

NB STICK CURLING ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

Mission Statement:

To hold an annual bonspiel to determine a Provincial Stick Curling Championship team.

Acronyms:

New Brunswick Stick Curling Association: NBSCA

New Brunswick Curling Association: NBCA

Curling Canada: CC

Canadian Stick Curling Association: CSCA

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Two-person teams, with neither gender nor age restrictions, are eligible to play in the NB Stick Curling Championships. Please note that wheelchair teams need to be accompanied by an assistant for the purpose of assisting with the stone delivery process.
2. Players must be registered members of a NBCA Affiliated Club.

General Rules of Operation and Administration:

3. The NBSCA is comprised of one member from each NBCA Affiliated Club that has a stick curling league plus the two New Brunswick Directors of the Maritime Stick Curling Association. Members are confirmed at the AGM held during the provincial stick curling championships. It is the responsibility of the NBSCA to communicate with the incoming chairperson of the Provincial Championship to ensure it is planned in accordance with these Guidelines and to deal with any concerns/requests received from any NB Stick Curling participants. The Chairperson of the provincial championships will liaise directly with the NBCA Executive Director as necessary/required.
4. The Executive of the NBSCA is comprised of four members; the two New Brunswick Directors of the Maritime Stick Curling Association and two other members, all of whom will be elected or acclaimed each year at the Annual General Meeting. Once elected, the Executive will appoint a Chair from within the members of the Executive and establish the responsibilities for each member of the Executive.

The Chair of NBSCA Executive is responsible for liaising with the Maritime Stick Curling Association and the Canadian Stick Curling Association to keep New Brunswick stick curlers apprised of any rule changes and upcoming events.

5. An Annual General Meeting of the NBSCA shall be held during the first day of the championship. The meeting shall be chaired by the Chair of the NBSCA or, in the event that the Chair is unable to attend, another member of the Executive. All curlers are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns and opinions, however, for decision-making purposes, each club will have one vote. It is the responsibility of the curling centres to decide who shall be their voting member.

6. The Host Club will be named at the annual meeting of the NBSCA which is held during the provincial stick curling championships. Generally, event hosting shall be on a rotational basis among curling centres in New Brunswick that have an active Stick Curling League. The Host Club must have at least four sheets of ice available for play.
7. Dates for the Provincial Championship will be determined by the host committee who is responsible to ensure conflicts are avoided. Late January to mid February is the suggested time frame to allow sufficient time for preparation for the Maritime Stick Curling Championship. Event dates, entry fee, bonspiel chairperson (with contact email address and phone number), registration deadline date and location for the following season MUST be submitted to the NBCA Executive Director on or before April 20th of the current year.

NOTES:

- **A minimum of three weeks is required for production and delivery of provincial jackets & shirts**
 - **Registration deadline should be a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event start date**
 - **The Host Committee is responsible for creating the event draw and forwarding same to the registered teams at least 7 days prior to the event.**
8. The provincial stick championships will consist of three divisions: Men's, Women's and Mixed. A minimum of six teams per division is required; if this number is not reached the divisions will be collapsed.
 9. The provincial stick curling crest will be awarded to the winning team in each division.
 10. The winning teams qualify to represent NB at the Canadian Stick Curling Championships. Should the winning team in any of the three divisions be unable to attend, the offer to represent NB will be extended to the next highest ranked (finishing) team, from the Provincial Championship, until a team confirms availability.
 11. If New Brunswick is unable to field a team for any or all of the divisions at the Canadian Championship, the Chair of the NBSCA must inform the organizers by March 1 so that the place held for the New Brunswick representative may be released.
 12. The top three ranked (finishing) teams from the New Brunswick Stick Curling Championships, in each division, qualify to progress to the Maritime Stick Curling Championships. If one or more of the qualifying teams is unable to participate at the Maritime their place(s) will be relinquished to the next highest ranked team(s).
 13. If one person from a team is unable to attend, their replacement may be selected from others that participated in the provincial championship but this is not a mandatory requirement. It is not necessary for spares to have participated in the provincial championship.

14. If New Brunswick is unable to field a full cadre of teams, the host club of the Maritime Stick Curling Championships must be advised by March 1 by the Chair of the NBSCA.
15. The NB Stick Curling Championship winning team in each division will be awarded provincial jackets...IF they will be representing NB at the subsequent Canadian Stick Curling Championship. Provincial shirts will also be provided subject to the Event Budget Guidelines below. (NOTE: if the cost of Provincial shirts will not be covered, the team will have the option to purchase at their own expense. Current cost per shirt is approximately \$70.) Jackets & shirts must be ordered at the same time.

Should the winning team not move on to represent NB at the Canadian Championship, provincial jackets will be awarded to the highest place NB team attending....up to the 4th ranked team from the NB Stick Curling Championship.

If none of the 1st-4th ranked teams go on to represent NB at the Canadian Championships, provincial jackets will be provided to the highest ranked team, up to the 4th ranked team, attending the Maritime Stick Curling Championship.

16. The winning team is responsible for having their names engraved on the trophy and ensuring it is delivered to the Host Club by the first day of the following year's championship.
17. Championship Banner can be ordered through the NBSCA Executive Director at the expense of the winning teams home club.

Format & Rules of Play:

18. The NB Stick Curling Championship will operate in association with the NBSCA and will conform to the CC Rules for General Play and the CSCA Rules of Play. (Current CSCA rules can be found on their website. Current CC Rules for General Play can be found at the following link:
<https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/getting-started-in-curling/rules-of-curling-for-general-play/>)
19. The Host Club agrees to make sufficient ice time available over a three day period to determine the provincial stick curling champions. Each team must be guaranteed five games in round-robin play within divisions. Cross-overs may be used to accommodate the need to play five games. No team will play more than four games per day and no team will play more than two games in a four hour period. Eight teams will be determined through round-robin play to move on to the quarter-finals, or, four teams will be determined to move on to the semi-finals, the winners of which will play off in the finals to determine the provincial champions.
20. Opponents will practice together in all games, and will throw four (4) stones up and back. The teams will toss a coin with the winner of the toss having choice of colour. Choice of holding or relinquishing the hammer in the first end will be determined by a draw to the button with the last stone delivered (LSD) by each team. Should both stones stop touching the button, or miss the rings, then the winner of the coin toss will have the choice of holding or relinquishing the hammer.

Teammates must alternate drawing to the button and the delivering player's name will be recorded at Coin Toss by the Official in Charge. (The cumulative distance from the button will be recorded & maintained for potential tie-breaking and/or post-event team ranking purposes.)

21. All extra ends shall be played toward the home end (glass). Play will be in accordance with the established rules of Stick Curling Canada Playing Rules. (e.g.) three stones each player.
22. When two teams are tied for a playoff position, the head-to-head winner in round-robin play prevails. If the two teams have not met in round-robin play, then the team with the lowest cumulative draw-to-the-button will advance. When more than two teams are tied and the position cannot be determined, then the position(s) will be decided by the final rankings of the cumulative draw-to-the-button distances recorded during round robin play. If two or more teams remain tied after their cumulative draw-to-the-button have been compared, then the highest distance will be deleted from each team to determine who will advance to the play-offs. This process will continue until the tie has been broken.
23. The Host Club shall provide a Spare Pool of at least two people to replace a player who becomes ill or injured during championship play.
24. For semi-finals and finals play, the team with the highest ranking will have choice of hammer or choice of colour. If they select hammer, the other team has choice of colour; if they select colour the other team has hammer.

Withdrawal and Refund Policy

25. Teams may withdraw from play and be issued a refund in full by Curling NB up to the registration deadline. If a team must withdraw after the registration deadline, a refund will be issued by the host club with 50% of the registration fee being retained to offset costs already incurred.

Event Budgeting Guidelines:

26. The event entry for the following year will be set at the New Brunswick Stick curling AGM will be utilized as follows:
 - \$300 per division will be retained by NBCA to cover the cost of provincial jackets that will include the NB Coat of Arms, name tags & shipping.
 - If more than 6 teams register for a division, NBCA will retain an additional \$140 per division to cover the cost of ~~two~~ provincial shirts that will include name tags & shipping.
 - \$40 will be retained by the NBCA to cover the cost of Provincial Event Posters.
 - Stick Curling Crests, to be ordered by the Host Club and presented to the winning team. The crests are to be ordered from Nova Trophy in Halifax, NS in the early fall.
 - The Host Club will have plaques added to the Winners' cup for the winner of each of the three divisions. The Cup will remain on display at the Host Club until the following year's provincial championships. The Host Club is responsible to ensure that the Winners' Cup is transported to the host of the following year's stick curling championships.

- Remaining entry fee revenue to be used to offset all other costs of hosting the NB Stick Curling Championships, including the provision of lunch on each day when curling is scheduled for more than four hours.
- The Host Club is not required to provide prizes; it is at their discretion and expense should they choose to do so.
- The Host Club is encouraged to find and promote local sponsors.
- Any revenues in excess of expenses remain with the Host Club.

New Brunswick Curling Association Responsibilities:

27. Set up on-line registration for the annual Provincial Championship

- Receive all entry fees
- Provide event Chair, directly following the registration deadline date, a spreadsheet of registered teams.
- Provide event posters to all NB Affiliated Curling Clubs.
- Ensure the event appears on the Curling NB Web Calendar and on the Provincial Events Schedule
- Provide provincial jackets and, if applicable, provincial shirts. (See Event Budgeting Guidelines)
- Retain a minimum of \$340 to cover the cost of provincial jackets and event posters. (See Event Budgeting Guidelines)
- If applicable (6+ team per division), retain a minimum of \$140 per division to cover the cost of provincial shirts. (See Event Budgeting Guidelines)
- Forward remaining event entry fees revenue to Host Club.
- Championship Banners: Home club of the championship team can request a Championship Banner at their own expense by contacting the Curling NB Executive Director.

Additional Host Committee Guidelines:

28. All aspects for hosting the games must be in compliance with these guidelines.

- The Provincial Championship Chairperson is responsible to assign/recruit a committee of individuals to assist with the planning and execution of the Provincial Championship.
- The Host Club agrees to perform ice maintenance as follows: the ice will be shaved, pebbled and nipped at the beginning of each day and after six games been curled on the ice surface in a single day. The ice must be pebbled and nipped after three games have been played on it. These are minimum requirements. Additional ice maintenance is at the discretion of the host club.
- Assign an individual to act as event/draw umpire. This individual is to be equipped with a copy of the CC Rules for General Play, the CSCA Rules of Play and a copy of these guidelines.
- Work with the NBCA Executive Director in preparing the event budget
- Liaise with the NBCA Executive Director to arrange for provincial jackets and NB Coat of Arms.
- Arrange with the host curling centre for a canteen/kitchen that can provide, at a cost, coffee, tea and snacks, if possible.

- Provide table favours following each draw. (ex: party mix)
- Host the NBSCA Annual General Meeting, to take place in conjunction with the bonspiel (See #8 above)
- 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 Chair of the NBSCA to establish and create the draw as soon as the registration of teams has closed.
- Welcome teams to the event.
- Assign an individual to direct teams to the ice for each draw.
- List of spares for Spares Pool.
- Acquire Championship trophy 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 the chairman of the host committee to be put on the agenda for the next AGM.

Revised: April 5, 2026