



Statement Regarding the 2022 NB Scotties & Tankard

In these unprecedented times, Curling NB appreciates the full cooperation of all involved as we strive to act in the best interest of our athletes, coaches, umpires, club volunteers and our sport.

Although we had thought we were in the clear with operating our 2022 playdowns, it would seem that we are not yet “out of the woods” with regards to the possibility of further Covid-19 restrictions in our province. As such, the Curling NB Return-to-Competitions Committee, in consultation with the NB Players Committee has created the following document for the purpose of transparency and in keeping all informed as early as possible.

- Only teams registered, as per Curling NB Rules for Provincial Play, for 2022 NB Championship Events will be considered for the contents of this document.
- Scheduled event will be cancelled 7 days prior to the scheduled event start date if:
 - At that time, the event cannot be held under current Public Health restrictions
 - More than 50% of registered teams are forced to withdraw due to Public Health restrictions
- Should Public Health restrictions result in any team having the ability to field only 3 of their registered four or five team players, said team(s) will have the following options:
 - Compete in the event with only 3 players
 - Choose a qualified replacement player. (Name and home club of replacement player will need to be forwarded to the Curling NB Executive Director and the Competitions Director no less than 24 hours prior to event start time for the purpose of eligibility verification.)
 - Withdraw from the event, without penalty, a minimum of seven days prior to the event start date.
- NB Scotties is scheduled to be held Jan 5-9 at Curl Moncton. Should it not be possible to hold this event on these dates, the event will be cancelled.
- NB Tankard Prelim is scheduled to take place Jan 29-31 with the Finals scheduled to take place Feb 9-13. The-amendment to the schedule will be as follows:
 - If Public Health restrictions allow, the NB Tankard will be held Jan 26-30 at Curl Moncton with a postponement date of Feb 9-13, in Miramichi, if necessary.
 - If unable to hold the event on either sets of dates, this event will be cancelled.
- If they can be held, both events will move to an open TKO format.
 - Teams will be seeded based on CTRS points at the time of the event registration deadline date. All teams will complete a self-seeding ranking exercise to complete the remainder of the bracket.

- Should it not be possible to hold either event, Curling NB will utilize CTRS points to determine which team(s) will be selected to represent NB at the subsequent Canadian Championship. (Top CTRS teams at the time of the event registration deadline date will be selected)
- Should an event need to be cancelled after it has begun due to a Covid 19 outbreak or at the direction of Public Health, the following will determine which team will be appointed to represent NB at the subsequent National Championship:
 - i: Team that has already won two brackets
 - ii: If no team has won two brackets, the CTRS points leader at the time of the event registration deadline date will be appointed unless that team has already been eliminated from the event
 - iii: If the CTRS points leader has been eliminated, ties among bracket winners will be broken by:
 - a: CTRS ranking at the event registration deadline date
 - b: "A" bracket qualifier
- On the day of their first game, all players and coaches are required to complete a Covid 19 Rapid Test before leaving home. Should the test result be positive, the player/coach is to immediately contact the Competitions Director and follow Public Health instructions.
 - Curling NB is in the process of developing a plan for additional rapid testing during events. Details will be communicated to registered teams once finalized.
- As full Curling NB Rules for Provincial Play are in force for the 2021-22 season, the following excerpt from the Rules will be in effect for the teams selected or appointed to represent NB at the National Championships. An exception, however, will be in place should the Province of NB implement a requirement for self-isolation upon returning to NB. Should that be the case, selected teams will have a maximum of 24 hours to inform the Curling NB Executive Director and the Curling NB Competitions Director of their decision.
 Excerpt from Curling NB Rules for Provincial Play: [Should a team not show up \(except in circumstance deemed extenuating by Curling NB\) for any game after registering, for any level of play, including national championships, the participants involved shall not be allowed to compete in any Curling NB event for the remainder of the current season and the entire following season.](#)
NOTE: Curling Canada requires Member Associations register Provincial Teams no later than Jan 9 for the Scotties and Feb 13 for the Tankard.

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