Doubles play downs.
4. There will be a zero tolerance of consumption of alcohol or illegal substances.
5. All Junior teams must have a coach who is Club Coach Trained; Intro Comp Coach Trained; or old Level 1 Certified listed on their registration form to participate in the event and on-site for each game.
 - a. The Head Event Umpire, under special circumstances, may allow a game to begin without a certified coach present.
6. Time clocks will be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Women & Provincial Men

1. Competitors can be any age.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. A minimum of four (4) and maximum of eight (8) teams may be seeded in the playoff, the actual number of seeded teams will be determined by Curl PEI executive committee. The seeding will be based on total money earned in cash spiels open to all teams (both on and off Island spiels) in the same curling season as the playoff. All money earned from September 1 up to and including the Sunday two weeks prior to the start of the playoff will count toward a team's seeding position. The team earning the most money will receive #1 seed, the team earning second most money the second seed and so on. In cases where 2 or more teams are tied for a position, the team that qualified in the greatest number of qualifying events will be ranked higher. If still tied, the team that entered the higher number of eligible events will be ranked higher. If still tied, teams will be drawn at random to determine ranking.

4. Women ONLY - The time of banquet will be at the discretion of the chair and the Scott Representative.
5. Time clocks will be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Mixed

1. Competitors can be any age.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
2. Each team shall have two male and two female players. The male and female players shall play alternate positions in the team's delivery rotation.
 - a. If loss of a player during game, the affected team will be given 15 minutes to name a substitute player. The game must recommence within 30 minutes of the play being stopped.
3. The skip and acting vice skip shall be of opposite gender and one of these two individuals shall deliver the final two (2) stones of the end for their team.
4. Each team must consist of four players to commence and continue all games at all levels.
5. A substitute must be of the same gender as the indisposed player.
6. Time clocks will be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Mixed Doubles

1. Competitors can be any age.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. Each team shall have one male and one female player. The male and female players shall play alternate positions in the team's delivery rotation and positions may change from end to end.
 - a. If loss of a player during game, the affected team automatically forfeits the game.
4. Time clocks will be used.
5. Winners eligible to curl in the National Mixed Doubles Trials do so at their own expense.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Seniors

1. Competitors will be at least 50 years of age as of June 30 of the year prior to the National Championship.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. Time clocks will be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Masters

1. Competitors will be at least 60 years of age as of December 31 of the year prior to the National Championship.
2. Games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event, if tied at that point will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared.
3. Delivery Sticks are approved equipment for the Masters.
4. The top two of men's and women's teams after completion of play-downs will advance to the Maritime Masters at own expense.
5. Winners eligible to curl in the National Masters do so at their own expense.
6. In the event that the winners are unable to attend the National Masters, the next placing teams have the option of attending.
7. Time clocks will not be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Travelers

1. Competitors must be at least 19 years of age at the time of the National competition.
2. Current National Championship rules of play will be followed unless otherwise specified.
 - a. The games will reflect the number of ends to be played at the National event with an extra end being played in case of a tie.
 - b. Time Clocks will be used and time will be in accordance with the time set at the National Travelers.
 - c. Time outs will be in accordance with the rules set at the National Travelers.
3. For each game both teams must be present and READY to go on the ice 25 minutes prior to game time. A coin toss for choice of practice time or colour will be done at that time. Failing to be present means you forfeit both last rock and rock colour. Each team is allowed 5 minutes for the practice.
4. The bonspiel will accept all entries that meet the rules of eligibility, to a maximum of one men's and one women's from each club.

POLICY FOR RESIDENCY

The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's & Women's Curling Championships

The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's and Women's Curling Championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals that are Canadian Citizens and bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, a policy has been established that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for playdown purposes.

It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the playdown process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national event. These include Masters, Juveniles, The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year's group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example – the 2016 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2015 will be considered a part of the 2014/15 Championship season for residency purposes.)

An individual claiming to be a bona fide resident of the specific curling province/territory whose playdown structure he or she wishes to enter, must be able to provide a minimum of three of the following four items to the Member Association (if requested):

- ** Current Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID) from that province/territory**
- ** Current Health Care Card from that province/territory**
- ** Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory**
- ** Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province/territory – a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

Traditional, on-campus, full time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution that the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

To participate in the Canadian Championships identified above, individuals **MUST** be permanent residents of the province/territory in which they wish to enter playdowns prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season (for example – prior to Sept 1st of 2015 for the 2015/16 championship season). This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- Transfer due to employment
- School attendance
- Military service and transfer

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations where:

- Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial/territorial boundary
- Part-time students
- An individual is based in two provinces/territories due to an employment situation **(The individual must provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1st to March 31st, of the curling season the exemption is being requested for, will be located with the geographical area of the Member Association they wish to participate in*)**.

Process for Exemption Requests

- Exemption requests must be received by Curling Canada and applicable Member Associations a minimum of 30 days prior to the Member Association's entry deadline.
- Detailed information will be required with the exemption request
- The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
 - CEO of Curling Canada
 - Director, High Performance of Curling Canada
 - Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council
- (*) Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Associations and the Director of High Performance of Curling Canada.

For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allow a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These circumstances must be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).

Any individual who has provided proof of residency or has been granted an exemption will also provide a signed waiver that will agree to a one year suspension from any Curling Canada sanctioned championship OR championships coordinated by Member Associations in the event it is discovered that any information has been provided in a fraudulent manner.

Process for Challenges

It is understood that this policy will be a national policy and, in the event the policy is challenged, Curling Canada will assist in the defense of any challenge at the MA level and/or protect Curling Canada's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.

Appendix B

POLICY FOR RESIDENCY

The Canadian Men's & Women's Curling Championships

The Canadian Men's and Women's Curling Championships involves the participation of teams that are made up of individuals that are Canadian Citizens, residents of Canada and a minimum of three [3] of the team members [four [4] including the alternate] must be bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent. A maximum of one [1] "Free Agent" will be allowed per team. Teams requesting this exemption must identify their "Free Agent", notify both Member Associations involved, seek their approval and provide the required documentation proving the remaining players [3 or 4] are bona fide residents of the Member Association they are intending to represent. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, a policy has been established that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for play-down purposes. Individuals claiming to be bona fide residents of the curling jurisdiction they wish to represent and individuals engaged in the exemption process may be requested to participate in Curling Canada's "Whereabouts" Program, as administered by the Director of High Performance to validate their residency or the merit of their request for an exemption.

It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. This includes individuals that apply for and receive exemptions and individuals that have "free agent" status on their Scotties or Brier Team. All individuals must comply with the club membership criteria of the province/territory they wish to represent including the acquisition of a competitors card. (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the play-down process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national event. These include Masters, Juveniles, The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year's group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example – the 2016 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2015 will be considered a part of the 2014/15 Championship season for residency purposes.)

An individual claiming to be a bona fide resident of the specific curling province/territory whose play-down structure he or she wishes to enter, must be able to provide a minimum of three of the following four items to the Member Association (if requested):

- ** Current Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID) from that province/territory**
- ** Current Health Care Card from that province/territory**
- ** Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory**
- ** Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province/territory – a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION AN INDIVIDUAL MUST SPEND THE MAJOJRITY OF THEIR NON-COMPETE TIME IN THE

PROVINCE/TERRITORY IN WHICH THEY ARE CLAIMING TO BE A BONA FIDE RESIDENT.

Traditional, on-campus, full time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution that the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

To participate in the Canadian Championships identified above, individuals **MUST** be bona fide residents of the province/territory in which they wish to enter play-downs prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season (for example – prior to Sept 1st of 2015 for the 2015/16 championship season). This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- Transfer due to employment
- School attendance
- Military service and transfer

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations where:

- Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial/territorial boundary
- Full-time on campus students that are attending a recognized post secondary educational institute may either play out of the province/territory in which they are attending school or the province/territory in which they are maintaining a residence. An individual may be requested to provide proof of registration and semester transcripts.
- Individuals that reside in province/territory "A" and conduct the majority of their work outside of province/territory "A", may represent province/territory "A" on the premise that they can validate that the majority of their non work and non train/compete time is spent in province/territory "A".
- Individuals that have a primary residence in province/territory "A", a temporary/secondary residence in province/territory "B" and conduct the majority of their work in province territory "B" may represent province/territory "B" on the premise that they can validate that the majority of their work related time is spent in province/territory "B". **(The individual must provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1st to March 31st, of the curling season the exemption is being requested for, will be located with the geographical area of province/territory "B").**

Process for Exemption Requests

- Exemption requests must be received by Curling Canada and applicable Member Associations a minimum of 30 days prior to the Member Association's entry deadline.
- Detailed information will be required with the exemption request
- The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
 - CEO of Curling Canada

- Director, High Performance of Curling Canada
- Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council
- Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Associations and the Director of High Performance of Curling Canada.
- Individuals that meet exemption criteria will be considered bona fide residents of the province/territory granting the exemption. They are not considered free agents.

For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allows a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. In these circumstances, the respective Member Association[s] must provide approval. For example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).

In the case when a team enters the Provincial/Territorial/Canadian Championship playdown process and are found not to be in compliance with the residency policy, the entire 4 person team shall be suspended for 1 year from Curling Canada and Member Association sanctioned events. Suspension shall only be implemented subsequent to due process and it is determined that residency and/or exemption related information has been provided in a fraudulent/negligent manner.

Process for Challenges

It is understood that this policy will be a national policy and, in the event the policy is challenged, Curling Canada will assist in the defense of any challenge at the MA level and/or protect Curling Canada's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.

Appendix C

| Event | Price/Team | Competitors Fee Required (per person, per event) |
|---------------|------------|---|
| U13 | \$100 | \$0 |
| U16 | \$100 | \$0 |
| U18 | \$120 | \$7.50 |
| U21 | \$160 | \$39 |
| Women's | \$180 | \$39 |
| Men's | \$180 | \$39 |
| Mixed | \$180 | \$39 |
| Mixed Doubles | \$80 | \$0 |
| Senior's | \$180 | \$39 |
| Master's | \$180 | \$0 |
| Stick | \$60 | \$0 |
| Travelers | \$140 | \$0 |

Appendix D

Sweeping Moratorium on Brush Head Technology

In effect September 12, 2016 - April 30, 2018

The purpose of this **Curling Canada Sweeping Moratorium** is to ensure a level playing field while protecting the integrity of the sport and the spirit of fair play. This will require **voluntary player compliance** without the intervention of officials. This Moratorium will be in effect for the remainder of this quadrennial (ending April 30, 2018) and the subsequent updating of Curling Canada's Rule Book in June 2018.

PART ONE - Moratorium Statement

- (1) Only World Curling Federation (WCF) approved brush heads* will be allowed for use at Curling Canada championships leading to WCF events, WCF-sanctioned events, **and any event where CTRS points are available**. Approved equipment will be assigned a WCF Product Code. * *Currently Nylon Oxford 420D (mustard yellow)*
- (2) Many competitive events in Canada are not formally officiated; therefore, in the spirit of the sport of curling, **the obligation is on individual players (and/or coach)** to source a compliant brush head for play in these events. Players and coaches **will be** responsible for ensuring any sweeping brush brought to the field of play is compliant with this Moratorium.
- (3) **Hair brooms and corn brooms are banned for use as sweeping devices**. During this moratorium, however, hair brooms and corn brooms **will be** allowed to serve as sliding brooms.
- (4) Any Canadian player using a sweeping device in competitions noted in (1) that is **not approved** by the WCF will be suspended from the remainder of the competition and the game in question will be forfeited. The team **will not** be allowed to replace the player for the remainder of the competition and will play with three players. A second infraction by the same player or same team (any player, any time) will suspend that team for the remainder of the competition in question and for the next 365 days. In addition, the team will forfeit any Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) points earned in that season. A second infraction by a specific player will suspend the team for the remainder of the competition in question, regardless if the player's first offence was with another team. The player with a second offence will be suspended for 365 days from the date of the second infraction. (A first infraction in Mixed Doubles will result in suspension for the rest of the competition.)
- (5) Each player must declare his or her approved sweeping device at the start of a game. **Only that player can use that device for sweeping during the game. Penalty:** if a player sweeps with another person's sweeping device, the stone shall be removed from play.
- (6) A player may not change their brush head during a game, unless the Chief Umpire grants special permission. **Penalty:** If a change is made without permission, the team will forfeit the game.

- (7) If an alternate or substitute player comes into a game, they must use the brush of the player they are replacing. **Penalty:** If a new sweeping device is brought into the game, the team will forfeit the game.
- (8) The target broom must be the declared sweeping brush of the skip and vice-skip. Using a separate or different broom as the target broom is **not** allowed (even if a compliant and approved version). **Penalty:** if the skip or vice-skip sweeps with a brush used for sliding, or any other non-declared broom, the stone shall be removed from play.
- (9) This moratorium also covers any pre-competition practice, pre-game practice, and the draw for last stone advantage. Evening practices are exempt. **Penalty:** If an unauthorized sweeping device is used, the offending team will relinquish last stone advantage in the next scheduled game.
- (10) The sweeping techniques from Curling Canada's General Play Rule **11(8)(a)(b)(c)** and

Officiated Rule **12(8)(a)(b)(c)** will continue to be enforced:

- (a) Given that the intent of sweeping is to keep the path of a stone clean and to take a stone farther, there must be brush head movement in the sweeping motion**
- (b) The sweeping motion shall not leave any debris in front of a moving stone
- (c) The final sweeping motion shall finish outside the path of any stone.

*** The WCF sweeping summit clearly showed that the direction of the brush head movement (i.e. east to west or straight up and back) had little if any **out-of-the-ordinary** impact on the curling stone when sweeping with a **compliant** brush head. (See National Research Council Public Executive Summary)*

- (11) Random inspections of equipment by an umpire may be carried out during the event and/or during a game. Players may request that an umpire inspect a brush prior to or during a game.
- (12) **Authority:**

- (a) The Chief Umpire is authorized to administer this Moratorium and may assign other umpires to perform various duties, as required.
- (b) The Chief Umpire is authorized to make decisions regarding this Moratorium not specifically covered in this protocol.
- (c) All decisions of the Chief Umpire regarding this Moratorium are final.

PART TWO - Recreation & Club Play, Bonspiels, Funspiels, etc.

Surveys show almost 99% of all Canadian curlers are recreational players. We understand the reluctance of a weekly or casual player to discard a relatively new brush head, and we agree with the WCF statement (September 10, 2016): *“The WCF recognises a great deal of previously compliant equipment, both new and slightly used, remains in the hands of manufacturers, retailers and individual curlers. It is neither reasonable or practical to expect this equipment should be immediately discarded in favour of equipment conforming to the pending specifications.”*

Curling Canada played a major role with the World Curling Federation and Canada’s National Research Council in understanding, researching and creating new equipment guidelines to re-establish integrity in a fair playing field. As the world’s largest curling jurisdiction, we are confident that the great Canadians who play this game each and every day will continue to curl within the true spirit of the game we are noted for.

While the moratorium does not extend to recreation play, club play or bonspiels that are not part of the Canadian Team Ranking System, and while curling rinks in Canada have autonomy over their own fields of play, we suggest recreation players may use brush heads previously banned or built during the 2015-16 season (or earlier).

Additionally, we wholeheartedly support these WCF statements for your consideration at the club level:

- *“For leagues, competitions or events contested primarily for recreation or fun, or for competitions or events contested primarily by novice or inexperienced curlers, it may not be necessary to limit which sweeping equipment can be used as a condition of competition.”*
- *“For leagues, competitions or events where substantial prizes or awards are earned, it may be advisable to require sweeping equipment conforming to WCF specifications be used as a condition of competition.”*
- *“In keeping with the ‘Spirit of Curling’, individuals who are elite competitors or very proficient sweepers should consider whether it is ‘fair’ that they use non-conforming equipment in a recreational competition even if the rules allow it.”*

We would also encourage everyone however, to consider the true spirit of the sport of curling, and regardless of the brush head in use, all players should **revert to the sweeping techniques / styles in play prior to the 2015-16 season.** Most of the ‘unusual’ sweeping methods encountered last season have been dispelled as demonstrated / verified by the results of the Sweeping Summit and the executive summary of the NRC.

(1) When **using compliant material**, the sweeping angle (90 degrees **or** north-to-south **or**

45 degrees) was determined to **be irrelevant** in affecting the stone other than taking it farther or keeping it straighter. Or more simply put, **sweeping east to west does not make a non-compliant brush head compliant**. **Conclusion:** sweep in any direction you want, but do not leave debris in front of the stone and the last brush stroke should be away and to the side of the path of the stone.

- (2) When using compliant material, having two sweepers on a draw shot **will** carry a stone further than using one sweeper. **Conclusion:** return to form from the 2014-15 season with **both** sweepers brushing on either side or the same side of the delivered stone.
- (3) When using compliant material, sweeping take-outs with one sweeper to either keep it straight or to make it curl more, had little if any effect. **Conclusion:** using two sweepers for take-outs is better than one sweeper only.

Appendix E

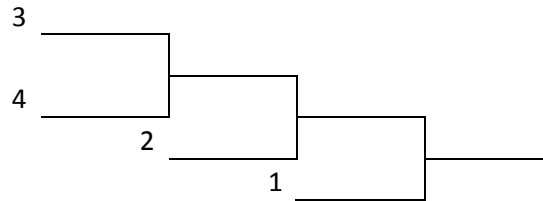
Curl PEI Tie-Breaking Sequences

Note If the team who advances to the Finals has not lost during the preliminary play, they must be beaten twice and so, an additional game may be required.

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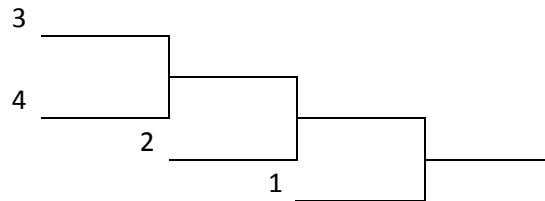
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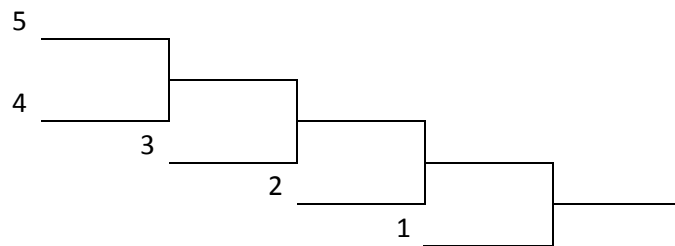


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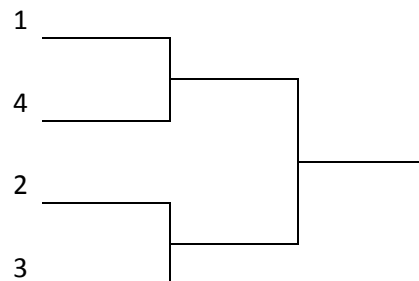
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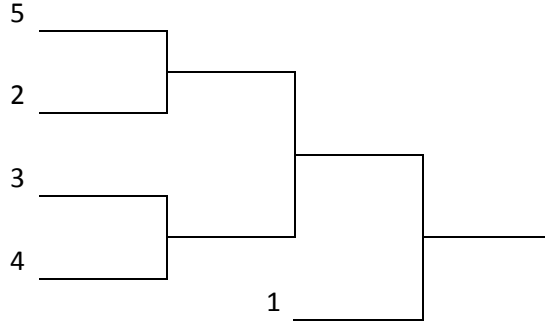
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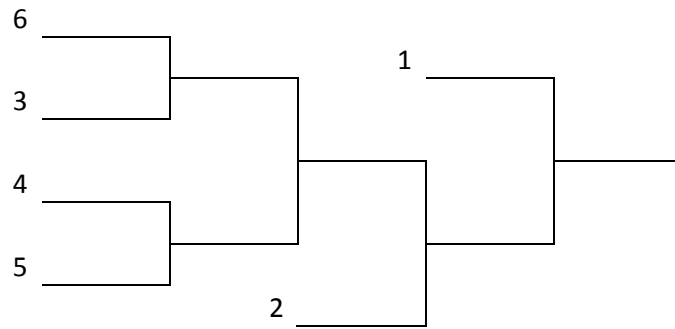
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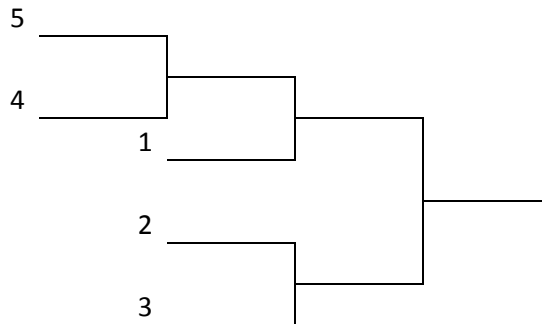
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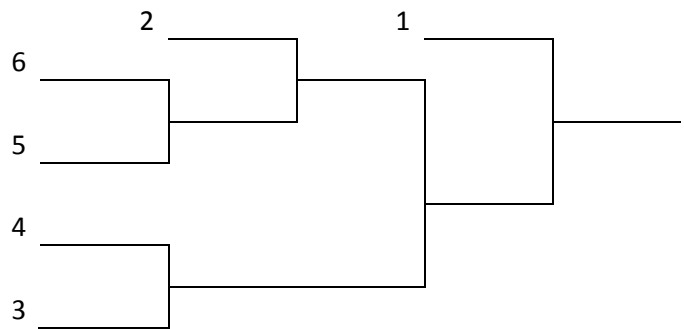
If 4 teams are tied for THIRD:



If 5 teams are tied for FIRST:



If 5 teams are tied for SECOND:



If 5 teams are tied for THIRD:

