



New Brunswick Curling Association

**Curling NB – Youth Curling (Little Rocks Jamborees, U15 Provincial, Junior Mixed, junior Mixed Doubles, RockFest Qualifier) - Hosting Directives and Guidelines**

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# Curling NB – Youth Curling (Little Rocks, U15 Provincials, Junior Mixed, junior Mixed Doubles) - Hosting Directives and Guidelines

## 1. Scope:

These directives and guidelines apply to Little Rock Jamborees #1 and #2, U15 Kenny Coates, Junior Mixed Doubles and Junior Mixed Provincials. These events do not lead to a National Championship and therefore fall under the direction of NBCA Youth Development Committee. (U18 and U20 events lead to National Championships and have their own set of Guidelines and hosting directives and are under the direction of the NBCA Competition Committee).

These Guidelines shall be under the control of the Youth Development Committee and will be reviewed and updated annually.

## 2. Format and Fees

2.1 The Youth Development committee in consultation with the NBCA Executive Director will set the price model and format for each event by Feb 1 of the previous season. This will allow time for prospective host clubs to understand the commitment. Clubs are encouraged to solicit sponsors to further benefit their club.

2.2 The Youth Development Committee will accept proposals to host these events up until Feb 28 of the preceding season.

2.3 The Youth Development Committee will announce the host sites for each event by April 30 of the preceding season.

### 2024-2025 Season

Event	Registration Fee	Amount per Registration to Host Club	Divisions
Moncton Little Rock Jamboree #1	100 Team	75	U9 – Half Sheet Little Rocks U12 – Full Sheet Little rocks U12 – Full Sheet Granite Rocks Each of the above divisions are mixed gender (Open format).
Little rock Jamboree #2	100 Team	75	U9 – Half Sheet Little Rocks U12 – Full Sheet Little rocks Each of the above divisions are mixed gender (Open format).
U15 Kenny Coates Provincial	120 Team	90	*Men's Division *Women's Division
Junior Mixed Doubles (U20)	100 Team	75	*Mixed Division (1 Female, 1 Male)
Junior Mixed (U20)	120 Team	90	*Mixed Division (2 Females, 2 Males)
NB Rockfest Qualifiers	30 per Person per qualifier	30 per person per Qualifier	*Men's Division *Women's Division Note: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualifier is in conjunction with U15 Kenny Coates. Fee waived for Qual #2 for players registered in Kenny Coates.

\*Note: Refer to NBCA Inclusion policy for eligibility in gender divisions

### **3. Site Selection**

Awarding of these events to host clubs will be based on the following criteria.

- Opportunity to promote Youth Curling in areas that can promote new growth.
- Smaller Clubs that do not get opportunity to host major events or small clubs in close proximity to other clubs may want to co-host in case where # of expected teams and # sheets of required may require another club.
- Rotation basis where each zone gets opportunity to host events.
- Availability to host specific dates given.
- If a club wanting to host Little Rocks Jamboree is in need of the plastic little rocks the NBCA will make arrangements to make them available.

### **4. Site Selection Request Process**

4.1 Any Club may submit a request to host any of the Youth events. Request shall include the following:

- Name of Club
- Name of Event to be Hosted.
- Reason for wanting to Host.
- Proposed Event Chair
- Proposed dates

### **5. Registration and Posters**

5.1 The NBCA will set up a registration site on the NBCA website and collect all registration, Fees.

5.2 Registration Deadline will be 3 weeks prior to the start of the event.

5.3 The NBCA will produce a Poster and send to all clubs with the event details.

5.4 The Event will be posted in the NBCA Event Calendar

5.5 The NBCA will remit the Host Club their portion of the Registration fees with **XXX** days of Registration Closure.

5.6 All Posters and Information shall be available in French and English. Host Committee should endeavor to present a bi-lingual presence if feasible.

5.7 Events are open to all NB Curling Club members.

5.8 NBCA has clear Inclusion Policies. Curlers are free to register in a gender category of their choice without question. Refer to NBCA Inclusion Policy for details.

### **6. Prizes and Banners:**

6.1 Refer to individual event details below for information on prizes.

In keeping with the development spirit of these events Banners will not be provided to the winners.

## **7. The Draw Schedule**

- 7.1 The Host Committee may be the draw master for the event. Upon awarding of an event, the host committee will advise the NBCA Youth Director who will be the draw master. If the host requires help or need someone to develop the draw advise the Youth director and a draw master will be provided.
- 7.2 Draws should take into consideration that for weekend events, out of town teams are booking hotels and expecting to play on Friday and Saturday.
- 7.3 The Event draw master will send the proposed draw to the NBCA Youth Director 1 week following the event registration deadline. The Youth Director will provide feedback within 2 days of receipt. Only after the Youth Director Feedback or after 2 days, will the draw be considered final and available to be sent to the participants. Given that registration deadlines are 3 weeks prior to events this will allow more than 1 week notice for draw times to the recipients. The NBCA Youth Director will consult with the NBCA Little Rock Coordinator for Little Rock draws.
- 7.4 Teams shall be guaranteed 3 games.

## **8. Opening/Closing Ceremonies**

- 8.1 It is not required to have an opening ceremony. But is recommended. Consider inviting NBCA Representative (Youth Dir, Zone Dir etc.), local Politician, Club President etc. Consider have a Little Rocker throw the opening stone.
- 8.2 It is not required to have a closing ceremony. Event can be concluded simply by awarding the winning teams after the finals.

## **9. Live Scoring and Live Streaming**

- 9.1 It is not required to have Live Streaming. To request Live Streaming please contact the NBCA Executive Director.
- 9.2 It is recommended to do live scoring. Contact the NBCA Executive to get this set up. Internet connection will be required to support this.

## **10. Event Program**

- 10.1 There is no requirement for an event program. Contact the NBCA Youth Director for a program template if you wish to produce one.

## **11. Rules and Regulations**

- 11.1 Events are not officiated and therefore the CCA Rules for General Play will apply. See Event details section below for rules specific to each event.
- 11.2 Coach Interactions – CCA Rules for Coach Interactions will apply. Refer to NBCA website.  
There are separate versions for U12 and U15. Available in French and English.
- 11.3 Game should be 8 ends, however depending on the age category, # sheets, # of this is flexible. Contact Youth Director for confirmation.

- 11.4 Events are un-officiated. Any on ice disputes should be settled by the teams or coaches. In the case they cannot agree the event chair will make the final determination.
- 11.5 Pre game practice is up to the discretion of the host club. Consider 1 rock up 1 back with both teams on the ice to facilitate pace of play.

## **12.Event Details**

### **12.1 Little Rock Jamboree #1**

12.1.1 This event was started by a group of parents at the Moncton Beaver Club that recognized the demand for an additional Little Rock Jamboree. They secure sponsorship and have made this a top notch event. Given the rich tradition and history of this event this event will continue to be hosted in Moncton. NBCA Youth Committee will continue to provide oversight and guidance for this event in the best interest of NB Curling. It's called a Jamboree because at this age group the intent is not to over emphasize winning and losing but to emphasize participation. But put kids in an event and have parents hovering over its easy to see how this can take on a competitive edge. As an organization focused on Youth Development and making sure we don't turn kids away at such a young age this event challenges us to strike a balance. It must remain fun focused, despite any pressure to elevate it to something competitive.

12.1.2 There will be 3 divisions: All divisions are mixed gender.

U9 Half Sheet – these curlers will use the little plastic rocks.

U12 Full Sheet – Little Rocks - these curlers will use the little plastic rocks.

U12 Full Sheet Granite Rocks - these curlers will use the regular granite rocks. (\*New Trial in 2024)

12.1.3 The Host Committee will be responsible for any prizes and awards to be presented.

12.1.4 The Host Committee will provide a final report within 2 weeks of the event completion. Report will include what went well, what could have been better, and the final budget and actuals.

12.1.5 Coaching Requirements – There are no Coaching Certification level requirements for these events. It is highly recommended that Coaches start their path to certification as soon as possible.

12.1.6 Special Rules: U9 – 4 or 6 end games, U12 is 6 or 8 ends as draw time allows.

### **12.2 Little Rock Jamboree #2**

12.2.1 This is the original little rock Jamboree. It's called a Jamboree because at this age group the intent is not to over emphasize winning and losing but to emphasize participation. As an organization focused on Youth Development and making sure we don't turn kids away at such a young age this event challenges us to strike a balance. It must remain fun focused. All divisions are mixed gender.

12.2.2 U9 Trophy - Over time Trophies were introduced for this event. In 2001, J. Marin Garcia, (Grandfather of Felipe Jr, Liam and Timothy Marin, and father of Felipe Sr) hand crafted a trophy for this age group. This Trophy is still presented today. In the 2023 season Jeff Stewart from TSA volunteered to add a new deck on to the trophy in order to accommodate the 2023 winners and on. This trophy has a very storied past. It is the responsibility of the winning U9 team to have their plaque added to this trophy (consistent with other plaques and maintain safe keeping until the next season's event).

12.2.3 U12 Plastic rocks Division Trophy – This is a newer trophy. It is the responsibility of the winning U9 team to have their plaque added to this trophy (consistent with other plaques and maintain safe keeping until the next season’s event).

12.2.4 U12 Granite Division = A new Trophy was purchased for this in 2024. It will be retrofitted with the inaugural winners’ names. It is the responsibility of the winning U9 team to have their plaque added to this trophy (consistent with other plaques and maintain safe keeping until the next season’s event).

12.2.5 Coaching Requirements – There are no Coaching Certification level requirements for this event.

12.2.6 Special Rules: Special Rules: U9 – 4 or 6 end games, U12 is 6 or 8 ends as time allows.

### **12.3 U15 Kenny Coates**

12.3.1 Coaching Requirements – There are no Coaching Certification level requirements for this event.

12.3.2 Divisions – There are Men’s and Women’s divisions.

12.3.3 Trophy – There is 1 Large Wooden trophy for division winners. The Trophy remains at TSA. The Event Chair is responsible for having the plaques added to the trophy.

12.3.4 Special Rules: There are no special rules. Games are 6 or 8 ends as time allows. 8 ends are preferred.

### **12.4 Junior Mixed Doubles**

12.4.1 Coaching Requirements – There are no Coaching Certification level requirements for this event.

12.4.2 Teams must comply with CCA rules for Mixed Doubles play.

12.4.3 Special Rules: There are no special rules. Games are 6 or 8 ends as time allows.

12.4.4 The Winner of this event will earn an invitation to the CCA Mixed Doubles Regionals. Both Players must accept in order to attend. No substitutes. If the first place team does not accept the invitation will not be extended to any other teams.

### **12.5 Junior Mixed**

12.5.1 Coaching Requirements – There are no Coaching Certification level requirements for this event.

12.5.2 Teams must comply with CCA Guidelines for Mixed Play.

12.5.3 Special Rules: There are no special rules. Games are 6 or 8 ends as time allows.

## **12.6 RockFest NB Qualifier (Singles)**

- 12.6.1 Provincial Qualifiers will be held to qualify for RockFest Atlantic. Curlers will only be able to register Qualifying scores in the Singles application by participating in one of the sanctioned Qualifiers. The number of Atlantic qualifying spots allotted to NB will be provided by the NBCA Youth Director. It is recommended that this be a two day event similar in structure to the Rockfest Atlantic, incorporating Triples and Instruction.
- 12.6.2 In the event a curler that qualifies is unable to attend the Atlantics, the next highest score from that gender category will be invited.
- 12.6.3 Qualifiers will receive invites from CCA coordinator and given time to confirm their attendance.
- 12.6.4 If multiple qualifying events are held, players may enter as many as they wish. Their highest score will count.
- 12.6.5 All fees collected will go to host club to cover cost of Ice Rental and Instructors.