

**PEI Curling Association
Provincial Championship Rules of Play**



PEICA Code of Ethics

To ensure that all curlers are aware of their responsibilities when playing the game, the Canadian Curling Association 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 unflinching 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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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. 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.
2. All provincial curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full time residents within PEI and are members in good standing of one of the affiliated member clubs of the PEI Curling Association. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally a policy has been agreed to that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for playdown purposes, this policy is Appendix A.
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 except for in the Dominion 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 CCA event that requires a participant's card, shall have purchased one prior to initial play commencement.
5. A team may start with three (3) eligible team members with the first two (2) each throwing three (3) rocks. 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 and shall pay the CCA Competitor's Fee of \$35 only if not already paid by participating in a previous event that season. 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 B 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. 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.
15. 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.
16. The closing date for all team entries will be set by the PEICA 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. 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. During practice, each team shall be allowed to throw eight rocks each way, or have a maximum of ten minutes (whichever comes first).
19. The draw formats will be approved at the Annual General Meeting prior to the season. The PEICA 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 PEICA Webmaster for posting on the PEICA 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.
21. 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. 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 as the time of signing.
22. 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, last rock advantage shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the round-robin. In the event the playoff teams have the same round robin record the last stone draw will determine last rock advantage. The coin toss thirty (30) minutes prior to will still determine choice of practice or rock handle color.
2. 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 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. 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 following tie-breaking rules will come into play, based on the number of teams tied:
 - a. If two teams are tied, it's who beat whom.
 - b. If three teams tie- it's who beat whom, and then the skill based team ranking (see details below) for placement.
 - c. If four teams tie, there will be two semi-finals. We would use the records against the four teams, plus the skill based team ranking e.g. if you had two teams at 2-1 and two teams at 1-2 (these are records against the other teams in the tie), we would then use the skill based team ranking to determine 1st and 2nd of the two teams at 2-1 and also 3rd and 4th of the two teams at 1-2.
 - d. If five way tie (if possible) - same as four way tie, with the team with best record and then least accumulated distance going to the finals and two semi-finals.
5. 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 (in centimeters) to determine its distance from the tee up to a distance of 6 feet (182.88cm) 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 185.41 cm. 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.

Playoff Formats

The following are the playoff format for the Provincial Championships:

(12 & Under - 15 & Under - 17 & Under – Junior Mixed - 20 & Under - Women's - Men's – Seniors – Masters – Dominion)

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 after completion of round-robin there is one undefeated team, that team is declared the winner. Otherwise, the top two teams will play one sudden death final game.
3. Five (5) to seven (7) teams shall play a single round robin, with the top three teams advancing to a championship round where 2 plays 3 and 1 plays the winner.
4. Eight (8) to ten (10) teams will play a triple knockout with a page playoff.
5. Ten (10) to fifteen (15) teams:
 - a. Every Championship except the Men's and Women's Championships will play the same as the eight to ten.
 - b. The Men's and Women's Championships will play two weekends: one being an open events which will be triple knockout, to determine the final six (6) to advance to the second weekend. The final six will play a round robin with the top three advancing to a championship round where 2 plays 3 and 1 plays the winner.
6. Sixteen plus (16+) teams:
 - a. Every Championship except the Men's and Women's Championship will be determined by the PEI Curling Association.
 - b. The Men's and Women's Championships will play three weekends: two of which will be triple knockouts, each determining three (3) teams to advance to the final six (6) on the third weekend. The final six will play a round robin with the top three advancing to a championship round where 2 plays 3 and 1 plays the winner.

All (adult) Mixed Championships will be modified-double knockout, regardless of the number of teams registered.

The Stick Championship will be determined by the Stick Curlers Committee.

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.)
6. Time clocks will not be used.

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 cannot 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.)
6. Time clocks will not be used.

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.

a. 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.

6. 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 Umpire and the Provincial Event Coordinator.

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

1. Each participant must be twenty years of age or under as of December 31st of the year prior to the National Championship.
2. 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.
3. There will be a zero tolerance of consumption of alcohol or illegal substances.
4. All Junior teams must have a Level 1 Certified Coach and list that coach on their entry form.
5. Time clocks will be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Junior Mixed

1. 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.
2. 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.
5. Time clocks will not be used.

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.
3. Time clocks will be used.

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. Time clocks will be used.

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 team's delivery rotation.
2. 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.
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.
6. Time clocks will be used.

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.
2. Time clocks will be used.

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.
6. Time clocks will not be used.

Specific Rules of Play for Provincial Dominion

1. Current National Championship rules of play will be followed unless otherwise specified.
 - a. The games will be eight (8) ends with an extra end being played in case of a tie.

- b. Time clocks will be used. The game will be 60 minutes, extra ends will be 8 minutes. If you run out of time, you forfeit.
 - c. There is only one (1) timeout of 60 seconds during regular play and one (1) in an extra end.
2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. Curlers must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age as of the National Event.

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Appendix A

POLICY – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE IN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All national curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full time residents within the geographic area of each Member Association. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally a policy has been agreed to 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 Season of Champions event as well as other provincial championships that may or may not lead to a national event. These would include Masters, Juveniles, The Dominion 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 2011 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2010 will be considered a part of the 2009/10 Championship season for residency purposes.)

To that end it has been agreed that an individual must provide a minimum of three of the following six items to the Member Association (if requested) whose playdown structure they wish to enter:

- ** **Current Drivers License 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/payment for non-mortgaged property is also adequate**
- ** **Current passport with valid home domicile from province/territory**
- ** **Valid picture ID required for travel purposes if the individual does not have a valid driver's license**

(Full time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office)

The individual will also provide a signed waiver if requested that will agree to a one year suspension from any CCA sanctioned championship OR championships coordinated by Member Associations (The Dominion, Masters and Juveniles) in the event it is discovered that any information has been provided in a fraudulent manner.

For Canadian Men's and Canadian Women's Championships, individuals **MUST** be a permanent resident of the province/territory in which they wish to enter playdowns prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season. ***(For example – Sept 1st of 2010 for the 2010/11 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
- An individual is based in two cities due to an employment situation

(Exemption requests MUST be filed a minimum of 21 days prior to the Member Association's competition entry deadline)

For events **other than** the Canadian Men's or Canadian Women's, you are required to be a Canadian citizen; however, there may be unique circumstances that allow you to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These will be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts residents may be eligible to compete in BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Dominion competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC)

In the event an exemption is requested and cannot be agreed to by the respective Member Associations, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make a decision and their ruling will become final:

- ✓ Chief Executive Officer of the CCA
- ✓ Director, High Performance of the CCA
- ✓ One neutral member from the ED Council Executive

(NOTE: This policy is a minimum threshold for all MAs of the CCA. It is understood that in some jurisdictions this policy may be part of a more detailed policy within that jurisdiction)

Appendix B

Event	Price/Team	Competitors Card (\$35) Required
12 & Under	\$80	No
15 & Under	\$120	No
17 & Under	\$140	No
20 & Under	\$180	No
Junior Mixed	\$140	No
Future Scotties	\$100	No
Women's	\$200	Yes
Men's	\$200	Yes
Mixed	\$200	Yes
Senior's	\$200	Yes
Master's	\$200	No
Stick	\$160	No
Dominion	\$160	No