

Curling NB

Rules for Provincial Play 2022-2023



Changes for the 2022 - 2023 curling season are highlighted in yellow. It is the competitor and coaches responsibility to read this document fully. Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as a defense.

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Section 1: Curling NB Special Rules

I. Preamble

The New Brunswick Curling Association (hereafter referred to as Curling NB) shall govern all sanctioned Championships in New Brunswick.

In addition to the information contained herein, the Curling NB Rules for Championship Play also include the following:

- Curling Canada Official Rule Book (including addendums and moratorium statements), in effect as of the commencement of the Curling season
- Curling NB Draws (Section 4)
- Curling Canada Coach Interaction Rules for Juniors (Section 5)

II. General Definitions

- “Curling NB” means the New Brunswick Curling Association
- “CTRS” means Canadian Team Ranking System
- “Bona fide member” means being an active member of a Curling NB affiliated club with no outstanding dues for the current curling year. An individual who carries a membership and receives all the benefits of being a curling member including voting rights of a Curling NB affiliated Club.

NOTE: POSSESSING A SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP / JOINING A RENTAL LEAGUE AT A CURLING CLUB IS NOT CONSIDERED AS A BONA FIDE MEMBER OF A CURLING CLUB.

EXCEPTIONS: JUNIOR MEMBERS WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS

- “Championship” means all levels of play for that event: I Qualifiers/Qualifier #1, Qualifier #2, and the Provincial Championship
- “Days” means calendar days including weekends & holidays
- “Member Association” means a member association of Curling Canada

III. Eligibility

All team members must be Bona fide members of a Curling NB affiliated club

Residency

All players entering any Curling NB Championship must comply with the Curling Canada Residency Policy as available on the Curling NB website.

Free Agent Policy

Refer to the policy on Curling NB website

Birthright

Refer to the policy on Curling NB website

IV. Participant and coaching substance use at junior curling events

Participants and coaches at any sanctioned New Brunswick Junior Curling events are prohibited from use of alcohol and non-medically prescribed drugs from the time they leave home to attend the event until the time they arrive back home after the event has completed.

Violation will result in immediate suspension from the event, for the remainder of the current season, and possible suspension from all provincial competitions in the following year.

V. Registration

Teams' 'on-line' registration of their four (4) team players and coach and fee payment must be received on or before midnight of the event registration deadline date.

Withdrawal from an Event

Registered Teams withdrawing from competition prior to the event registration deadline date will be reimbursed paid registration fees minus any processing fee. Teams withdrawing from competition after the event registration date (from preliminaries up to and including the subsequent National championship) will not be reimbursed paid registration fees and all registered or approved replacement players will be subject to the below penalty.

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.

Change of Team Members

Any player having played at any level of a Championship shall not be eligible to play for more than one team in the same level of a Championship. Once a team has been eliminated from a Championship (e.g. Qualifier), any member of the eliminated team becomes eligible to play with another team in the same Championship at the next level (e.g. Provincial).

Between levels in a Championship event, teams may change one (1) player on their team with an eligible player at least eight (8) days prior to the commencement of the event being played by submitting a written request to the Curling NB Competition Director. Three (3) members of the original team must remain intact.

5th Players

Teams may identify an eligible 5th player either, at the time of team on-line registration or between the registration deadline date and 24 hours prior event start by submitting a written request to the Curling NB Competition Director including proof of eligibility as outlined above.

INTERPRETATION: THE 5TH IS THE SPARE OR ALTERNATE FOR THAT TEAM AND ONLY FOR THAT LEVEL OF THE EVENT.

Medical Substitutions

Teams may request a 'medical substitute' for a team member that has been declared 'unfit to play by reason of medical condition or injury' at that level of play by submitting a written request

to the Curling NB Competition Director. The identified player may not return during that level of play. Teams must identify an eligible medical substitute player within twenty-four (24) hours of the event being played by submitting a written request to the Curling NB Competition Director. There will be no addition of players during the event. In some cases, the entire team may need to withdraw; this will be submitted to the Competition Director for review and escalate, if necessary to the complete NB Competition Committee, Curling NB Executive Director, Curling NB Executive or Curling NB Board.

Teams may replace one (1) member of the team due extenuating circumstances affecting a player with another eligible player by submitting a written / verbal request to the Curling NB Competition Director.

Provincial Championship Teams:

For Four Person Teams: Three (3) of the original four (4) members of a Provincial Championship team must go on to represent New Brunswick at the subsequent National Championship.

For Mixed Doubles: Both players must attend the subsequent National Championship

All championship teams must submit to the Curling NB Executive Director, the team's complete detailed training schedule for the current season within one (1) week of winning the Provincial Championship.

Eligibility requirements must be met by any replacement and 5th players. If these conditions are not met, the second place (or runner-up) team will replace the Championship team.

VI. Seeding/Ranking

Seeding/Ranking is used to determine the order/ranking of teams entered into the draw of some Championships.

Whenever teams competing in a Championship are seeded or ranked, the seeding/ranking will be used to determine the initial position in the Championship draw.

If a Championship is seeded/ranked the actual process for seeding/ranking will be identified in the Event Description for that Championship (Section 3).

VII. Rules of Play for Officiated Events

On-Site Check In

Teams are required to Check-In and confirm their stone delivery line-up at the host site of a Championship at least one (1) hour prior to the posted start of their first game.

Pre-Event Briefing

Each team competing in a Championship will receive a copy of the Team Briefing Document, the Event Guide (if provided) and the draw as an e-mail package. A sign off page will be added to the document for all players & coach to sign and return to the Chief Umpire before the beginning of the event or at check in time. Time will be allocated just before the Pre-Event Practice sessions to address any questions arising from the Team Briefing Document. Unless otherwise specified in the Event Description, teams must check in with umpire one hour prior to the first game for coin toss for choice of stone handle colour and pre-game practice for applicable competitions and to indicate the name of the person to throw the LSD at that game.

Pre-Event Practice

The Tankard, Scotties & Juniors will all have pre-event practices scheduled within the structure of these events (see Section 4). All efforts will be made to provide pre-event practice in the Mixed, Seniors, U18's, & Mixed Doubles.

Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD)

Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season

- 1) Teams will name the players delivering the last stone draws, including which turns, before the start of the first team practice. Failure to do so will result in an assigned distance of 399.20 cm.
- 2) Umpires will assume that every team that wins the Last Stone Draw will want the last stone in the first end. If a team does not want the last stone, IF they win the Last Stone Draw, they must inform the Umpire before the start of their practice.
- 3) Coaches may NOT deliver stones in the pre-game practice.
- 4) Speed traps are NOT allowed in the pre-game practice.
- 5) The teams listed on the top / first in the draw will practice first and will be assigned dark handled stones. The team throwing light-handled stones will have the same period of practice starting immediately following the dark handled stone draws for last stone advantage.
- 6) Teams will be allowed up to one minute of sliding time immediately prior to their pre-game practice. Each team's pre-game practice will be nine minutes (seven-minutes Mixed Doubles).
- 7) First practice will commence thirty minutes prior to the posted draw time
- 8) Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass or be positioned behind the scoreboard if in an arena setting, if space permits, for pregame practice and Last Stone Draw(s).
- 9) Last stone advantage will be determined by the Last Stone Draws before each round robin game and will be completed immediately following each team's pre-game practice.
- 10) The Last Stone Draw distance is calculated using the Curl Distance last stone draw measuring tool app. The distance is measured either from the centre of the house to the nearest point of the stone or, if the stone covers the centre, from two points 61 cm away from the centre using Triangulation. The app calculates the real distance from the centre to the centre of the stone in both cases, using the official formula from the World Curling Federation WCF.
- 11) Triangulation: any stone covering the tee (centre pin), will be measured from two separate points 61 cm from the tee and 90 degrees apart. These distances will be used to calculate the distance from the tee to the centre of the curling stone.

- 12) The better (lower) distance of the total of the two draws between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end. The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.
- 13) Only the named 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface for the Last Stone Draw. Full sweeping is allowed; however, one of the players must hold the target broom (in mixed doubles a target broom holder is not required). In Mixed team competition, the team's playing order must be followed for sweeping and holding the target broom.
- 14) Following each team's pre-game practice, the two different previously named players from the team will each throw a stone. There will be an announcement to deliver each Last Stone Draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation.
- 15) A stone delivered after the practice time has elapsed and prior to the announcement, or not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire (the stone must reach the near tee-line before the time expires), will be assigned 199.6 cm.
- 16) Should the team with first practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button (Clockwise rotation). If the third player records 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm, a fourth player, different from the first three throwers, will deliver (Counter-Clockwise rotation) and so on until a number other than 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm is registered (Mixed Doubles will alternate throwers).
- 17) If the second team registers the same two-stone distance as the team with first practice (other than 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm) the individual LSD stones are compared, and the lowest non-equal LSD has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end. When both teams have the same individual LSD stone distances, the teams will alternate delivering one stone each with their designated rotation until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stones including the players who delivered the first two stones.
- 18) Should the team with second practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button (Clockwise rotation). The team with second practice will continue to throw (different throwers, alternating Rotations) until a different comparable distance is achieved with the first team's distance thrown in the same order.
- 19) Stones moved by the delivery team before being measured will be assigned the distance of the next defined circle away from the button (the stone measurement is taken as the inside edge of the stone is at the inner edge of the circle measured to the centre of the stone).
 - a) On or touching the button = 29.4 cm (when a one-foot button) note: subject to change if the actual button diameter is more than one foot
 - b) In or touching the four foot = 75.1 cm

- c) In or touching the eight foot = 136.1 cm
d) In or touching the twelve foot = 197.1 cm 22)
- 20) If a member of the non-delivering team or an external force moves a stationary stone or causes it to be moved before the Umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.
- 21) Only the first two stones delivered will be registered for the accumulated distance.
- 22) At the conclusion of the pool play round robin, with round robins of more than three games, the two highest individual recorded distances will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance.
- 23) If an Alternate player is used, they may deliver LSD(s) for the player they are replacing. Teams may use an Alternate player's LSD(s) for only one player.
- 24) The number of LSD stones, and the number of clockwise and counter clockwise deliveries for each player, will be determined at each competition depending upon the number of games in the round robin. Based on the Original Team Lineup form, the four players must fulfil the minimum number of LSD deliveries. If there is a violation where the minimum requirements are not fulfilled, the appropriate LSD(s) will be recorded as 199.6 cm.
- 25) For Mixed Doubles each player delivers an equal number of clockwise and counter clockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.

Additional Practice Sessions

When possible, time allocations will be provided to playoff teams prior to playoff games, with **permission** of the Chief Umpire. The normal allocation will be 20 minutes on the assigned sheet using the assigned coloured stones as per the draw. An umpire shall supervise all practice sessions.

Teams wishing to spend additional time during the Round Robin draw may have access to the ice immediately following the last draw of the day for a maximum of 10 minutes on the assigned sheet and coloured handles as per the draw for the following day. This will be communicated during the pre-event briefing and is at the discretion of the Chief Umpire & the Host Committee. A sign-up sheet will be administered by the Chief Umpire. An umpire shall supervise all practice sessions.

Games per Day

- For all events other than Mixed Doubles every effort will be made to ensure teams are scheduled to play no more than two games per day, but in the event of tie breakers in round robin play, games must be played as required.
- No team shall be required to start a game without first having a rest period of at least two (2) hours.
- No game shall be scheduled to start after 10:00 p.m.
- For Mixed Doubles teams will play no more than 3 games in a 24 hour period.

Fair Play Time Out

At all Junior Championships, the Curling Canada “Fair Play Time Out” rule shall be in effect.

Time Out

Each team may request two (2) time-outs per game (60 seconds) plus travel time and one (1) time-out during an extra end. Only the players on the field of play may signal for a timeout. Coaches/Alternates may signal their team without interfering with the field of play (ie. Banging on glass, opening field of play doors etc. (see Rule17(10(a)) in the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play)

Helmets

All athletes under the age of twelve (12) years must wear protective Chief gear while on ice during provincial events.

Coaches

A coach may only coach 1 team at a particular event for all events leading to a national championship. Coaches must attend all team games of the event . Coaches accompanying teams to a provincials event (qualifying or final) must meet the same requirements set by Curling Canada for coaches accompanying teams to the national championships.

Mandatory Attendance

Attendance by a team (3 of 4 members) is mandatory at: Opening Ceremonies, Championship Event Reception or Banquet, if applicable. The 2 teams playing in the Championship finals must attend the closing ceremonies. **Non-attendance** will result in a \$500 fine unless written request is approved by Competition Director in advance of the event.

Host Club publications shall never take precedence over the Curling NB Special Rules or Event Guide.

VIII. On-Ice Violations

In all cases the decision of the Chief Umpire regarding on-ice violations is final and cannot be appealed beyond the Chief Umpire.

IX. Curling NB Policies

All Curling NB policies are in effect for all Curling NB Championships administered by Curling NB, regardless of level of play. (These policies may be found on the Curling NB website and/or by requesting a copy from Curling NB. In case of disagreement, the policies published on the website will be considered correct.) **These should be reviewed by all players, coaches, umpires, & host committees on annual basis to ensure that all are aware of any changes or adjustments.**

X. SELF SEEDING

Event that are self seeded, each team will be asked to rank all participating teams in their Championship including their own as follows:

- one (1) ballot for each team competing
- ballots will be distributed by Curling NB via email and are to be returned via a reply to the email no later than four (4) days after the registration deadline.

- the Competition Director of Curling NB or her designate will tally the ballots
- teams will be ranked based on the ballots received and placed into the draw accordingly
- in the case of a tie, the teams tied will be placed in the draw in random order

The official draw will be revealed no later than the seven (7) days before the first scheduled draw of the Championship.

XI. Social Media

Unquestionably, the landscape has changed in terms of the ways that players, fans and the media interact, and it's recognized that the various forms of social media represent a valuable opportunity for communication. Competitors are encouraged to embrace these social media, as they present avenues to promote the game of curling as well as their own teams. But there must be certain responsibilities attached to the use of these social media outlets, particularly when competitors are participating in national and world championship events and visibility is at its highest.

With that in mind, here are some guidelines:

- Be aware of the fact that as high-profile athletes, competitors are in the spotlight, and competitors are always representing not only themselves, but also their teams, teammates, families and the Curling NB as participants in a major championship. There is no on-off switch when it comes to this responsibility.
- There is no such thing as “off the record” when it comes to communication via social media. Hitting the “post” button on a Tweet makes it part of the public record, and it can be distributed to thousands of people in just a few seconds. Avoid using social media when angry or consuming alcohol. Also, during events it's recommended to avoid reading Twitter responses or Facebook posts to your team. It's a fact of life that there will be naysayers who take pleasure in trying to bring competitors and/or their teammates down. Responding to them achieves nothing. Avoiding them is the best idea. Ideally, have someone external to the team filtering the responses to prevent negative messages getting through.
- Be smart about what is presented as a message. There's never anything wrong with taking the high road when it comes to discussing events, officials, or opponents. Competitors help their sport and their team by presenting a positive, respectful image to those who read your message. Thanking fans and praising teammates and opponents are good ways to do this.
- Competitors hurt the sport and hurt their teammates by sending out negative messages of their own, or by sharing/re-tweeting negative messages from other people. These can consist of criticism of opponents, teammates, officials, events, sponsors, facilities and playing conditions, or sexist, racist or homophobic slurs. This is a year-round consideration, but be aware that if it happens during a championship event (provincial, national, world, or any other event operated by Curling NB or CC), competitors can and will be fined for anything that Curling NB decides is bringing the sport, an event, or an event official, into “disrepute”.
- During championship events, competitors should be conscious of sponsors. It is a given that Curling NB's partnerships are responsible for the successful operation of our events. Curling NB would ask competitors to respect those partnerships by not:
 - Distributing messages that may be seen as critical of the sponsors; and
 - Distributing messages praising direct competitors of our sponsors. This applies specifically during championship events. Curling NB acknowledges that some teams have partnerships with competing sponsors. The fact is there are more than 340 days in a year to praise team sponsors; Curling NB would ask that during the event itself, please refrain from praising conflicting sponsors out of respect to our partners who make events possible.

- During championship events, out of respect for the integrity of the game, players, coaches, and alternates on the field of play will be prohibited from using any form of social media from 15 minutes prior to games until the completion of the game. Teams can, however, appoint someone sitting in the stands or watching on television to send messages via social media so long as there is no direct contact with the players, coach or alternate in the field of play.
- Please also refer to the Curling NB Policies that are available on the Curling NB website.

XII. [Bluetooth and Cellular Technology](#)

During championship events, out of respect for the integrity of the game:

- players and alternates on the field of play during the game, will turn off and secure their cellular and Bluetooth devices; and
- Coaches and alternates will refrain from using their cellular communication devices during the game.

The penalty for breaching this directive during a Curling NB Championship event will be the removal of the stone that was played. A second breach by the same team will result in the forfeit of the game.

Section 2: Curling NB Event Descriptions

I. Men's & Women's Under 21 - Junior Championship

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Men's & Women's Under 21 – Junior Championships are open to any curler in NB who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent New Brunswick at the Curling Canada Under 21 Junior Championship.

II – Eligibility

To be eligible for the Canadian Junior Under-21, players must meet Curling Canada age requirements.

Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CURLING CANADA SPECIAL RULES. AND ONLY FOUR (4) PLAYERS AND ONE (1) COACH MAY ATTEND THE CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

III – Format of Play

The format of play for the Provincial Final shall be an eight (8) team men's and an eight (8) team women's triple knockout.

Teams will qualify and /or be seeded for the Provincial Final through a Qualifier.

Qualifier: The format of play shall be an open-registration triple knockout qualifying eight (8) teams of each gender to the provincial Finals. If less than nine (9) teams registered in either gender, qualifier will held only to determine seeding for the Provincial Final.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated (Finals only)
- Timed (Finals only)

IV – Ranking / Seeding

Qualifier—random draw as performed by the Provincial Draw Master

Provincial Final – seed based on the qualifier.

V – Pre-Game Briefing

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice second and throw the counter-clockwise.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document.

In 2022 - 2023 Curling Canada will be piloting new "Coach Interaction Rules" affecting all the Junior, Under 19 and Canada Winter Games Events (please see Section 5)

VIII – Other

The draw of the combined event will alternate between men and women from year to year.

II. Boys & Girls Under 18 - Championship

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Boys & Girls Under 18 – Provincial Championship are open to any curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent New Brunswick at the Curling Canada Under 18 Championship.

II – Eligibility

To be eligible for the Under 18 Canadian Championship, players must meet Curling Canada age requirements.

Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CURLING CANADA SPECIAL RULES. AND ONLY FOUR (4) PLAYERS AND ONE (1) COACH MAY ATTEND THE CANADIAN UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIP.

III – Format of Play

The format of play for the championship shall be a minimum double knockout.

All games of the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – Ranking / Seeding

The Teams will be required to self-seed in the draw.

V – Pre-Game

At all stages of this championship, prior to the playoffs, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice second and throw the counter-clockwise.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

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VIII – Other

- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of the combined event alternate as between boys and girls from year to year.

III. Women's (Scotties) Championship

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Women's Championship is open to any female curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

There will be a requirement to adhere to Curling NB sponsorship agreements for all levels of play.

The winning team earns the right to represent New Brunswick at the Canadian Women's Curling Championship (Scotties Tournament of Hearts).

II – Eligibility

- Must comply with Curling Canada Eligibility requirements
- there is no minimum age requirements
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CURLING CANADA PROVIDES NO TRAVEL SUBSIDY FOR A TEAM'S 5TH PLAYER TO ATTEND THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS).

III – Format of Play

The format of play for the Provincial Final (the New Brunswick Scotties Tournament of Hearts) shall be an eight (8) team round robin, qualifying three (3) teams for the Un-Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final either through accumulation of CTRS points or the Qualifier:

The Provincial Women's Championship will consist of one open and mandatory qualifying round referred to as the Preliminary (TKO format with sections and brackets determined by the Provincial Draw Master), qualifying and seeding up to 8 teams for the Round Robin Championship round.

- For 9 and greater teams registered:
 - Seeding for the preliminary round will be determined by the current year's CTRS points. Teams without CTRS points will be seeded based on prior year's NB Scotties results.
 - Top two current year's CTRS points teams from the Province of NB will advance directly to the championship round and be seeded in the championship round as 1st & 2nd respectively.
 - Remaining teams will participate in the preliminary round which will qualify the remaining six teams for the championship round. Based on the results of the preliminary round, these six teams will be seeded in the championship round 3rd-8th respectively.
- For 8 or less teams registered:
 - Seeding for the preliminary round will be based on the current year's CTRS points. Teams without CTRS points will be seeded based on prior year's NB Scotties results.
 - All teams will be required to participate in the preliminary round.
 - Seeding for the championship round will be based on the results of the preliminary round.

NOTE: CUT-OFF DATE TO DETERMINE CTRS POINTS WILL BE THE NB SCOTTIES REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE.

TEAMS OFFERED DIRECT REGISTRATION TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO DECLINE AND WILL BE SEEDED IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND AS 1ST & 2ND RESPECTIVELY. TEAMS MUST DECLARE THEIR INTENT, TO THE CURLING NB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE CURLING NB COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR, PRIOR TO THE EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE. ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT NORMAL EVENT REGISTRATION FEES BY THE EVENT PAYMENT DEADLINE DATE.

All games at all levels of the championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

V – Pre-Game

Qualification Event: During the knock-out qualification event, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice 2nd throw a counter-clockwise draw

Provincial Championship Last Stone Draw: During the Provincial Championship (round robin) event, the team throwing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) (the top of the scoreboard) will have first practice and throw the clockwise turn. The team throwing yellow handle (bottom of scoreboard) will have second practice and throw the counter-clockwise turn.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document

*VIII – Additional Rules***No Tick Rules**

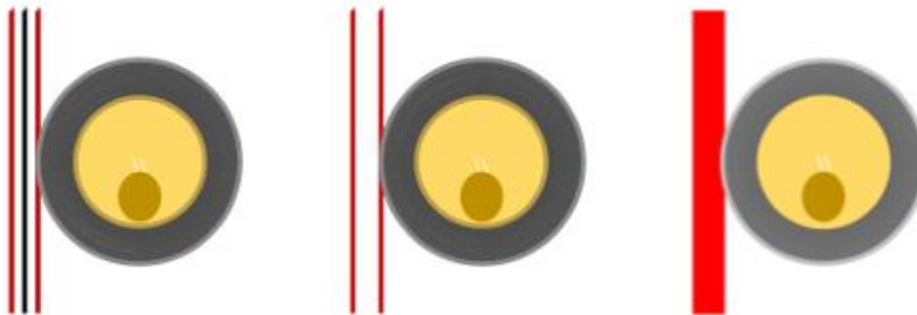
For trial use in the Scotties and Tankard 2022 - 2023

If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:

1) remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place;

2) or leave all stones where they came to rest.

3) If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.

*IX – Other*

- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Final.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of a combined Championship, as well as the first semi-final playoff game, alternate between men and women from year to year.

IV. Men's (Tankard) Championship

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Men's Championship is open to any male curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning team earns the right to represent New Brunswick at the Canadian Men's Championship (Tim Horton's Brier).

III – Eligibility

- Must comply with Curling Canada Eligibility requirements
- there is no minimum age requirements
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CURLING CANADA PROVIDES NO TRAVEL SUBSIDY FOR A TEAM'S 5TH PLAYER TO ATTEND CANADIAN MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (TIM HORTON'S BRIER).

III – Format of Play

The format of play for the Provincial Final (the Tankard) shall be an eight (8) team round robin, qualifying three (3) teams for the Un-Modified Playoffs.

Teams will qualify for the Provincial Final through either the accumulation of CTRS points or the Qualifier.

Qualifier: The format of play shall be an open-registration triple knockout qualifying six (6) teams to the provincial.

- For 9 and greater teams registered:
 - Seeding for the preliminary round will be determined by the current year's CTRS points. Teams without CTRS points will be seeded based on prior year's NB Tankard results.
 - Top two current year's CTRS points teams from the Province of NB will advance directly to the championship round and be seeded in the championship round as 1st & 2nd respectively.
 - Remaining teams will participate in the preliminary round which will qualify the remaining six teams for the championship round. Based on the results of the preliminary round, these six teams will be seeded in the championship round 3rd-8th respectively.
- For 8 or less teams registered:
 - Seeding for the preliminary round will be based on the current year's CTRS points. Teams without CTRS points will be seeded based on prior year's NB Tankard results.
 - All teams will be required to participate in the preliminary round.
 - Seeding for the championship round will be based on the results of the preliminary round.

NOTE: CUT-OFF DATE TO DETERMINE CTRS POINTS WILL BE THE NB TANKARD REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE.

TEAMS OFFERED DIRECT REGISTRATION TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO DECLINE AND WILL BE SEEDING IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND AS 1ST & 2ND RESPECTIVELY. TEAMS

MUST DECLARE THEIR INTENT, TO THE CURLING NB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRIOR TO THE EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE.

All games at all levels of the Championship shall be:

- Ten (10) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted ten (10) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – Ranking / Seeding

Qualifier: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

Provincial: teams will be placed into the official Draw in accordance with the Provincial Championship Ranking Rules Directive (Section 4).

V – Pre-Game

Qualification Event: During the knock-out qualification event, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice 2nd throw a counter-clockwise draw.

Provincial Championship Last Stone Draw: During the Provincial Championship (round robin) event, the team throwing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) (the top of the scoreboard) will have first practice and throw the clockwise handle. The team throwing yellow handle (bottom of scoreboard) will have second practice and throw counter-clockwise.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document

*VIII – Additional Rules***No Tick Rules**

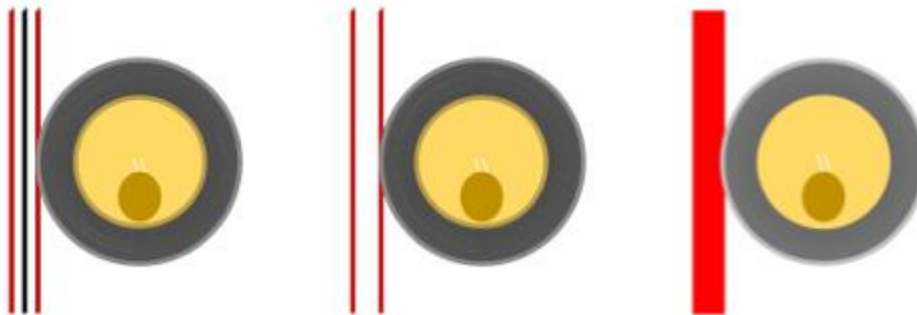
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If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:

1) remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place;

2) or leave all stones where they came to rest.

3) If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.

*IX – Other*

- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet at the Provincial Final.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to have the first draw of a combined Championship, as well as the first semi-final playoff game, alternate between men and women from year to year.

V. Men's and Women's Senior Championships

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Men's and Women's Senior Championships are open to any curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning teams earn the right to represent New Brunswick at the Canadian Senior Curling Championship.

II – Eligibility

- refer to Curling Canada eligibility requirements
- Teams may consist of a maximum of five (5) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY FOUR (4) PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE CANADIAN SENIOR MEN'S / SENIOR WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

III – Format of Play

The format of play for both Provincial Finals shall depend on the number of registration.

An open Championship event with the format for both the Women's and Men's divisions dependent upon the number of teams entered in each division, as shown below:

Under 6 Teams:

- Single Round Robin
- Top three teams advance to playoff round
- Tiebreaker for 3rd place, if necessary
- 1st place team advances directly to final game

6-8 Teams:

- --Single Round Robin
- --Top three teams advance to playoff round
- --Tiebreaker for 3rd place, if necessary
- --1st place team advances directly to final game

9 +Teams:

- Triple Knock Out
- The team winning A, B & C sections is declared the winner
- If three different section winners, team who played in most qualifying games advances to the final game with the other two advancing to the semi-final.
- If a tie, the team who qualified earliest gets a bye to the final while the other two play the semi-final.

NOTE: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TEAMS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PLAY MORE THAN TWO GAMES IN ONE DAY.

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – Ranking / Seeding

Random draw will be performed by the Provincial Draw Master

V – Pre-Game

For those events with a knock-out competition, a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice 2nd throw a counter-clockwise draw

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document

VI. Provincial Mixed Championship

I – General

In addition to this section please see section 1

The Mixed Championship is open to any curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

The winning team earns the right to represent New Brunswick at the Curling Canada Mixed Championship.

II – Eligibility

- Must comply with requirements stated in Part Two Section III above.
- Each team shall consist of two (2) males and two (2) females.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of four (4) players plus one (1) coach.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY FOUR (4) PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE CURLING CANADA MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP.

III – Format of Play

The format of play shall be a modified triple knockout.

All games in both Championships shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – Ranking / Seeding

Self Seeding

V – Pre-Game

For this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Stone handle colour. The team choosing the dark coloured handle (blue/red) will practice first and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice 2nd throw a counter-clockwise draw.

A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

Please refer to the Pre-game Practices & Last Stone Draw (LSD) Protocols for the 2022 - 2023 Season in Part 1 of the document.

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document

VIII - Other

- Teams cannot play with fewer than four (4) players (two (2) male and two (2) female) in all games.
- All teams (3 of 4 members) and coaches (if registered) must attend the Opening Ceremonies and the Official Reception/Banquet.

- A spare pool (male and female) must be maintained for this Championship and readily available for use at all times during the Championship.

VII. Mixed Doubles Championship

I – General

The Mixed Doubles Championship is open to any curler in New Brunswick who meets the eligibility criteria for the Canadian Championship and the Residency Directive.

II – Eligibility

- Must comply with Curling Canada Eligibility Requirements
- Each team shall consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- Teams may consist of a maximum of two (2) players plus one (1) coach.

III – Format of Play

The format of play for the Provincial shall be determined by the Curling NB Competitions Committee. The format shall guarantee a minimum of three (3) games for each team.

All games in the Championship shall be:

- Eight (8) ends' duration. If a game is tied after the allotted eight (8) ends, the teams shall play extra ends until a winner is declared.
- Officiated
- Timed

IV – Ranking / Seeding

Teams will be placed into the official Draw by self-seeding.

V – Pre-Game

If a knock out competition is used for this championship a “coin toss” will be used to determine:

- Practice: The team choosing first practice will play with the dark coloured handles (blue/red) (Top of the score board) and throw a clockwise draw for their last stone draw. The team throwing light coloured handle (yellow) will practice 2nd throw a counter-clockwise draw. A draw to the button competition will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

VI – Draw to the Button

26) Both players will deliver a stone to the button: one (1) clockwise rotation and then one (1) counter-clockwise rotation. The team with first practice will deliver one (1) stone to the away end using the clockwise motion, then one (1) stone to the home end using the counter-clockwise turn. The team with second practice will deliver the first stone to the away end using the counter-clockwise turn, then one (1) stone to the home end using the clockwise turn. Both will be measured to determine the team's distance to determine choice in the first end. **For Mixed Doubles each player delivers an equal number of clockwise and counter clockwise LSD stones. If there are an odd number of games a variation of one rotation per player must occur.**

VII – Coaches

Please see Curling Canada coaching requirements & please refer to Section I of this document

VIII – Other

- Teams must play with two (2) players (one (1) male and one (1) female) at all games.
- There are no substitutions in this event after registration. If both players are not available the team must forfeit.
- Teams may be required to play three (3) games in a day should time restraints warrant it.

Refer to the Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play for more information about the rules of play for Mixed Doubles.

Section 3: Applicable Directives

I – General

THE COMPETITION DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE OFFICIAL DRAW IS PUBLISHED AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP EXCEPT WHERE THE PROVINCIAL SEEDING RULES APPLY, IN WHICH CASE THE OFFICIAL DRAW WILL BE PUBLISHED NO LATER THAN TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DRAW OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

II – Procedure

Curling NB prescribes the following procedures for submitting registration:

- Registration forms must be fully completed 'on-line', **and include the names of all 4 team members** on or before the registration & payment deadline date.
- On-line Registration and entry fees must be received by the Curling NB office on or before midnight on the closing date for registration.
- Entrants will receive an automated e-mail notice when their registration has been completed/accepted for that event.

III – Refunds

The Curling NB Competitions Committee shall use the following guidelines for refunding registration fees due or paid prior to the commencement of the event:

- A team may withdraw from an Event prior to the close of registration deadline and any registration fee paid shall be refunded in full subject only to a handling fee which shall not exceed Forty Dollars (\$40.00).
- Any team withdrawing after the Registration deadline will not receive reimbursement of their registration fee AND all players will be disqualified from competing in the same competition the next curling season.

I. Curling NB Registration Deadlines

I – General

Curling NB shall establish deadline dates to signify the close of registration for each of its Championship events. Entry fees are due on the same date as the registration deadline.

This shall be done and posted on the Curling NB website by October 1

II – Procedure

Curling NB shall ensure that the deadline is set no fewer than 3 weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

III – Extensions

From time to time Curling NB may need to extend the deadline for the close of registration. This will only occur if Curling NB Online registration fails on the day of the deadline.

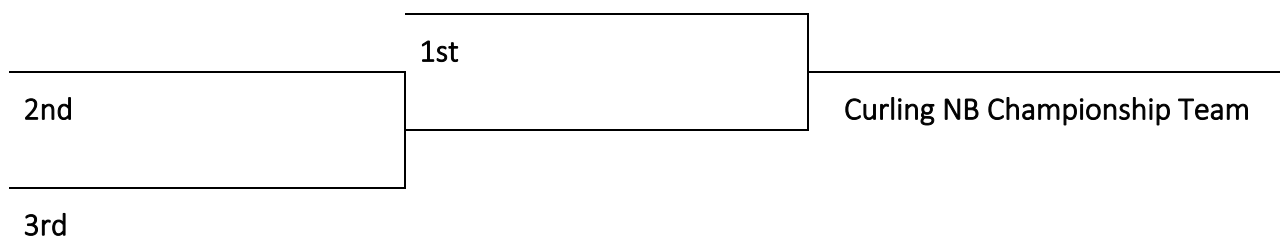
Section 4 Curling NB Draw Schedules

I. Men's and Women's 8 Team Round Robin Schedule

Schedule

Day	Time	Event
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 1
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 2
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 3
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 4
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 5
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Round Robin Draw 6
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Round Robin Draw 7
NOTE 1: IF THERE IS 1 OR NO TIE BREAKERS, SEMI-FINAL WILL BE SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.		
NOTE 2: IF MORE THAN 1 TIE BREAKER, SEMI-FINAL WILL BE SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.		
Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Tie Breakers
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Semi (See Note 1)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Semi (See Note 2)
Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Final

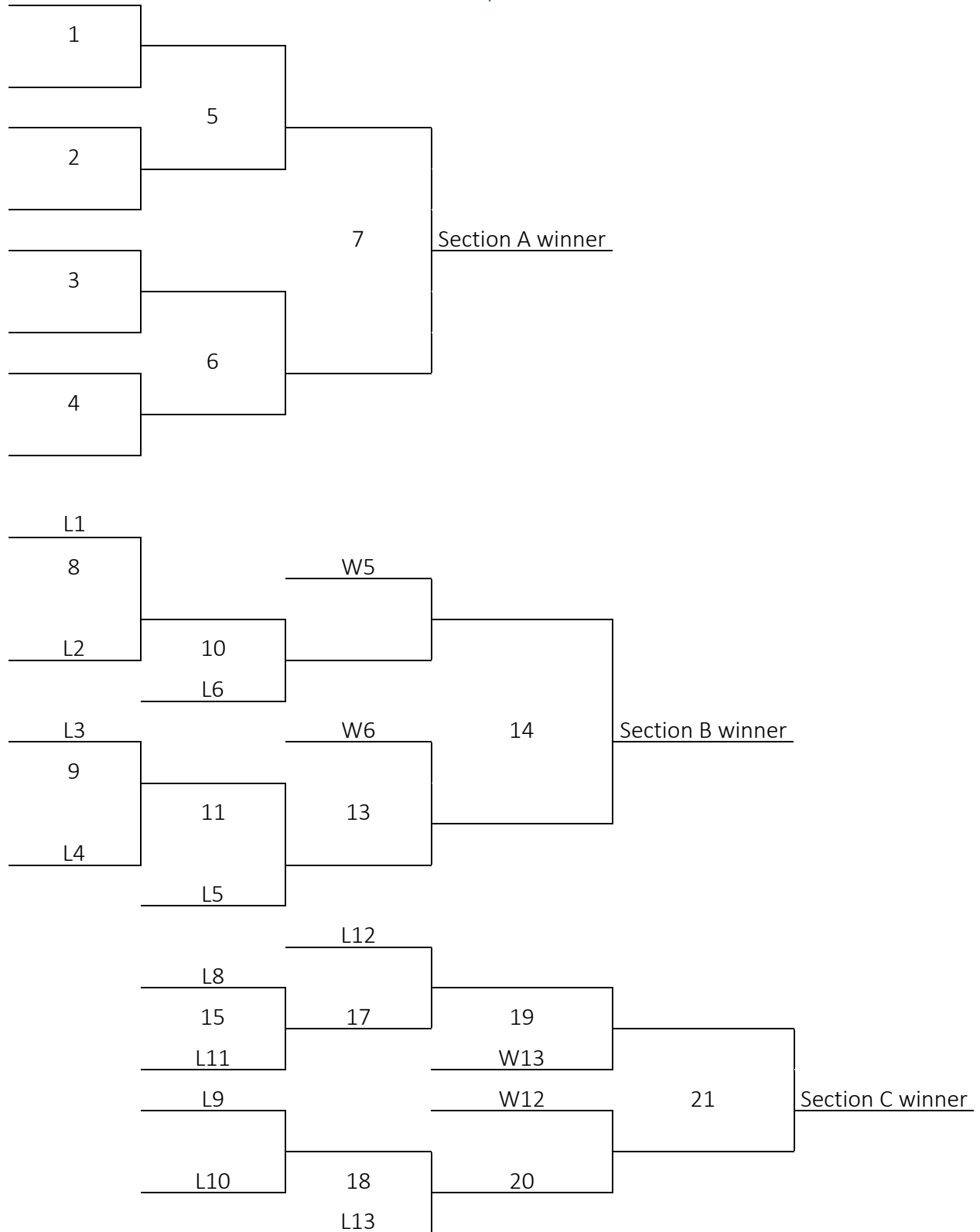
In playoff games, last rock advantage and choice of colour shall be awarded to the team with a better win-loss record during round robin. If the teams had an equal win-loss record, the team ranked higher shall have choice of last rock advantage OR choice of colour.

PLAYOFFS

Pre-event practice schedule & team meeting may be altered by the Chief Umpire.

- Wednesday, 9:00a.m.: Teams seeded 1, 3, 5 & 7
- Wednesday, 9:50 a.m.: Team Meeting
- Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.: Teams seeded 2, 4, 6 & 8

II. Junior Men's and Women's Final 8 Triple Knock Out Draw Schedule



Section 4

Curling NB Draw Schedules

Junior Men's and Women's Final 8 Triple Knock Out Draw Schedule (continued)

DAY	TIME	ICE 1	ICE 2	ICE 3	ICE 4	JM/JW *
1	8:30 a.m.					
	9:15 a.m.					
	10:00 a.m.					
	10:15 a.m.					
	11:00 a.m.					
	11:45 a.m.					
	12:30 p.m.					
	1:30 p.m.	B2	B4	B3	B1	JM
	5:00 p.m.	G1	G3	G4	G2	JW
	8:30 p.m.	B6	B8	B5	B9	JM
2	8:15 a.m.	G9	G5	G8	G6	JW
	11:45 a.m.	B11	B7	B10		JM
	4:00 p.m.		G10	G7	G11	JW
	7:30 p.m.	B12	B16	B13	B15	JM
3	8:00 p.m.	G15	G13	G16	G12	JW
	11:30 a.m.	B18	B17		B14	JM
	3:30 p.m.	G14		G17	G18	JW
	8:30 p.m.	B19	B20	G20	G19	JM
4	9:00 a.m.		G21	B21		JW
	2:00 p.m.		B22	G22		JM
	7:00 p.m.		G23	B23		JW

* JM = Junior Men JW = Junior Women

Alternating Starting Teams

Schedule will alternate each year to decide who plays first draw.

Pre-event Practice and Team Meeting

Pre-event Team Practice number (1, 2, 3, or 4) will be decided by drawing names/random number generator.

Pre-event Practice and Team Meeting Schedule may be modified by the Chief Umpire

- 8:30 a.m. Practice 1 2 boys' teams & 2 girls' teams
- 9:15 a.m. Practice 2 2 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams
- 10:00 a.m. Ice Maintenance
- 10:15 a.m. Practice 3 2 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams
- 11:00 a.m. Practice 4 2 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams
- 11:45 a.m. Team Meeting

Section 5 Curling Canada's Coach Interaction Rules - (Pilot Year)

2023 Under-18, Canada Winter Games and Under-21 National Championships

Curling Canada, along with all our Member Associations, support opportunities for coaches and young athletes to have more communication with each other throughout a game which is an advantage in other sports. Having coaches on ice level allows coaches to better support their teams' performance and development. Coaches will be provided with more convenient and frequent access to their team while the game is being played. This begins by positioning the coach in a better physical position where they are better able to view the game, listen to their team's conversations, and interact when permitted. Not only are we expecting to see improvements in our athletes' performance on the ice, but in our coaches and their satisfaction as we empower them to be more involved in the game.

Coach Interactions have been piloted in a few provinces over the past few seasons with special thanks to CURLSASK for leading this initiative. All provinces and territories will see Coach Interactions implemented this season at our Under-18, Canada Winter Games and Under-21 National Championships. These new Coach Interactions will replace the traditional time-outs that we have been using in the past. The following rules will be used for games at nationals for U18 Men/Women, U20 Mixed Doubles and U21 Men/Women. Listed below are the rules:

- Coaches will be allowed a maximum of one (1) interaction per end. Opposing coaches will also be allowed to interact with their respective team until the team that called the interaction has concluded their communication. The same rule applies for extra ends. Unused interactions cannot be carried over.
- Coach Interactions will last between 30-60 seconds, but not longer. If a team uses less than that amount of time, the opposition team's opportunity to communicate ends as well.
- Coaches may meet with their team either on the backboard or on the sideline between the hog lines for all interactions.
- Interactions can be called by the team in control of the house or their coach. If the coach is calling, they can vocalize to the player in control of the house.
- Coaches are responsible for keeping track and policing the number of interactions used per end. Disagreements will be brought forth to the Chief Umpire.
- Four (4) minutes of Thinking Time will be added to the clock for all eight (8) end games (U18 and Canada Winter Games) and five (5) minutes will be added to the clock for all ten (10) end games (U21) this season. Time clocks will run during interactions as normal thinking time. One (1) minute of Thinking Time will be added for each extra end.
- Coaches will be allowed up to forty-five (45) seconds of talking time with their team between ends. Coaches may meet with their team either on the backboard or on the sideline between the hog lines. Time clocks will begin when the 45 seconds is over.

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- Coaches will also have four (4) minutes to meet with their teams at the 4th end break (U18 and Canada Winter Games) or 5th end break (U21) respectively.
- Coaches will use the assigned seating on the backboards during the games with their chairs positioned on the same side as their team's rocks. Between ends, coaches can travel to either end respectful of games on adjacent sheets. Coaches must only travel along the sidelines and they must wear suitable footwear to be on the ice.
- A single interaction will officially end after the coach and curlers stop talking and the coach returns and is sitting on their designated seat behind the sheet.
- There will be absolutely no talking or body language by the coach to their team unless during an interaction, opposition interaction, or between ends. No talking or body language includes hand gestures, saying "good shot" or any other form of communication. Penalties to coaches include: First Offense - Warning. Second Offense - loss of interaction in the same or following end. Third Offense - sitting inside with no interactions or communication for the remainder of the current game (if before mid-game break) or the entire next game (if after mid game break).
- Coaches are allowed to use their phone or tablet to record game statistics, write down notes or take photos of game scenarios, but they are not permitted to use those devices or smart watches for communication purposes. Coaches will be removed from play if they are using any devices for communication purposes.