



2024



Hit, Draw, Tap
Club Hosting Guide



A Message from the Curling NB's Executive Director...Marg Maranda

Curling NB is excited to provide its member clubs and youth curlers, once again, this premier youth skills competition. We are excited to see this competition grow across the country as it is now being offered in several other provinces & territories!

This year will be even better than before! We want to get more clubs enrolled, so that more kids can compete and have a positive introduction to competition. Hit, Draw and Tap is fun, inclusive, age and stage appropriate, easy to administer and, because of Curling Canada's National Sponsorship, **no cost to NB clubs and participants.**

We've made the club registration system easy. Curling NB's 2024 Hit, Draw, Tap Coordinator, **Carly Smith**, will collect the necessary data from Club Coordinators and upload individual participant scores into Curling Canada's Leaderboard where participants will be able to see how they measure up to participants across the Province of NB.

This year's Provincial Finals will occur on Saturday, March 23, 2024 during the Provincial Little Rocks Jamboree in Fredericton. The Hit Draw Tap location will be the Aitken University Centre.

I look forward to seeing the finalists in Fredericton on March 23!

Good Curling!

Marg Maranda
Executive Director, Curling NB



2023 Ages 10-12 NB Finalists



2023 Ages 6-9 NB Finalists



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1. ABOUT HIT, DRAW, TAP

****Any questions regarding Hit, Draw, Tap should be sent to Carly Smith hitdrawtapnb@gmail.com ****

CurlION launched “Hit, Draw and Tap” (HDT) in the 2015-2016 season. It was such a successful program that Curling Canada took over the program in 2017 and they are sharing it across Canada. “Hit Draw and Tap” is modelled after the NFL’s Punt Kick Pass or Master’s Golf – Drive, Chip, Putt.

Hit Draw Tap (HDT) is a youth skills competition where kids aged 6-12 compete as individuals. HDT will group NB kids into two different age categories (6-9 & 10-12), and perform three different shots – a “Hit,” a “Draw” and a “Tap.” The difficulty of the skills are modified based on the age of the child. (The HDT National Standings have three age categories but NB has only two. As such, NB scores will be reported on-line as follows: NB 6-9 scores will be reported on-line under “6-8” and NB 10-12 scores will be reported on-line under “9-10“.)

Curling clubs across New Brunswick are encouraged to host an HDT competition as part of their Junior Program whenever it best suits them. Based on previous club feedback, we anticipate that each club will need 1.5 to 2 hours to complete their competition. Clubs must register to compete (see details below) by **January 18, 2024**. All club competition results (score sheets) must be submitted to the Curling NB Hit, Draw, Tap Coordinator by **February 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm**. (e-mail address above)

All participants will be compared to those in similar age groups from clubs across the province on a “Provincial Leaderboard” that can be accessed online by the public at: www.hitdrawtap.ca. On Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, the top 5 participants from each of the two age categories will qualify to compete in the Hit Draw Tap Provincial Championship taking place at the Aitken University Centre during the 2024 Little Rock Jamboree #2.

Participants are responsible for all travel costs to get to and from the event. If a Top 5 participant cannot attend the provincials, his/her spot will be forfeited. Whether or not that spot will be filled will be at the discretion of the Curling NB Hit Draw Tap Coordinator.

Due to the sponsorship of Curling Canada, there will be **no fee** to participate in NB’s 2024 Hit, Draw, Tap Program.

2. ELIGIBILITY

1. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 6-12. Boys and girls compete against each other, but in their appropriate age categories.
2. The two age classifications are based upon the child’s age as of June 30th, 2023.
3. All participants may be asked to show proof of age at the Provincial Level of competition.



4. Participants may only enter one club competition.
5. All participants' parent or guardian must complete a Hit, Draw and Tap Participant Registration Form/Assumption of Risk Form. This form is to be provided to their club Hit Draw Tap Coordinator prior to the club HDT competition date.

3. RULES

1. No brushing is allowed during the competition.
2. **Each participant has the choice of using Little Rocks or full-size granite rocks but must throw same at both the club & provincial levels.**
3. Full sheet length and Half sheets are to be used based on details outlined below.
4. Someone (parent, volunteer or other curler) can hold the broom for the thrower.
5. All athletes must abide by the helmet policy while on ice during this event.
6. All participants' parent or guardian must sign the Participant Registration Form/Assumption of Risk Form before participating in any level of Hit, Draw & Tap competition. (club or provincial)
7. Each participant is allowed two practice shots (participant can choose whether they practice draws or hits) prior to their shots being scored.
8. Provincial Finalists will be allowed two practice shots of their choice prior to the beginning of the Provincial Championship.
9. Scores are cumulative per event, with each participant repeating each shot five times.
10. **Ties at the club and provincial level** will be broken to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd with a "sudden death" draw to the button – draw is repeated until winner is determined. Officials at provincials will measure the distance from the pin to determine the winner if the first tiebreaker draw is unable to determine a winner by score.
11. If at any point a decision cannot be made as to the score of a shot, the decision shall always favour the participant.

4. CLUB REGISTRATION

Curling Clubs are to register their event by e-mail to hitdrawtapnb@gmail.com on or before, **January 18, 2024**. The following information is required:

- Name of club
- Name & e-mail address of club HDT coordinator
- Number of Club HDT participants

Registration should be made by the person who will be responsible for the club event. That person will also be required to submit scores of **all** club participants to hitdrawtapnb@gmail.com by **February 18, 2024** at 5:00 pm. Carly will then take all submitted scores and upload them to the Provincial Leaderboard which can be viewed at www.hitdrawtap.ca.

All required Hit Draw Tap information and documents, including this HDT Hosting Guide, can be found at curlingnb.com under PROGRAMS-Youth Development Program:

- Registration/Assumption of Risk Forms (**MUST** be completed & held by Club HDT Coordinator. Provincial coordinator will require finalist's copies when finalists are named.)
- Manual scoring form (to be completed and submitted to Curling NB HDT Coordinator by



February 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm.)

5. HIT, DRAW, TAP CHAMPIONSHIP SKILLS AND SCORING

Pre-Competition Practice

It is recommended that each participant be permitted a maximum of two practice shots or an open practice time – whichever best suits the club. Two practice shots of the participants choice will be permitted at the Provincial Championship.

Scoring

Each athlete will have five attempts at each shot. The score is cumulative. In all situations, if a score cannot be clearly determined, the decision shall be made in the favor of the participant (i.e. round up to the higher of the two scores).

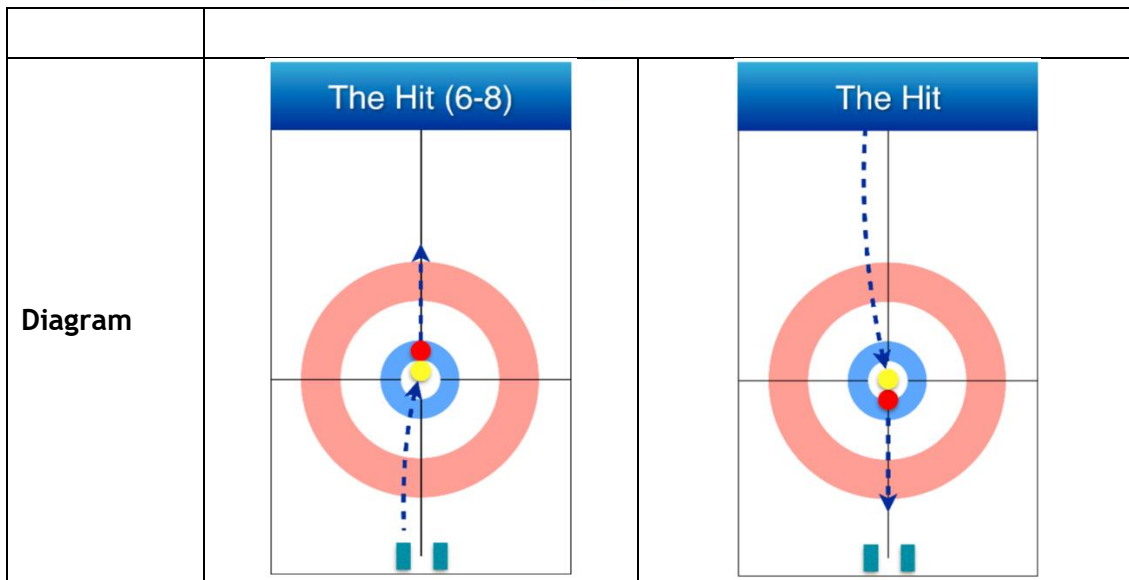
Game Modification

6-9 year old's shall use half sheet.

6. THE “HIT”

Goal: Hit the rock and stay in the rings.

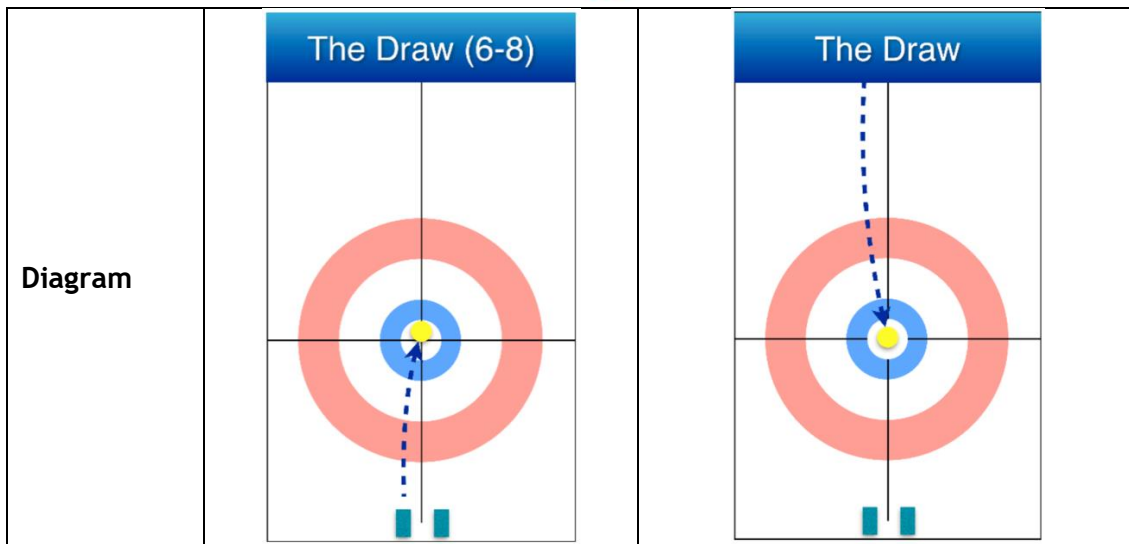
Age Group	6-9	10-12
Modification	Half Sheet	None (Full Sheet)
Special Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with the set-up stone must be made for the any points to count, the stone does not have to be removed from play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with the set-up stone must be made for the any points to count, the stone does not have to be removed from play
Set-up	Rock to be hit, is set up just behind the button.	
Scoring	Points are assigned by where the shooter rolls to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points if it touches the button 4 points if it rolls but touches the four foot 3 points if it rolls touches the eight foot 2 point if it rolls touches the 12 foot 1 point if the rock is removed from play and the shooter rolls out of the rings. **Contact with the set stone must be made for any points to count. Set stone does not have to be removed from play.	



7. THE “DRAW”

Goal: Draw as close to the pin as possible.

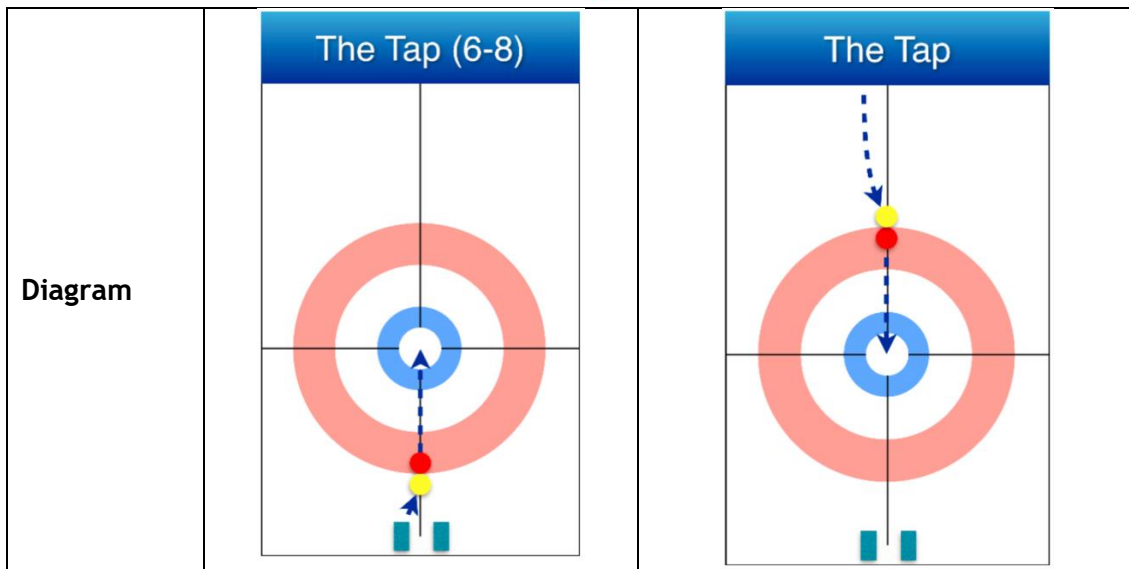
Age Group	6-9	10-12
Modification	Half Sheet	None (Full Sheet)
Scoring	Points are assigned by where the shooter stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it covers the pin • 4 points if it touches the button • 3 points if it touches the four foot • 2 point if it touches the eight foot • 1 point if the touches the 12 foot 	Points are assigned by where the shooter stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it touches the button • 4 points if it touches the four foot • 3 points if it touches the eight foot • 2 point if it touches the twelve foot • 1 point if the rock stops in the free guard zone



8. THE “TAP”

Goal: To promote a rock from the 12’ to the button.

Age Group	6-9	10-12
Modification	Short Game	None
Set-up	Rock is positioned bisecting the centre line, at the top of the rings.	
Scoring	Points are assigned by where the tapped rock stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it touches the button • 4 points if it touches the four foot • 3 points if it touches the eight foot • 2 point if it touches the twelve foot • 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings 	Points are assigned by where the tapped stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it touches the button • 4 points if it touches the four foot • 3 points if it touches the eight foot • 2 point if it touches the twelve foot • 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings



9. REPORTING SCORES

Scores are to be recorded on the provided Hit, Draw, Tap Manual Scoresheet for submission to hitdrawtapnb@gmail.com by February 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm. (Scan & e-mail completed Scoresheets)

10. RECOGNITION AND ADVANCEMENT

Each participant will receive a Participation Certificate. (To be forwarded to Club HDT Coordinator following submission of completed Scoresheets.)

Advancement to Provincials

- The top 5 participants from across the province from each category will qualify to compete in the Hit Draw Tap Provincial Finals taking place during the 2024 Little Rocks Jamboree #2 in Fredericton on March 23, 2024. Participants are responsible for all travel costs to get to and from the event.
- The Curing NB Hit, Draw, Tap Coordinator will contact Club Coordinators of the Top 5 participants in each category. Club Coordinators will be required to forward completed Registration/Assumption of Risk Forms of the Top 5 participants. (Scan & e-mail to hitdrawtapnb@gmail.com)
- If a Top 5 participant cannot attend the provincials, his/her spot will be forfeited. Whether or not that spot will be filled will be at the discretion of the HDT Coordinator. Parents/Guardians of participants who have qualified for provincials will receive an email communication on or around March 1st, 2023 to confirm their child's attendance at the provincials.
- All attending Provincial Finalists will receive:
 - o Hit Draw Tap Hoodie
 - o Group Photo (sent via email post-event)
 - o Treat bag
- Top Three in each category will receive keeper award.