

# **SPECIAL RULES**

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## **OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS AND COACHES**

The competitor/coach shall comply with all reasonable directions and instructions given to them by the Association and its representatives, coaches and management. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the competitor/coach is obligated to comply with the following:

1. to avoid any action or conduct that reflects adversely upon the association and its athletes, teams, coaches, officials, statisticians, ice technicians, employees, officers, directors, members or sponsors, and agrees at all times to conduct himself/herself in a manner which will bring credit to the Association and the specific parties named above;
2. to rely upon and to utilize the hearing and appeal procedure that is in conformity with the generally-accepted principles of natural justice and due process for remedy of all complaints and issues on the basis that all such complaints and issues shall not be made public until the hearing and appeal procedure is first exhausted;
3. to avoid any action or conduct that would reasonably be expected to significantly disrupt or interfere with a competition or the preparation of any competitor/coach for a competition;
4. to avoid alcoholic consumption to a level which would reasonably be expected to cause impairment to the competitor/coach's ability to speak, walk or drive or to cause the competitor/coach to behave in a disruptive manner during any competition;
5. to avoid the use of banned drugs in contravention to the rules of the World Curling Federation, Sport Canada and Canadian Curling Association policy and to submit at competitions and other reasonable times to random doping control testing upon request by the Association or other authority designated to do so by the Association;
6. to avoid possession and/or use of anabolic drugs, and to neither supply these drugs directly or indirectly to others, nor encourage their use; and
7. to participate, as may be requested by the Association, in any doping control/education program formulated by the Association in co-operation with Sport Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

## **DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM**

### **1. Categories**

The appeal process regarding Canadian Curling Association (CCA) decisions is differentiated as follows:

- (a) Disciplinary measures and appeal process related primarily to the conduct of a Competitor/Coach at a competition, but which is also applicable to other conduct except conduct governed by the appeal process set out in subparagraph 1(b) below.
- (b) Appeal process related to a Competitor/Coach's status on the National Team, to AAP eligibility, or to decisions taken by the CCA pursuant to subparagraph 3(c)(vii) hereof.

### **2. Definitions**

The words or phrases below shall have the following meanings in this document:

- (a) "AAP" means the Athlete Assistance Program funded by Sport Canada or any substitute or successor program.
- (b) ADR SPORT RED refers to the dispute resolution organization created by a Government of Canada initiative currently having its office located at Suite 2825 – 1 Place Ville Marie, Montreal, Quebec.
- (c) A "competition" is any local, provincial, national or international event sponsored, promoted, endorsed or supported by the CCA or any CCA member association. A competition shall include the time frame covered by the entire time from the Competitor/Coaches departure to the competition locale for the purpose of competing in the competition through to and including arrival at home from the event.
- (d) A "Competitor/Coach" is any person who is participating or has participated as a member or Coach of any team in any local, provincial, national or international event sponsored, promoted, endorsed or supported by the CCA or a CCA member association, and whose members have signed a National Team Athlete Agreement.
- (e) "National Team" means a team that has been selected by the CCA to represent Canada in World Championship or Olympic curling competitions, and the members of which have signed a National Team Athlete Agreement.

### **3. Disciplinary measures and appeal procedures related primarily to the conduct of a competitor/coach at a competition, but which is also**

**applicable to other conduct of a competitor/coach excluding only conduct to which paragraph 4 hereof applies.**

- (a) The CCA shall have the right to implement and administer reasonable disciplinary measures arising from any Competitor/Coach's conduct (whether of a verbal or physical nature) occurring,
  - (i) during any competition, whether in the course of on ice play or at other times,
  - (ii) at any other time and place.
- (b) Such disciplinary measures may include but are not limited to,
  - (i) formal reprimand or verbal warnings;
  - (ii) formal reprimand (written);
  - (iii) temporary or permanent suspension of competition privileges;
  - (iv) dismissal from a team representing the CCA.
- (c) Disciplinary measures imposed on a Competitor/Coach arising out of conduct referred to in subparagraph 3 (a) above shall be implemented in accordance with the following rules.
  - (i) The Manager of Event Operations, or an alternative person appointed by the CCA, shall have the sole right to impose any of the disciplinary measures referred to in subparagraph 3(b)(i) and (ii), and, if the conduct occurs during any competition, to suspend the Competitor/Coach from one game at the relevant competition.
  - (ii) Before imposing any disciplinary measure, the Manager of Event Operations, or other duly appointed person shall carry out an investigation including interviewing relevant witnesses and the involved Competitor/Coach.
  - (iii) The Manager of Event Operations' or alternative person's decision shall not be subject to appeal.
  - (iv) If Manager of Event Operations or alternative person feels that the impugned conduct arising during a competition warrants more than a one game suspension, he or she shall immediately recommend to the CCA's Chief Executive Officer that an impartial non-conflicted member of the CCA Board hold a hearing at the relevant event city to determine whether or not further suspensions are appropriate. If the impugned conduct occurs outside a competition (3(a)(ii)) and the appointed alternative person recommends Section 3(b)(iii) or (iv) disciplinary measures he or she shall make a similar recommendation to the CCA's Chief Executive Officer that a impartial non-conflicted member of the CCA board hold a hearing.

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- (v) Upon receipt of such recommendation, the Chief Executive Officer shall forthwith identify an impartial non-conflicted member of the CCA Board to convene such a hearing.
- (vi) The board member so appointed shall convene a hearing at the event city as soon as possible but, no later than 24 hours after his/her appointment, and he/she shall give notice to the Manager of Event Operations or alternative person and to the impugned Competitor/Coach of the time and place of the hearing.
- (vii) The Competitor/Coach and Manager of Event Operations or alternative person shall have the right to representation by legal counsel at the hearing, to present evidence by way of affidavit, and to present argument. For sake of expedience and cost reduction, the hearing may proceed by way of written submissions, and/or telephone conference or video conference with such safeguards built in as the adjudicating board member feels necessary to protect the parties.
- (viii) At the conclusion of the hearing, the adjudicating board member shall either:
  - (a) dismiss the recommendation for further suspension;
  - (b) suspend the impugned Competitor/Coach from one or more of the remaining games at the relevant event, or in  
  
the case of conduct referred to in 3(a)(ii) from the next competition,
  - (c) recommend further suspensions as referred to in paragraph 3(c)(x) below.
- (ix) The decision of the adjudicating board member concerning suspensions from one or more of the remaining games at the relevant event shall not be subject to appeal or further hearing.
- (x) If the adjudicating board member finds that the improper conduct warrants consideration by the CCA Board for suspension from other competitions or in the case of conduct referred to in 3(a)(ii) above, from competitions other than the next competition, or for dismissal from a team representing the association, he or she shall prepare and deliver a report to the CCA President and to the impugned Competitor/Coach setting out all relevant facts found at the hearing, brief summaries of witnesses' statements indicating which portions were accepted and which portions were rejected, disciplinary measures recommended, and the reasons for the

disciplinary measures recommended, within five (5) days after the conclusion of the hearing.

(xi) The impugned Competitor/Coach shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such report to prepare and deliver a written reply to the CCA Board. The Board shall meet, as soon as reasonably possible after the reply to the report has been received, or the ten (10) day period has elapsed, to consider the report and reply, if any.

(xii) After reviewing the report and reply, if any, the CCA Board shall determine what, if any, discipline measures should be imposed on the impugned Competitor/Coach, and shall advise him or her in writing forthwith after making such determination.

(d) Disciplinary measures imposed on a Competitor/Coach pursuant to 3(c)(xii) above shall be subject to the appeal procedure referred to in paragraph 4 below.

**4. Appeal procedures related to National Team status and/or AAP funding eligibility and subparagraph 3(c)(xii) above.**

(a) The following appeal process shall apply to,

(i) all decisions made by the CCA pursuant to paragraph 3(c)(xii) above, and

(ii) all disputes between Competitor/Coach arising out of a National Team Athlete agreement including but not limited to National Team eligibility and AAP funding eligibility.

(b) The party wishing to initiate the dispute settlement process set out below shall deliver a written request for mediation both to the ADR-SPORT-RED office at 2825-1 Place Ville Marie, Montreal, PQ H3B 4R4, and to the other party containing the particulars set out in RM-3 of Appendix 1 attached.

(c) The dispute shall then proceed to mediation in accordance with the ADR-SPORT-RED procedures which are available at [www.adrsportred.ca](http://www.adrsportred.ca) (the Code) or by contacting the Canadian Curling Association.

(d) The parties agree that the time limit referred to in RM-15 in Appendix 1 shall be 30 days.

(e) In the event the parties are unable to reach a settlement with the assistance of the ADR-SPORT-RED mediator, either party may, within 30 days after the mediation process has ended, submit the issues in dispute to arbitration pursuant to the ADR-SPORT-RED CODE arbitration provisions (available at [www.adrsportred.ca](http://www.adrsportred.ca)), and both parties agree that

any issues so submitted to arbitration shall be finally determined by such arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the ADR-SPORT-RED CODE. In particular without limiting the generality of the application of the entire ADR-SPORT-RED CODE to the resolution of all disputes between the parties arising out of or connected in any way with this agreement, the parties agree that the arbitrator's award shall be final and binding on the parties and "shall not be open to question or review in a court." For greater certainty the arbitration proceedings shall not be subject to review by injunction, prohibition, judicial review, or other process or proceeding in a court and shall not be removable by certiorari or otherwise to a court.

## **5. General Provisions**

- (a) The dispute settlement provisions set out herein represent the sole and only recourse a Competitor/Coach or the CCA may have concerning the aforementioned disputes. Neither the Competitor/Coach nor the CCA shall attempt to resolve any such dispute in a court or in any other tribunal except as provided herein.
- (b) Where urgency such as when a Competitor/Coaches eligibility to participate in an imminent competition compels a shortening of the time lines set out above or skipping of any of the steps leading to final resolution of the dispute, the parties shall forthwith convene a telephone conference call or meeting to discuss the dispute and shall use their best efforts to agree to a process to resolve the dispute. In such cases the preferred process may be to submit the dispute to an urgent ADR Sport Red arbitration. The provisions of this subparagraph 5(b) do not apply to disciplinary measures imposed pursuant to 3(c)(i) hereof.

**SPECIAL RULES FOR  
THE CANADIAN MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Statement of Principle**

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) believe athletes who represent their Provincial/Territorial Members at CCA Curling Championships should be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory which they are representing at the championship.

To preserve this integrity, marketability as well as regional interest in the respective championships required to promote growth and interest in the sport of curling, the CCA strongly endorses the adoption by Provincial/Territorial Associations of eligibility requirements for playdowns toward CCA Curling Championships requiring participants to be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory sought to be represented at CCA-sanctioned Canadian Curling Championships.

1. The rules of play shall be the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play except as hereinafter set forth.
2.
  - (1) There shall be 12 teams competing in the Canadian Men's Curling Championship.
  - (2) Competitors in the championship shall be residents and citizens of Canada.
  - (3) Competitors shall be the winners of each provincial/territorial championship competition except as provided for in Special Rule 4. Northern Ontario is considered a separate province for those championships in which it has an entry.
  - (4) In addition to the provinces, one team shall represent the Yukon/Northwest Territories.
  - (5) Competitors shall be properly certified by the provincial/territorial association they represent.
  - (6) A competitor in each of the CCA governed Canadian Championships shall compete in events leading to provincial/ territorial representation in one province/territory only.
3. Competitors shall purchase a competitors' card prior to entering the initial level of play leading to a provincial/territorial championship that, in turn, leads to the Canadian Men's, Mixed or Seniors Championship.

*Interpretation:* Initial level of play refers to the first game played en route to a provincial/territorial championship.

4. The provincial/territorial association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative team. Each competing team shall be decided upon at least three weeks prior to the date set for the Canadian Championship. The provincial/territorial associations shall submit their team roster to the competition director of the CCA and shall certify that each player qualifies under the eligibility requirements. The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under his name.

The provincial/territorial associations may alter their team roster up to the time of the Canadian Championship for illness, accident or reasons deemed appropriate by the provincial/territorial association.

5. (1) Each team shall include four male players and a fifth member who shall be the alternate player. All five players shall be members in good standing of a curling club affiliated with the CCA, but not necessarily the same club, if so allowed by the provincial/territorial association. Each player shall be 19 years of age or over on December 31 of the year prior to the championship. In the event that a team is missing a player(s) and substitution is required by the team during the competition the following options apply:
  - i) The alternate player shall be utilized.
  - ii) If a second player is unable to play, the team shall play with the three remaining members.
  - iii) If three players are unable to play, the team is not eligible to continue to play.
- (2) The team that wins the Canadian Championship has the right to change alternate players for the World Championship and may select any eligible player in Canada.

## 6. Coaches

- (1) All coaches accompanying teams at a Canadian Championship shall have a minimum of Level 2 Coach certification for curling or be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada's *Canadian Mental Training Registry*.
- (2) If the five player team wishes to have the services of an appropriately certified coach, the CCA shall provide the coach with transportation, accommodation and a per diem. The coach shall be accommodated with the alternate player unless there is a gender difference and then another room shall be provided.

**7. Uniforms and Equipment**

- (1) All members of a team competing in the Canadian Men's Curling Championship shall be attired in totally coordinated on-ice apparel in the following designated provincial/territorial colors:

	<u>Main color(s)</u>	<u>Secondary Color(s)</u>
British Columbia	white	royal blue and gold
Alberta	royal blue	gold and white
Saskatchewan	kelly green	white
Manitoba	white	brown and gold
Ontario	black	red and white
Northern Ontario	light gold	green
Québec	light blue	white
New Brunswick	gold	black
Nova Scotia	navy blue	white
Prince Edward Island	forest green	white
Newfoundland	red	white
Yukon/N.W.T	grey	red

- (2) The purple heart crest shall be attached to the upper left sleeve or over the heart on the outer on-ice garment.
- (3) No advertising shall appear on the competitors' clothing other than that required by the CCA.
- (4) The last name of the competitor and the abbreviated name of his province/territory shall appear on the back of each outer garment. The letters shall be at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) high.
- (5) If any portion of a team's uniform or equipment (includes gloves, shoes, hats, brooms, etc.) has a manufacturer's label attached, the following standards shall be followed:
- (a) The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (b) Any equipment manufacturer's mark that is greater than 10% of the surface area that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup> (23.4 in<sup>2</sup>).
  - (c) Any hats and gloves identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (d) Any clothing identification which is greater than 12cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

- (e) It is acceptable to display the normal distinctive design pattern for shoe manufacturers. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may appear, up to a maximum of 6cm<sup>2</sup>, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
  - (f) The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (g) The only identification allowed on any equipment or uniform is a manufacturer's label that complies with the above except as requested or approved by the CCA.
- (6) A team shall not take into the ice bowl or ice area any piece of equipment, including broom bags, mascots, water bottles, etc., that has any form of advertising or inappropriate message attached. An appropriate location in each arena (rink) shall be determined by the Manager of Championship Services for teams that wish to attach team banners providing that there is no advertising or message attached to the banner, sign, etc.
- (7) A team shall not throw or kick throw or kick objects of any kind on and around the ice area or into the crowd unless previously approved by the Canadian Curling Association.

*Interpretation:* The throwing of objects on and around the ice area and into the crowd has the potential to result in a liability issue for the CCA, host committee, sponsor, arena and individual athletes/coaches. We therefore request that championship participants refrain from throwing or kicking objects on and around the ice are and request CCA approval prior to throwing any objects into the crowd. Unacceptable objects shall include but are not limited to the following: soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, Frisbees etc.

**8. Competition**

- (1) The Manager of Championship Services shall complete the draw for the championship.
- (2) All members of a team participating in a Canadian Championship shall arrive at the championship site at the time scheduled by the CCA. If a team does not arrive at the site of a championship in time to play its first game in any CCA competition, or any subsequent game(s), the team involved will forfeit the game(s) and be awarded a score of 0-10. Illness, accident or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it impossible for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by the CCA Manager of Event Operations/Manager of Championship Services). If the team arrives too late to participate in the draw to the button for the purpose of determining tie-breaker ranking, they will be positioned in 12<sup>th</sup> spot. If more than one team arrives late then the ranking between the late arriving teams will be based on the order in which their province/territory finished at the Championship the year prior (this ranking will only involve the teams not arriving in time to participate in the draw to the button).
- (3) All games shall be played at a time and place approved by the CCA.
- (4) All Canadian Men's Curling Championship games shall be played on arena ice with rink dividers.
- (5) Each team entered in a Canadian Men's Curling Championship shall play a 12 team round-robin draw followed by an elimination type playoff.
- (6) The last rock shall be assigned for each game during round-robin play with the exception of the first round-robin game.
- (7) Practice time shall be scheduled before the start of a Canadian Championship. Each team shall have an opportunity to practice at least 10 minutes on each sheet of ice used. Each team shall be allowed a practice period on the sheet of ice on which its game is to be played prior to the game. This practice time shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- (8) All round robin games at the Canadian Championships shall be a minimum of 6 ends at which time a team may elect to concede if they are at least 6 points down. All playoff games shall be a minimum of 8 ends and the semi-final and final shall be a minimum of 10 ends unless a team is mathematically eliminated prior to the conclusion of the 10th end.
- (9) If after 10 ends of play the score is tied, play shall be continued without changing the rotation of play (end the rocks are thrown to) for such additional end or ends as may be required to decide the winning team.

- (10) No more than two round-robin games shall be scheduled for each team per day. This may not hold true for tie-breaker and playoff rounds.
- (11) The Manager of Championship Services, in consultation with the CCA board of directors, shall appoint such officials as are necessary to properly control the play of Canadian Championships. The head official shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by the CCA. The decision of the head official is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. An appeal may be made as outlined on matters involving disciplinary action.
- (12) The board of directors of the CCA has the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules, including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final and binding.
- (13) Playoffs
- (a) Following the conclusion of the round-robin involving 12 teams eligible for the competition, the top four teams shall participate in the playoffs.
- (b) In the first round, the third place team shall play the fourth place team with the winner advancing to the semi-final and the loser eliminated from further competition. In the second round, the first place team shall play the second place team with the winner advancing to the final and the loser advancing to the semi-final. The semi-final is sudden death with the winner advancing to the final, also a sudden death game.
- (c) In playoff games, first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle colour 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 colour. When the four 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 colour. The appropriate teams shall then be asked to select their choice of rock handle colour and the teams shall provide their selection within 15 minutes of being asked. Failure to comply shall result in the rock handle colour being assigned.
- At the conclusion of each playoff game, the above process shall be implemented again.
- (d) 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.

- (e) Selection of stones shall be done before the pre-game practice has started. Failure to comply shall result in stones being assigned.
- (f) The Manager of Championship Services shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

(14) Ties

- (a) Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied.
- (b) Teams tied for a playoff position shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).
- (c) The only playoff position that shall involve tie-breaker games is the fourth and final playoff position.
- (d) The competition director shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of tie-breakers.

(15) Tie-Breaking Process

- (a) When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to 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 by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.
- (b) When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records as defined in Rule 8(15) (a), only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the Skill Based Team Ranking Process as defined in Rule 8(16).
- (c) When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or 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 rock or rock handle color unless their ranking has been determined by the Skill Based Team Ranking Process, then those results shall provide choice of either last rock or rock handle color. The declaration of last rock or rock handle color shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the official.
- (d) All tie-breakers shall be played with the rocks from the sheet assigned. Rock handles shall not be changed from one set of rocks to another.

(16) Skill Based Team Ranking Process

During the pre-competition practice, each of the four team members shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. 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) 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.

Tie-breaker and playoff charts are available through your provincial/territorial curling association or from the Canadian Curling Association.

**SPECIAL RULES FOR  
THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Statement of Principle**

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) believe athletes who represent their Provincial/Territorial Members at CCA Curling Championships should be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory which they are representing at the championship.

To preserve this integrity, marketability as well as regional interest in the respective championships required to promote growth and interest in the sport of curling, the CCA strongly endorses the adoption by Provincial/Territorial Associations of eligibility requirements for playdowns toward CCA Curling Championships requiring participants to be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory sought to be represented at CCA-sanctioned Canadian Curling Championships.

1. The rules of play shall be the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play except as hereinafter set forth.
2.
  - (1) There shall be 12 teams competing in the Canadian Women's Curling Championship.
  - (2) Competitors in the championship shall be residents and citizens of Canada.
  - (3) Competitors shall be the winners of each provincial championship competition except as provided for in Special Rule 4.
  - (4) In addition to the 10 provinces, an 11th team shall represent the Yukon/Northwest Territories.
  - (5) Competitors shall be properly certified by the provincial/territorial association they represent.
  - (6) The 12th team in the Canadian Women's Curling Championship shall be the previous year's champion as per rules defined and shall be known as Team Canada.
  - (7) A competitor in each of the CCA governed Canadian Championships shall compete in events leading to provincial/ territorial representation in one province/territory only.

## *Canadian Women's Curling Championship*

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3. Competitors shall purchase a competitors' card prior to entering the initial level of play leading to a provincial/territorial championship that, in turn, leads to the Canadian Women's, Mixed or Seniors Championship.

*Interpretation:* Initial level of play refers to the first game played en route to a provincial/territorial championship.

4. The provincial/territorial association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative team. Each competing team shall be decided upon at least three weeks prior to the date set for the Canadian Championship. The provincial/territorial associations shall submit their team roster to the competition director of the CCA and shall certify that each player qualifies under the eligibility requirements. The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under her name.

The provincial/territorial associations may alter their team roster up to the time of the Canadian Championship for illness, accident or reasons deemed appropriate by the provincial/territorial association.

5. (1) Each team shall include four female players and a fifth member who shall be the alternate player. All five players shall be members in good standing of a curling club affiliated with the CCA, but not necessarily the same club, if so allowed by the provincial/territorial association. Each player shall be 19 years of age or over on December 31 of the year prior to the championship. In the event that a team is missing a player(s) and substitution is required by the team during the competition the following options apply:
- i) The alternate player shall be utilized.
  - ii) If a second player is unable to play, the team shall play with the three remaining members.
  - iii) If three players are unable to play, the team is not eligible to continue to play.
- (2) The team that wins the Canadian Championship has the right to change alternate players for the World Championship and may select any eligible player in Canada.
- (3) The Team Canada alternate shall be a member in good standing from the province/territory that Team Canada originally represented at the Canadian Women's Curling Championship the year prior.

## 6. Coaches

- (1) All coaches accompanying teams at a Canadian Championship shall have a minimum of Level 2 Coach certification for curling or be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada's *Canadian Mental Training Registry*.
- (2) If the five player team wishes to have the services of an appropriately certified coach, the CCA shall provide the coach with transportation, accommodation and access to the Kurler's Kitchen. The coach shall be accommodated with the alternate player unless there is a gender difference and then another room shall be provided.

## **7. Uniforms and Equipment**

- (1) All members of a team competing in the Canadian Women's Curling Championship shall be attired in totally coordinated matching on-ice apparel in the following designated provincial/territorial colors:

	<u>Main Color(s)</u>	<u>Secondary Color(s)</u>
British Columbia	white	royal blue and gold
Alberta	royal blue	gold and white
Saskatchewan	kelly green	white
Manitoba	white	brown and gold
Ontario	black	red and white
Québec	light blue	white
New Brunswick	gold	black
Nova Scotia	navy blue	white
Prince Edward Island	forest green	white
Newfoundland	red	white
Yukon/N.W.T.	grey	red
Canada	red	black and white

- (2) The red heart crest shall be attached to the upper left sleeve of the outer on-ice garment.
- (3) No advertising shall appear on the competitors' clothing other than that required by the CCA.
- (4) The last name of the competitor and the abbreviated name of her province/territory shall appear on the back of each outer garment. The letters shall be at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) high.
- (5) If any portion of a team's uniform or equipment (includes gloves, shoes, hats, brooms, etc.) has a manufacturer's label attached, the following standards shall be followed:
  - (a) The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.

- (b) Any equipment manufacturer's mark that is greater than 10% of the surface area that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup> (23.4 in<sup>2</sup>).
  - (c) Any hats and gloves identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (d) Any clothing identification which is greater than 12cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (e) It is acceptable to display the normal distinctive design pattern for shoe manufacturers. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may appear, up to a maximum of 6cm<sup>2</sup>, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
  - (f) The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (g) The only identification allowed on any equipment or uniform is a manufacturer's label that complies with the above except as requested or approved by the CCA.
- (6) A team shall not take into the ice bowl or ice area any piece of equipment, including broom bags, mascots, water bottles, etc., that has any form of advertising or inappropriate message attached. An appropriate location in each arena (rink) shall be determined by the Manager of Championship Services for teams that wish to attach team banners providing that there is no advertising or message attached to the banner, sign, etc.
- (7) A team shall not throw or kick throw or kick objects of any kind on and around the ice area or into the crowd unless previously approved by the Canadian Curling Association.

*Interpretation:* The throwing of objects on and around the ice area and into the crowd has the potential to result in a liability issue for the CCA, host committee, sponsor, arena and individual athletes/coaches. We therefore request that championship participants refrain from throwing or kicking objects on and around the ice are and request CCA approval prior to throwing any objects into the crowd. Unacceptable objects shall include but are not limited to the following: soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, Frisbees etc.

## **8. Competition**

## *Canadian Women's Curling Championship*

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- (1) The Manager of Championship Services shall complete the draw for the championship.
- (2) All members of a team participating in a Canadian Championship shall arrive at the championship site at the time scheduled by the CCA. If a team does not arrive at the site of a championship in time to play its first game in any CCA competition, or any subsequent game(s), the team involved will forfeit the game(s) and be awarded a score of 0-10. Illness, accident or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it impossible for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by the CCA Manager of Event Operations/Manager of Championship Services). If the team arrives too late to participate in the draw to the button for the purpose of determining tie-breaker ranking, they will be positioned in 12<sup>th</sup> spot. If more than one team arrives late then the ranking between the late arriving teams will be based on the order in which their province/territory finished at the Championship the year prior (this ranking will only involve the teams not arriving in time to participate in the draw to the button).
- (3) All games shall be played at a time and place approved by the CCA.
- (4) All Canadian Women's Curling Championship games shall be played on arena ice with rink dividers.
- (5) Each team entered in a Canadian Women's Curling Championship shall play a 12 team round-robin draw followed by an elimination type playoff.
- (6) The last rock shall be assigned for each game during round-robin play with the exception of the first round-robin game.
- (7) Practice time shall be scheduled before the start of a Canadian Championship. Each team shall have an opportunity to practice at least 10 minutes on each sheet of ice used. Each team shall be allowed a practice period on the sheet of ice on which its game is to be played prior to the game. This practice time shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- (8) All round robin games at the Canadian Championships shall be a minimum of 6 ends at which time a team may elect to concede if they are at least 6 points down. All playoff games shall be a minimum of 8 ends and the semi-final and final shall be a minimum of 10 ends unless a team is mathematically eliminated prior to the conclusion of the 10th end.
- (9) If after 10 ends of play the score is tied, play shall be continued without changing the rotation of play (end the rocks are thrown to) for such additional end or ends as may be required to decide the winning team.
- (10) No more than two round-robin games shall be scheduled for each team per day. This may not hold true for tie-breaker and playoff rounds.

- (11) The Manager of Championship Services, in consultation with the CCA board of directors, shall appoint such officials as are necessary to properly control the play of Canadian championships. The head official shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by the CCA. The decision of the head official is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. An appeal may be made as outlined on matters involving disciplinary action.
- (12) The board of directors of the CCA has the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules, including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final and binding.

(13) Playoffs

- (a) Following the conclusion of the round-robin involving 12 teams eligible for the competition, the top four teams shall participate in the playoffs.
- (b) In the first round, the third place team shall play the fourth place team with the winner advancing to the semi-final and the loser eliminated from further competition. In the second round, the first place team shall play the second place team with the winner advancing to the final and the loser advancing to the semi-final. The semi-final is sudden death with the winner advancing to the final, also a sudden death game.
- (c) In playoff games, first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle colour 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 colour. When the four 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 colour. The appropriate teams shall then be asked to select their choice of rock handle colour and the teams shall provide their selection within 15 minutes of being asked. Failure to comply shall result in the rock handle colour being assigned.

At the conclusion of each playoff game, the above process shall be implemented again.

- (d) 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.
- (e) Selection of stones shall be done before the pre-game practice has started. Failure to comply shall result in stones being assigned.

- (f) The Manager of Championship Services shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

(14) Ties

- (a) Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied.
- (b) Teams tied for a playoff position shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).
- (c) The only playoff position that shall involve tie-breaker games is the fourth and final playoff position.
- (d) The competition director shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of tie-breakers.

(15) Tie-Breaking Process

- (a) When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to 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 by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.
- (b) When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records as defined in Rule 8(15)(a), only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the Skill Based Team Ranking Process as defined in Rule 8(16).
- (c) When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or 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 rock or rock handle color unless their ranking has been determined by the Skill Based Team Ranking Process, then those results shall provide choice of either last rock or rock handle color. The declaration of last rock or rock handle color shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the official.
- (d) All tie-breakers shall be played with the rocks from the sheet assigned. Rock handles shall not be changed from one set of rocks to another.

(16) Skill Based Team Ranking Process

## *Canadian Women's Curling Championship*

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During the pre-competition practice each of the four team members shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. 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) 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.

Tie-breaker and playoff charts are available through your provincial/territorial curling association or from the Canadian Curling Association

## SPECIAL RULES FOR THE CANADIAN MIXED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Statement of Principle

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) believe athletes who represent their Provincial/Territorial Members at CCA Curling Championships should be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory which they are representing at the championship.

To preserve this integrity, marketability as well as regional interest in the respective championships required to promote growth and interest in the sport of curling, the CCA strongly endorses the adoption by Provincial/Territorial Associations of eligibility requirements for playdowns toward CCA Curling Championships requiring participants to be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory sought to be represented at CCA-sanctioned Canadian Curling Championships.

1. The rules of play shall be the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play except as hereinafter set forth.
2.
  - (1) There shall be 12 teams competing in the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships.
  - (2) Competitors in the championship shall be residents or citizens of Canada.
  - (3) Competitors shall be the winners of each provincial/territorial championship competition except as provided for in Special Rule 4. Northern Ontario is considered a separate province for those championships in which it has an entry.
  - (4) In addition to the provinces, one team shall represent the Yukon/Northwest Territories.
  - (5) Competitors shall be properly certified by the provincial/territorial association they represent.
  - (6) A competitor in each of the CCA governed Canadian Championships shall compete in events leading to provincial/territorial representation in one province/territory only.
3. Competitors shall purchase a competitors' card prior to entering the initial level of play leading to a provincial/territorial championship that, in turn, leads to the Canadian Men's, Women's, Mixed or Seniors Championship.

*Interpretation:* Initial level of play refers to the first game played en route to a provincial/territorial championship.

4. The provincial/territorial association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative team. Each competing team shall be decided upon at least three weeks prior to the date set for the Canadian Championship. The provincial/territorial associations shall submit their team roster to the competition director of the CCA and shall certify that each player qualifies under the eligibility requirements. The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under his/her name.

The provincial/territorial associations may alter their team roster up to the time of the Canadian Championship for illness, accident or reasons deemed appropriate by the provincial/territorial association.

5. Each team shall have two male and two female players and the male and female players shall play alternate positions in the team's delivery rotation. Each player shall be a member in good standing of a curling club but not necessarily the same club if so allowed by the provincial/territorial association, and the clubs shall be properly affiliated with its provincial/territorial association and the CCA. Each player shall be 19 years of age or older on December 31 of the year prior to the championship.

**6. Coaches**

- (1) All coaches accompanying teams at a Canadian Championship shall have a minimum of Level 2 Coach certification for curling or be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada's *Canadian Mental Training Registry* and shall participate at the expense of the team.

**7. Substitution**

- (1) (a) In the event that, after the start of the competition, one or two players of the competing team are unable to continue play the team shall select a same gender alternate(s) from the players' pool. A different alternate(s) may be selected for each game. Players in the players' pool shall be members in good standing of the host provincial/territorial association.
- (b) An alternate(s) shall only enter the competition as provided for in Special Rules for the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship (5) and Rules of Curling for Officiated Play Rule (5).

**8. Uniforms and Equipment**

- (1) All members of a team competing in the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship shall be attired in totally coordinated on-ice apparel in the following designated provincial/territorial colors:

	<u>Main Color(s)</u>	<u>Secondary Color(s)</u>
British Columbia	white	royal blue and gold
Alberta	royal blue	gold and white
Saskatchewan	kelly green	white
Manitoba	white	brown and gold
Ontario	black	red, white
Northern Ontario	light gold	green
Québec	light blue	white
New Brunswick	gold	black
Nova Scotia	navy blue	white
Prince Edward Island	forest green	white
Newfoundland	red	white
Yukon/N.W.T.	grey	red

- (2) The silver heart crest shall be attached to the upper left sleeve or over the heart on the outer on-ice garment.
- (3) No advertising shall appear on the competitors' clothing other than that required by the CCA.
- (4) The last name of the competitor and the abbreviated name of his/her province/territory shall appear on the back of each outer garment. The letters shall be at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) high.
- (5) If any portion of a team's uniform or equipment (includes gloves, shoes, hats, brooms, etc.) has a manufacturer's label attached, the following standards shall be followed:
- (a) The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (b) Any equipment manufacturer's mark that is greater than 10% of the surface area that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup> (23.4 in<sup>2</sup>).
  - (c) Any hats and gloves identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (d) Any clothing identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

- (e) It is acceptable to display the normal distinctive design pattern for shoe manufacturers. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may appear, up to a maximum of 6 cm<sup>2</sup> (2.3 in<sup>2</sup>), either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
  - (f) The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (g) The only identification allowed on any equipment or uniform is a manufacturer's label that complies with the above except as requested or approved by the CCA.
- (6) A team shall not take into the ice bowl or ice area any piece of equipment, including broom bags, mascots, water bottles, etc., that has any form of advertising or inappropriate message attached. An appropriate location in each arena (rink) shall be determined by the Manager of Championship Services for teams that wish to attach team banners providing that there is no advertising or message attached to the banner, sign, etc.
  - (7) A team shall not throw or kick throw or kick objects of any kind on and around the ice area or into the crowd unless previously approved by the Canadian Curling Association.

*Interpretation:* The throwing of objects on and around the ice area and into the crowd has the potential to result in a liability issue for the CCA, host committee, sponsor, arena and individual athletes/coaches. We therefore request that championship participants refrain from throwing or kicking objects on and around the ice are and request CCA approval prior to throwing any objects into the crowd. Unacceptable objects shall include but are not limited to the following: soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, Frisbees etc.

## **9. Competition**

- (1) The Manager of Championship Services shall complete the draw for the championship.
- (2) All members of a team participating in a Canadian Championship shall arrive at the championship site at the time scheduled by the CCA. If a team does not arrive at the site of a championship in time to play its first game in any CCA competition, or any subsequent game(s), the team involved will forfeit the game(s) and be awarded a score of 0-10. Illness, accident or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it impossible for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by the

## *Canadian Mixed Curling Championship*

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CCA Manager of Event Operations/Manager of Championship Services). If the team arrives too late to participate in the draw to the button for the purpose of determining tie-breaker ranking, they will be positioned in 12<sup>th</sup> spot. If more than one team arrives late then the ranking between the late arriving teams will be based on the order in which their province/territory finished at the Championship the year prior (this ranking will only involve the teams not arriving in time to participate in the draw to the button).

- (3) All games shall be played at a time and place approved by the CCA.
- (4) All Canadian Mixed Championship games shall be played in a curling rink or on arena ice with rink dividers if possible.
- (5) Each team entered in a Canadian Mixed Curling Championship shall play a 12 team round-robin draw followed by an elimination type playoff.
- (6) The last rock shall be assigned during round-robin play with the exception of the first round-robin game.
- (7) Practice time shall be scheduled before the start of the Canadian Mixed Championship. Each team shall have an opportunity to practice at least 10 minutes on each sheet of ice used. Each team shall be allowed a practice period on the sheet of ice on which its game is to be played prior to the game. This practice time shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- (8) All round robin games at the Canadian Championships shall be a minimum of 6 ends at which time a team may elect to concede if they are at least 6 points down. All playoff games shall be a minimum of 8 ends.
- (9) If after 10 ends of play the score is tied, play shall be continued without changing the rotation of play (end the rocks are thrown to) for such additional end or ends as may be required to decide the winning team.
- (10) No more than two round-robin games shall be scheduled for each team per day. This may not hold true for tie-breaker and playoff rounds.
- (11) The Manager of Championship Services, in consultation with the CCA board of directors, shall appoint such officials as are necessary to properly control the play of the Canadian Mixed Championship. The head official shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by the CCA. The decision of the head official is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. An appeal may be made as outlined on matters involving disciplinary action.

(12) The board of directors of the CCA has the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules, including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final and binding.

(13) Playoffs

(a) Following the conclusion of the round-robin involving 12 teams eligible for the competition, the top four teams shall participate in the playoffs.

(b) In the first round, the third place team shall play the fourth place team with the winner advancing to the semi-final and the loser eliminated from further competition. In the second round, the first place team shall play the second place team with the winner advancing to the final and the loser advancing to the semi-final. The semi-final is sudden death with the winner advancing to the final, also a sudden death game.

(c) In playoff games, first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle colour 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 colour. When the four 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 colour. The appropriate teams shall then be asked to select their choice of rock handle colour and the teams shall provide their selection within 15 minutes of being asked. Failure to comply shall result in the rock handle colour being assigned.

At the conclusion of each playoff game, the above process shall be implemented again.

(d) 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.

(e) Selection of stones shall be done before the pre-game practice has started. Failure to comply shall result in stones being assigned.

(f) The Manager of Championship Services shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

(14) Ties

- (a) Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied.
- (b) Teams tied for a playoff position can only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).
- (c) The only playoff position that shall involve tie-breaker games is the fourth and final playoff position.
- (d) The competition director shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of tie-breakers.

(15) Tie-Breaking Process

- (a) When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to 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 by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.
- (b) When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records as defined in Rule 9(15) (a), only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the Skill Based Team Ranking Process as defined in Rule 9(16).
- (c) When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or 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 rock or rock handle color unless their ranking has been determined by the Skill Based Team Ranking Process, then those results shall provide choice of either last rock or rock handle color. The declaration of last rock or rock handle color shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the official.
- (d) All tie-breakers shall be played with the rocks from the sheet assigned. Rock handles shall not be changed from one set of rocks to another.

(16) Skill Based Team Ranking Process

During the pre-competition practice, each of the four team members shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. 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) 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.

Tie-breaker and playoff charts are available through your provincial/territorial curling association or from the Canadian Curling Association.

**SPECIAL RULES FOR  
THE CANADIAN JUNIOR MEN'S AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S CURLING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Statement of Principle**

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) believe athletes who represent their Provincial/Territorial Members at CCA Curling Championships should be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory which they are representing at the championship.

To preserve this integrity, marketability as well as regional interest in the respective championships required to promote growth and interest in the sport of curling, the CCA strongly endorses the adoption by Provincial/Territorial Associations of eligibility requirements for playdowns toward CCA Curling Championships requiring participants to be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory sought to be represented at CCA-sanctioned Canadian Curling Championships.

1. The rules of play shall be the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play except as hereinafter set forth.
2.
  - (1) There shall be 13 teams competing in the Canadian Junior Men's and Junior Women's Curling Championships.
  - (2) Competitors in the championship shall be residents or citizens of Canada.
  - (3) Competitors shall be the winners of each provincial/territorial championship competition except as provided for in Special Rule 4. Northern Ontario is considered a separate province for those championships in which it has an entry.
  - (4) Competitors shall be properly certified by the provincial/territorial association they represent.
  - (5) A competitor in each of the CCA governed Canadian Championships may compete in events leading to provincial/ territorial representation in one province/territory only.
3. Each team shall have four male or four female players and a coach. All four players shall be in attendance at the same school, or a member in good standing of a curling club but not necessarily the same club if so allowed by the provincial/territorial association. The club shall be properly affiliated with its provincial/territorial association and the CCA. Each player shall be a maximum of 20 years of age on December 31 of the year prior to the championship.

*Interpretation:* To be eligible to compete in the 2004 Canadian Juniors, a player shall have been born on or since January 1, 1983. To be eligible to compete in the 2005 Canadian Juniors, a player shall have been born on or since January 1, 1984.

4. The provincial/territorial association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative team. Each competing team shall be decided upon at least three weeks prior to the date set for the Canadian Championship. The provincial/territorial associations shall submit their team roster to the competition director of the CCA and shall certify that each player qualifies under the eligibility requirements. The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under his/her name.

The provincial/territorial associations may alter their team roster up to the time of the Canadian Championship for illness, accident or reasons deemed appropriate by the provincial/territorial association.

## **5. Coaches**

All coaches of provincial/territorial teams at the Canadian Junior Men's and Junior Women's Curling Championships shall be at least twenty-one years of age at the commencement of the championship and shall have a minimum Level 2 coach certification for curling or be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada's *Canadian Mental Training Registry*.

## **6. Coaches' Fair Play Time-Out**

The purpose of the Coaches' Fair Play Time-Out is to provide the coach with the opportunity to diffuse a potentially negative situation regarding a player's on ice demeanor before the situation escalates or to counsel an athlete relative to adhering to the rules of the game.

- (1) Each coach shall be provided the opportunity to request a one minute fair play time-out per game.
- (2) A coaches' fair play time-out shall only be implemented with the approval of the official.
- (3) Only the coach who requested the fair play time-out may access the playing area accompanied by the official.
- (4) A coaches' fair play time-out may be recommended by an official.

## **7. Substitution**

- (1) (a) In the event that, after the start of the competition, one or two players of competing team are unable to continue play, a same gender alternate(s)

may be selected from the players' pool. A different alternate(s) may be selected for each game. Players in the players' pool shall be members in good standing of the host provincial/territorial association.

- (b) An alternate(s) shall only enter the competition as provided for in Special Rules for the Canadian Junior Men's and Junior Women's Curling Championships (3) and Rules of Curling for Officiated Play Rule (5).

## **8. Uniforms and Equipment**

- (1) All members of a team competing in the Canadian Junior Men's and Junior Women's Curling Championships shall be attired in totally coordinated matching on-ice apparel in the following designated provincial/territorial colors:

	<u>Main Color(s)</u>	<u>Secondary Color(s)</u>
British Columbia	white	royal blue and gold
Alberta	royal blue	gold and white
Saskatchewan	kelly green	white
Manitoba	white	brown and gold
Ontario	black	red and white
Northern Ontario	light gold	green
Québec	light blue	white
New Brunswick	gold	black
Nova Scotia	navy blue	white
Prince Edward Island	forest green	white
Newfoundland	red	white
Yukon	black	purple and white
Northwest Territories	navy blue	white and royal blue

- (2) The blue heart crest shall be attached to the upper left sleeve or over the heart on the outer on-ice garment.
- (3) No advertising shall appear on the competitors' clothing other than that required by the CCA.
- (4) The last name of the competitor and the abbreviated name of his/her province/territory shall appear on the back of each outer garment. The letters shall be at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) high.
- (5) If any portion of a team's uniform or equipment (includes gloves, shoes, hats, brooms, etc.) has a manufacturer's label attached, the following standards shall be followed:
- (a) The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.

- (b) Any equipment manufacturer's mark that is greater than 10% of the surface area that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup> (23.4 in<sup>2</sup>).
  - (c) Any hats and gloves identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (d) Any clothing identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - (e) It is acceptable to display the normal distinctive design pattern for shoe manufacturers. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may appear, up to a maximum of 6 cm<sup>2</sup> (2.3 in<sup>2</sup>), either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
  - (f) The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
  - (g) The only identification allowed on any equipment or uniform is a manufacturer's label that complies with the above except as requested or approved by the CCA.
- (6) A team shall not take into the ice bowl or ice area any piece of equipment, including broom bags, mascots, water bottles, etc., that has any form of advertising or inappropriate message attached. An appropriate location in each arena (rink) shall be determined by the Manager of Championship Services for teams that wish to attach team banners providing that there is no advertising or message attached to the banner, sign, etc.
  - (7) A team shall not throw or kick throw or kick objects of any kind on and around the ice area or into the crowd unless previously approved by the Canadian Curling Association.

*Interpretation:* The throwing of objects on and around the ice area and into the crowd has the potential to result in a liability issue for the CCA, host committee, sponsor, arena and individual athletes/coaches. We therefore request that championship participants refrain from throwing or kicking objects on and around the ice are and request CCA approval prior to throwing any objects into the crowd. Unacceptable objects shall include but are not limited to the following: soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, Frisbees etc.

**9. Competition**

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- (5) Each team entered in a Canadian Junior Curling Championship shall play a 13 team round-robin draw followed by an elimination type playoff.
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- (7) Practice time shall be scheduled before the start of a Canadian Championship. Each team shall have an opportunity to practice at least 10 minutes on each sheet of ice used. Each team shall be allowed a practice period on the sheet of ice on which its game is to be played prior to the game. This practice time shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- (8) All round robin games at the Canadian Championships shall be a minimum of 6 ends at which time a team may elect to concede if they are at least 6 points down. All playoff games shall be a minimum of 8 ends and the semi-finals and finals shall be a minimum of 10 ends unless a team is mathematically eliminated prior to the conclusion of the 10th end.
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- (c) In playoff games, first end last rock advantage and choice of rock handle colour 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 colour. When the three 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 colour. The appropriate teams shall then be asked to select their choice of rock handle colour and the teams shall provide their selection within 15 minutes of being asked. Failure to comply shall result in the rock handle colour being assigned.

At the conclusion of each playoff game, the above process shall be implemented again.

- (d) 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.

- (e) Selection of stones shall be done before the pre-game practice has started. Failure to comply shall result in stones being assigned.
- (f) The Manager of Championship Services shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.

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- (a) Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied.
- (b) Teams tied for a playoff position can only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).
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(15) Tie-Breaking Process

- (a) When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to 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 by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.
- (b) When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records as defined in Rule 9(15) (a), only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the Skill Based Team Ranking Process as defined in Rule 9(16).
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- (d) All tie-breakers shall be played with the rocks from the sheet assigned. Rock handles shall not be changed from one set of rocks to another.

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During the pre-competition practice, each of the four team members shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. 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) 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.

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**SPECIAL RULES FOR THE  
THE CANADIAN SENIOR MEN'S AND SENIOR WOMEN'S CURLING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Statement of Principle**

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) believe athletes who represent their Provincial/Territorial Members at CCA Curling Championships should be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory which they are representing at the championship.

To preserve this integrity, marketability as well as regional interest in the respective championships required to promote growth and interest in the sport of curling, the CCA strongly endorses the adoption by Provincial/Territorial Associations of eligibility requirements for playdowns toward CCA Curling Championships requiring participants to be bona fide residents and domiciled within the Province/Territory sought to be represented at CCA-sanctioned Canadian Curling Championships.

1. The rules of play shall be the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play except as hereinafter set forth.
2.
  - (1) There shall be 12 teams competing in the Canadian Senior Men's and Senior Women's Curling Championships.
  - (2) Competitors in the championship shall be residents or citizens of Canada.
  - (3) Competitors shall be the winners of each provincial/territorial championship competition except as provided for in Special Rule 4. Northern Ontario is considered a separate province for those championships in which it has an entry.
  - (4) In addition to the provinces, one team shall represent the Yukon/Northwest Territories.
  - (5) Competitors shall be properly certified by the provincial/territorial association they represent.
  - (6) A competitor in each of the CCA governed Canadian Championships may compete in events leading to provincial/ territorial representation in one province/territory only.
3. Competitors shall purchase a competitors' card prior to entering the initial level of play leading to a provincial/territorial championship that, in turn, leads to the Canadian Women's, Men's, Mixed, or Seniors Curling Championship.

*Interpretation:* Initial level of play refers to the first game played en route to a provincial/territorial championship.

4. The provincial/territorial association shall have jurisdiction over the selection of their representative team. Each competing team shall be decided upon at least three weeks prior to the date set for the Canadian Championship. The provincial/territorial associations shall submit their team roster to the competition director of the CCA and shall certify that each player qualifies under the eligibility requirements. The person standing on the tee, directing play and holding the broom shall be known as the skip and the team shall be listed under his/her name.

The provincial/territorial associations may alter their team roster up to the time of the Canadian Championship for illness, accident or reasons deemed appropriate by the provincial/territorial association.

5. Each team shall have four female/male players. Each player shall be a member in good standing of a curling club but not necessarily the same club, if so allowed by the provincial/territorial association. Each player shall be a minimum of 50 years of age on December 31 of the year prior to the championship.

**6. Coaches**

- (1) All coaches accompanying teams at a Canadian Championship shall have a minimum of Level 2 Coach certification for curling or be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada's *Canadian Mental Training Registry* and shall participate at the expense of the team.

**7. Substitution**

- (1)
  - (a) In the event that, after the start of the competition, one or two players of a competing team are unable to continue play, a same gender alternate(s) may be selected from the players' pool. A different alternate(s) may be selected for each game. Players in the players' pool shall be members in good standing of the host provincial/territorial association.
  - (b) An alternate(s) shall only enter the competition as provided for in Special Rules for the Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Curling Championships (5) and Rules of Curling for Officiated Play Rule (5).

## 8. Uniforms and Equipment

- (1) All members of a team competing in the Canadian Senior Men's and Senior Women's Curling Championship shall be attired in totally coordinated on-ice apparel in the following designated provincial/territorial colors:

	<u>Main Color(s)</u>	<u>Secondary Color(s)</u>
British Columbia	white	royal blue and gold
Alberta	royal blue	gold and white
Saskatchewan	kelly green	white
Manitoba	white	brown, gold
Ontario	black	red and white
Northern Ontario	light gold	green
Québec	light blue	white
New Brunswick	gold	black
Nova Scotia	navy blue	white
Prince Edward Island	forest green	white
Newfoundland	red	white
Yukon/N.W.T.	grey	red

- (2) The gold heart crest shall be attached to the upper left sleeve or over the heart on the outer on-ice garment.
- (3) No advertising shall appear on the competitors' clothing other than that required by the CCA.
- (4) The last name of the competitor and the abbreviated name of his/her province/territory shall appear on the back of each outer garment. The letters shall be at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) high.
- (5) If any portion of a team's uniform or equipment (includes gloves, shoes, hats, brooms, etc.) has a manufacturer's label attached, the following standards shall be followed:
- (a) The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
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  - (c) Any hats and gloves identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (4.7 in<sup>2</sup>) shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

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  - (f) The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than twice per item of clothing and once per item of equipment.
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- (6) A team shall not take into the ice bowl or ice area any piece of equipment, including broom bags, mascots, water bottles, etc.; that has any form of advertising or inappropriate message attached. An appropriate location in each arena (rink) shall be determined by the Manager of Championship Services for teams that wish to attach team banners providing that there is no advertising or message attached to the banner, sign, etc.
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