

NB MASTERS CURLING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Mission Statement:

To hold an annual bonspiel to determine both a Men's and Women's Provincial Masters Championship team as well as a runner-up team in each category.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Participants must have reached their 60th birthday before January 1st of the year of participation.
- Teams may register a 5th player for the Provincial Championship if the 5th player is named on the registration form and providing the team includes an additional \$25 to the team entry fee to cover the cost of the banquet and other event supplies.
- All participants must agree to represent NB at the Maritime Masters and the Canadian Masters Championship should their team qualify. Extenuating circumstances may apply and must be approved by the NBCA Executive Director and the current NB Masters Committee. All teams must include at least two players from the original team for all levels of play.
- Participants must carry a "Full Curling Membership" for the current year at a NBCA Affiliated Curling Club.

Rules of Operation and Administration:

- N.B. Masters Curling will operate in association with the New Brunswick Curling Association and will conform to the N.B.C.A. and C.C.A. rules of play
- The NB Masters Committee for the next season will be named at the Masters General Meeting and will be comprised of the previous year's Provincial Championship Chairperson, the current year's chairperson and the incoming chairperson. (i.e.: the 2014/15 committee consists of the 2013 chairperson, 2014 chairperson and the 2015 chairperson) Each year, the committee will run from May 1-April 31. The incoming chairperson will be named/elected at the NB Masters General Meeting. The responsibilities of the NB Masters Committee is to communicate with the incoming chairperson to ensure the Provincial Championship is planned according to the Masters Hosting Guidelines and to deal with any concerns/requests received from any NB Masters participants. The NB Masters Committee will liaise directly with the NBCA Executive Director as necessary/required.
- Dates for the Provincial Championship will be determined by the host committee who are responsible to ensure conflicts are avoided. Late January to mid February is the suggested time frame and will depend on the timing of the Maritime Masters. Event dates and location for the following season MUST be submitted to the NBCA Executive Director on or before April 20th of the current year.
- Annual bonspiel to be held in Saint John, Fredericton or Moncton on a regular rotation. The event incoming chairperson will decide which curling club will host the event.
- A NB Masters General Meeting will be held annually directly following the Provincial Championship Banquet. The agenda for this meeting will be determined/prepared by the NB Masters Committee and chaired by the current Provincial Championship Chairperson or delegate. A scribe will be appointed by the chairperson for the purpose of taking/recording the minutes of the meeting. Minutes are to be forwarded to the NBCA Executive Director, by March 31st, for distribution to all NB Masters included in the NB Masters E-mail Distribution List.
- The amount of \$500 per year, from Provincial Championship registrations, will be set aside to assist with the hosting of the Maritime Masters. (event hosted by NB every third year) The NBCA Executive Director

will include this amount with the Hosting Grant sent to the Provincial Championship host curling centre. The NB Masters will assign a treasurer to maintain these Maritime Masters funds.

New Brunswick Curling Association Responsibilities:

- Set up on-line registration for the annual Provincial Championship
- Receive all entry fees and work with the Provincial Championship Chairperson to establish the annual budget. (this is in keeping with the NBCA/NB Masters agreement)
- Provide event posters to all NB Affiliated Curling Clubs
- Ensure the event appears on the NBCA Web Calendar and on the Provincial Events Schedule
- Provide Provincial jackets to the two championship teams representing NB at the Canadian Masters Championship (maximum of 8).
- Provide rules of play as requested
- Provide Championship Banners
- The NBCA Executive Director will act as liaison between the NB Masters and the Canadian Masters Committee: communicating intent to participate at the national event, forwarding entry fees for both NB teams (men and women) and forward all information received from the national committee to all NB Masters included in the NB Masters E-Mail Distribution List.

HOST COMMITTEE MUST FOLLOW THE HOSTING GUIDELINES SET OUT BELOW

- All aspects for hosting the games.
- The Provincial Championship Chairperson is responsible to assign/recruit a committee of individuals to assist with the planning and execution of the Provincial Championship.
- Ensure the host curling centre is prepared to provide the best possible ice conditions by ensuring their certified ice technician is on hand to maintain the ice throughout the event
- Assign an individual to act as event/draw umpire. This individual is to be equipped with a copy of the "Rules for General Play" and a copy of these (NB Masters Curling for Men and Women) guidelines.
- Work with the NBCA Executive Director in preparing the event budget
- Liaise with the NBCA Executive Director to arrange for championship jackets and crests
- Arrange with the host curling centre for a canteen/kitchen that can provide coffee, tea and light lunches (for a cost) if possible.
- Make banquet arrangements
- Provide table favours following each draw. (ex: party mix)
- Chair the Masters General Meeting, to take place in conjunction with the banquet
- Advertising the event through media; radio, TV, press. (media contacts can be acquired from the NBCA Executive Director)
- Encouraging all past champions to wear their championship jackets during current games.
- Keeping a final (financial and championship) report that might be of assistance to the next committee.
- Liaise with the NBCA Draw Master for draw schedule (Draw is **NOT** to be prepared by the host committee)
- Welcome teams to the event.
- Assign an individual to direct teams to the ice for each draw.
- Obtain from the host curling centre the \$500 Maritime Masters funds and forward to the NB Maritime Masters Treasurer.
- Notifying the N.B. Maritime Masters Treasurer of the time and place of the General meeting.
- List of spares for Spares Pool and spares must play front end positions.
- Acquire Championship Plaques from previous year champions and have on hand for championship games.

Requests for change(s) in Rules or Guidelines must be given in writing to chairman of host committee to be put on agenda for the next General Meeting.

Guidelines and Rules for Masters Curling Championships:

- 1) Games will be 8 ends.
- 2) No more than 2 games per day for any team.

- 3) No games in the evening.
- 4) Tied games go extra end.
- 5) Pre-event Draw to the Button (closest to the button with sweepers) for each member of the team. Actual measurement will be the distance from the pin to the edge of the rock. Rocks covering the pin will be awarded a 0 cm measurement and those outside the house will be awarded a 183 cm measurement. Skills competition takes place immediately after completion of the first game.
- 6) Tie-Breaking Process: When teams are tied for a playoff position, the win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how teams are positioned in the playoff draw. If a complete ranking of the tied teams cannot be established by a single comparison of the win/loss record of tied teams, this same comparison format is to be used to determine the ranking of the remaining tied teams. If after a second comparison there remain tied teams, the results of the Pre-event Draw to the Button shall be used to determine the ranking of the remaining tied teams.
NOTE: If it is impossible to determine ranking of tied teams due to the fact that all tied teams have not played against one another, the Pre-event Draw to the Button will be used to break the tie.
- 7) Minimum number of games per team will be three. However, a minimum of four or five is preferred.
- 8) Sectional play is preferred where numbers permit. For instance, a total of 24 teams divided into 4 sections would be ideal. This would guarantee each team at least 5 games and permit semi-finals, finals and/or consolations.
- 9) Draw will be Round Robin Sections with playoffs.
- 10) Rules of Play as set out by the NBCA. (curling with stick is allowed).
- 11) Winner of Provincial Championship and Runner-up teams qualify to represent N.B. at the Maritime Masters. Provincial Championship teams will represent NB at the Canadian Masters Championship. (see Eligibility Requirements above)