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PEI Curling Association Provincial Championships Rules of Play

Rules of Play – Reviewed and passed November 2009

Prince Edward Island Curling Association Provincial Championships - Rules of Play

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

1. Rules of the game shall be those adopted by the Canadian Curling Association unless specified otherwise in specific rules of play. All games leading to a National Championship will be ten ends, but if tied at that point, will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared. All other events will be 8 ends, unless specific rules for that event apply. If the game is tied at completion, the game will continue for extra end(s) until a winner is declared. The losing team may concede the games at any time they so wish, with the approval of the Head Official.
2. Only those clubs situated in the Province of PEI, which are affiliated with the PEI Curling Association may participate. All competitors must have bona fide and continuous domicile residency within PEI since November 1st of the previous year. The only exception to this will be in the case of the residence rule, whereby members of the Armed Forces, university or college students, as well as any person who has been required by his employer to transfer his place of residence in pursuance of the performance of his employment shall be deemed eligible.
3. Each team must have four players and all four must be members of a curling club, 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. All team members participating in an event leading to a National CCA event that requires a participant's card, shall have purchased one prior to initial play commencement
5. 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. Substitutes may play any position. After starting the competition, the team, if it elects to continue without a substitute, may play with the remaining three players, the first two players each delivering three stones each end. Mixed events must have 4 players to commence and continue any game play. If loss of a player during game, then current rules for mixed play will be followed.

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 three of the original four team players.
7. Teams who wish to drop out of a competition after deadline without a reason deemed acceptable to the PEICA Executive, would face a penalty of not being able to enter PEICA events for balance of the current season and a full year thereafter.
8. A team is allowed to play three games in one day only once during a competition, except in the event of a play-off, or unusual circumstances. 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 the PEI Curling Association. (See Appendix A for current schedule of fees)
10. In all games, the directives and decisions of the Head Official must be obeyed and accepted. Grievances and complaints must be submitted to the Head Official no later than one hour following the completion of the competition.
11. During the bonspiel voting members of the PEI Curling Association shall be contacted by email and phone to exercise its right to over-rule the local Bonspiel Committee only under extreme circumstances.
12. The PEICA 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 PEICA Event coordinator will implement the inclement weather policy as listed in *Policies & Procedures, Article 3: Club Chairperson Event Checklist*.
 - a) It will be the responsibility of the individual teams to contact the Club Event Coordinator should the radio announcements not be heard or in the event of any question.
 - b) The 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 Event Coordinator.
 - c) The Event Coordinator is responsible for notifying teams of re-scheduled draws through the media and/or direct contact should original draws be cancelled.
14. Provincial winners shall be declared at least three weeks prior to the date set of the Canadian Championships.

15. The team that wins the competition and represents the province of Prince Edward Island in a national event must wear the colours allotted by the PEI Curling Association. Such colours must be consistent for all provincial events
16. Substitution of players on the winning team may be made prior to the start of the Canadian championship event, subject to the approval of the Executive of the PEI Curling Association. In the event that the winning team is unable to attend the National Championships, the runner-up team will automatically be declared the new representative.
17. The closing date for all team entries will be set by the PEICA Executive. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
18. 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.
19. For each game, unless otherwise determined, opposing teams will toss a coin at least 20 minutes prior to game time, with the winner choosing either last rock (first practice) or rock color (second practice). If a team is not present then the other team has hammer and rock color. During practice, each team shall be allowed to throw eight rocks each way, or have a maximum of ten minutes (whichever comes first).
20. The players committee, the PEICA Event Coordinator, and the Club Event Coordinator will take an active role in the production of the draw. For events going to a national championship, they will provide direction with the following points in mind:
 - a) Review/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 PEICA Event Coordinator will be present when the teams are drawn and positioned on the draw. Any interested curlers may also attend. 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 (i.e. e-mail/fax) to the PEICA Webmaster for posting on the PEICA website, as well as to curling clubs across PEI.
21. No team or participant shall enter a competition knowing it is unlikely they will be able to complete the event. Entry fees are non refundable.
22. In order to be granted access to the playing area of the Provincial Play Downs, coaches must hold a Level 1 Coaching Certificate, unless specified otherwise in the event's Specific Rules of Play.

23. Players entered in age-related events must be no older than the age specified, as of December 31 of the year before the event, unless the national event sets different rules.

Rules for All Events That Are Round Robin - Playoffs

1. In playoff games, first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle color shall be awarded to the team with a better win-loss record during the round robin competition. If the teams had an equal win-loss record, the team ranked higher shall have their choice of first end last rock advantage or choice of rock handle color. When the playoff positions have been determined, if necessary, the appropriate team(s) shall be asked to choose between first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle color. The appropriate teams shall then be asked to select their choice of rock handle color and the teams shall provide their selection within 15 minutes of being asked. Failure to comply shall result in the rock handle color being assigned. At the conclusion of each playoff game, the above process shall be implemented again.

Interpretation: The team with the better round robin record will always have choice of last rock and handle color in playoffs.

2. In playoff games, last rock advantage and choice of rock handle color shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the round-robin.
3. The Provincial Events Coordinator shall 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 tie-breaker game(s).
2. The only playoff position that shall involve tie-breaker games is the final playoff position
3. 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.
4. The Provincial Event Coordinator will make all final decisions with regard to administration of tie-breakers.

Skill Based Team Ranking Process

Each of the four team members shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. Time to do so will be after last game of round robin if tie possibility exists. Each individual's rock that can be measured shall be measured to determine its distance from the tee up to a distance of 6 feet (1.829 m) and then shall be removed from play. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the tee shall be assigned a distance of 0. Stones that are located outside the 6 foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 6 feet 1 inch (1.854 m). The team's accumulated total distance from the tee shall determine their ranking. The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until ranking is completed. In the case of a three player team, the first player to deliver a stone for his/her team shall also deliver the final stone for his/her team.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Men

1. Juniors who reach the age of 19 as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship may play in the Men's play downs providing there are no conflicting situations.
2. The men's final will be held no more than four (4) weeks before the start of the Men's Canadian Championship.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Women

1. Juniors who reach the age of 19 as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship may play in the Women's play downs providing there are no conflicting situations.
2. The time of banquet will be at the discretion of the chair and the Scott Representative.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Mixed

1. Each team shall have two male and two female players. The male and female players shall play alternate positions in the teams delivery rotation.
2. Sweeping: 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.
3. Each team must consist of four players to commence and continue all games at all levels.
4. A substitute must be of the same gender as the indisposed player. Substitutes can play any position in accordance with rule # 3 above.
5. Juniors who reach the age of 19 as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship may play in the Mixed Play Downs providing there are no conflicting situations.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Seniors

1. Each participant must be at least fifty years of age as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Mixed Seniors

1. Each participant must be at least fifty years of age as of December 31st of the season of event. Provincial Mixed rules apply.
2. The Throwing Stick is approved equipment for the Provincial Mixed Seniors

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Masters

1. Each participant must be at least sixty (60) years of age as of December 31st of the year prior to the competition.
2. Throwing Sticks are approved equipment for the Masters.
3. The top two of men's and women's teams after completion of play-downs will advance to the Maritime Masters at own expense.
4. Winners eligible to curl in the National Masters do so at their own expense.
5. In the event that the winners are unable to attend the National Masters, the next placing teams have the option of attending.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Dominion

1. The bonspiel will accept all entries that meet the rules of eligibility.
2. The only exception is that Curlers must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31st.

Dominion Rules

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship. The event is formulated for true club curlers, not elite, past or present. We want to support ordinary curlers and the development of curlers across Canada. As we set our eligibility and on-ice rules, including the CCA Rules of Curling for General Play, keep this objective in mind. The Dominion reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to exclude any team that violates this spirit and intent.

1. The curling club represented by the team must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territory Association.

2. Each club will declare a women's team and a men's team of four players that played together, regularly, in a sanctioned club league in the most recent season, excluding major/super leagues, to represent the club as the men's and women's club champions. How the club declares this team is up to the individual club.
3. Each team will be allowed one player who has played in a Men's, Women's or Seniors provincial event in the current or previous year, or participated in a Grand Slam event in the current or previous year. *
4. All games will be eight (8) ends with ties being decided by a full extra end.
5. A maximum of 2 replacement players from the club can play any position except skip, but cannot play in any position than the position being filled.
6. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 players under the age of 20, as of December 31st of the year prior to the championship (minimum age of 19 as of December 31st). **
7. The Dominion has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances.

*Provinces/Territories with open provincials/territories will be permitted 1 player who has placed top 4 in a Men's, Women's or Seniors provincial/territory event in the current or previous year, or participated in a Grand Slam in the current or previous year.

**Individual curling associations may adopt a more restrictive criteria, if they choose.

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Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial 12 And Under

1. Games may be six (6) ends with an extra end played in case of a tie.
2. Teams cannot be comprised of more than two (2) players that have won a higher age provincial bonspiel that season.
3. All teams must have an adult coach or Chaperone.
4. The 12 and Under 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.

5. There must be an official at all draws. (A knowledgeable curler with a rule book is acceptable.)

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial 15 And Under

1. Games may be eight (8) ends with an extra end played in case of a tie.
2. Teams can not be comprised of more than two (2) players that have won a higher age provincial that season.
3. All teams must have an adult coach or Chaperone.
4. The 15 & Under will be held the last weekend in February or the first weekend in March that the club hosting is able to offer.
5. There must be an official at all draws. (A knowledgeable curler with a rule book is acceptable.)

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial 17 And Under

1. Games may be eight (8) ends with an extra end played in case of a tie.
2. Teams may not be made up of more than two (2) players from the current 20 & under Provincial Champions.
3. The event must be held a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the Atlantic Regional event.
4. Teams require a Level one (1) Certified Coach on their registration form to participate in the event.
5. There will be a minimum level two (2) officials for all draws.
6. **If Time-clocks are used:**
Teams will be allowed 59 minutes to play an 8 end game and 8 minutes each for an extra end.
7. Semi-Finals and Finals will be timed. Other draws/games may be timed as determined at the start of competition and clarified by the Head Official and the Provincial Event Chairperson.

8. Consequences shall be followed by Head Official as outlined by the current *Official Rules of Play (Canadian Officiated Play)*

Specific Rules of Play for the Provincial Juniors (20 Years and Under)

1. To be eligible to compete in the Canadian Junior Curling Championships, all players on a team must be members of a curling club, but not necessarily the same club, by at least twenty-one days prior to the championship.
2. Each participant must be twenty years of age or under as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship.
3. Juniors who reach the age of 19 as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship, may play in the Men's, Women's and Mixed play downs providing there are no conflicting situations.
4. There will be a zero tolerance of consumption of alcohol or illegal substances.
5. All Junior teams must have a Level 1 Certified Coach and list that coach on their entry form.
6. CCA Rules apply.

Juniors Playoff Manual

The following is the playoff format for the Provincial Juniors:

1. Two (2) teams will play a best of 5 Championship.
2. Three (3) or four (4) teams will play a double round robin with top two (2) teams going to the finals. If one team in the finals is undefeated through out the event, that team will be declared the winner; otherwise, the top two teams will play in a sudden death final.
3. Five (5) to seven (7) teams shall play a single round robin, with the top two teams advancing to a best of three playoff.
4. The Provincial 20 & Under and the 17 & Under will play a triple knock out championship based on current formats; the winners will advance to National /Atlantic Play.
5. For 15 & Under and 12 & Under Provincial Events, eight (8) to fourteen (14) teams will be spilt into 2 pools for a round robin format, with the top two (2) teams from both pools advancing to a modified Page System. If the pools are uneven, then the teams in the larger pool will play the same number of round-robin games as those in the smaller pool. Teams not meeting in Round-Robin play will be by luck of the draw.

6. Fifteen (15) to twenty-three (23) teams will play a Triple-Knock-out Tournament to determine the Champion.
7. More than twenty-four (24) teams will play a Triple Knock-out to determine the top 8 teams, with those teams playing an 8 team tournament.
8. For Playoff games, teams with the higher placement from the round robin will have choice of last rock or handle color. If the play-off is a triple knockout, hammer or handle color will be determined by a coin toss, unless teams have played against each other in the event; then the winner of that game shall have choice of last rock or rock color.

Modified Page System

The top teams from the 2 pools in the round robin will play in one semi-final: the winner will go to the final and loser will go to 2nd Semi-final.

The two (2) second place teams will play a quarter final with the winner advancing to the semi-final against the loser of the 2 top teams. The winner of that match will then play a sudden death final against the winner of the 1st semi-final (top two teams).