

# CURLING



## AGE GROUP(S)

Under 15 years of age (as of June 30, 2019)

## ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

8 Teams per gender (i.e., 8 male teams and 8 female teams)

The maximum team size shall be:

4 athletes per team

1 coach per team (Total of one (1) coach)

1\* chaperone per team (Total of one (1) Chaperone [if needed\*])

*\*only needed if Coach is different gender than the Athletes*

## TEAM FILL POLICY

A Team Fill Policy will be in effect in both the male and female events whereby if one (1) or more teams withdraw they will be replaced as follows:

First consideration goes to the team or teams that lost the final berth game at the same qualifying event as the team that has withdrawn. In the event that more than one team is equally entitled, then a playoff game will determine the berth. In the event a play-off game is not possible, Curling Alberta's tie-breaking procedure for berth allocation will apply as described in the 2019-2020 Competitor's Guide.

## ELIGIBILITY

### *Athletes*

Each player must meet all age, gender, and residency requirements, and must be a member of a Curling Alberta affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club. In this case a "Member" defined as follows:

- 1) A curler who has paid a fee known as a "Membership Fee" or equivalent to a Curling Alberta affiliated organization known as a curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent.
- 2) A curler who has paid league dues or similar registration fees to an Curling Alberta affiliated curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent, within which is included a membership fee or an inferred membership privilege in such curling club, curling centre, curling association or equivalent.

As it relates to the 2020 AWG Curling Competition, age eligibility is defined as less than 15 years of age as of June 30, 2019.

### Coaches

The following coach requirements will apply to the 2020 AWG Curling Competition:

- 1) All teams must have a coach.
- 2) All coaches must be at least 21 years of age as of the beginning of the competition.
- 3) A criminal records check is mandatory.
- 4) Complete the online Respect in Sport – Sport Activity Leader/Coach Program
- 5) Coaches are encouraged to be **Competition Coach Certified** as recognized by Curling Alberta and the Coaching Association of Canada. Note: this is not a requirement for the AWG Curling Competition.
- 6) Teams are allowed a maximum of one (1) coach, except in an approved mentor situation.
- 7) Coaches may only coach one team at the AWG Curling Competition (i.e., a coach may not coach in both the male and female events at the same time).

### ENTRY PROCEDURES

Only teams consisting of (4) four players and (1) one coach meeting the above requirements are permitted to enter. All entries will be submitted through the Curling Alberta website. The team entry fee will be \$225.00

Please note that all athletes who qualify to compete at the 2020 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones) are also required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will help offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Alberta Games.

### COMPETITION FORMAT

The Alberta Winter Games (AWG) Curling Competition will consist of (8) eight teams per gender, with the identical format used in both the male and female events. Preliminary round play will employ a two (2) pool round robin format (i.e., 2 pools of 4 teams each). Following the preliminary round the teams in each pool will be ranked 1st to 4th based on A) win-loss record, B) head-to-head result(s) if needed, and C) aggregate last stone draw distance (LSD) if needed.

The 1st and 2nd ranked teams from each pool will advance to the A Playoffs, while the 3rd and 4th ranked teams from each pool will compete in the B Playoffs. The semi-final play-off matchups will be as follows: A-Playoffs (Pool X 1st vs. Pool Y 2nd, Pool Y 1st vs. Pool X 2nd), B-Playoffs (Pool X 3rd vs. Pool Y 4th, Pool Y 3rd vs. Pool X 4th). The winners of the A semi-finals will advance to the A championship final, while the losers will play in the A consolation final. The winners of the B semi-finals will advance to the B championship final, while the losers will play in the B consolation final.

The above format will require a total of 5 draws (i.e., 3 in the preliminary round and 2 in the playoffs). The general draw schedule is as follows: Draw 1: Saturday, February 15 @ 10:00 am, Draw 2: Saturday, February 15 at 3:00 pm, Draw 3: Sunday, February 16

@ 10:00 am, Semi-Finals: Sunday, February 16 @ 3:00 pm, Finals: Monday @ 9:00 am. Considering the male and female events this draw schedule requires an 8-sheet curling facility with all sheets used each draw.

## **QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

Eight (8) teams per gender will qualify through three (3) Zone Qualifiers (i.e., South, North, and West), each of which will be open to curlers from all Zones. All three Qualifiers will be completed on or before **January 12, 2020**.

The specific dates and host clubs for these Qualifiers will be announced on or before **September 1, 2019**. Berths to the AWG will be distributed among the Qualifiers as per the method described in Curling Alberta's 2019-2020 Competitor's Guide.

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## **SPARE POOL**

A Spare Pool will be established by January 15 thereby ensuring that substitute curlers can be registered and available for the AWG. This Spare Pool will consist of a maximum of 4 male and 4 female curlers who meet the necessary age and residency requirements for the AWG. Furthermore, to ensure that they are readily available as needed at the AWG, all curlers in this Spare Pool will need to live within approximately one (1) hour of the Airdrie Curling Club. Please note that all spares must be drawn from this Spare Pool.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

With the exception of the rules and regulations included within this document, those laid out in Curling Alberta's Competitors' Guide will apply:

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All games in the AWG Curling Competition will be eight (8) ends in duration, plus extra end(s) if needed.

There will be no time clocks used in this event. However, teams will be encouraged by the Umpires to maintain a reasonable pace of play.

Two (2) different players will deliver LSD's prior to each game, with the combined distance which team has hammer in the first end. Please note that each player on the team must deliver at least (1) LSD during the Preliminary Round, and that all six (6) draws (i.e., 3 games x 2 draws per game) will be included in the aggregate LSD calculation noted within the tie-breaking protocols.

## PROTEST PROCEDURES

### On-Ice Protests

- 1) The Chief Umpire shall hear and determine appeals of decisions made by teams. The Chief Umpire's decision is final. The rules pertaining to on-ice violations cannot be appealed beyond the Chief Umpire.
- 2) The Chief Umpire shall be approved by Curling Alberta and the Host Community Sport Chair(s) and is responsible for the rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the "rules of play".
- 3) Protests of any other aspect of competition must be submitted within one (1) hour of detection.

## APPEALS & PRE-EVENT POLICY INTERPRETATIONS

For the sport of curling, the Alberta Winter Games will fall within the scope of the Curling Alberta appeals procedure. Individuals who wish to submit an appeal which may affect the outcome of the competition must do so prior to its commencement. It is the responsibility of all participants to be familiar with all applicable Curling Alberta policies and procedures.

Curling Alberta's Competitions Tribunal is delegated the authority to make pre-event policy interpretations for the Alberta Winter Games. During the AWG or a Qualifying Event, policy interpretations are the responsibility of the event's Chief Umpire. In both scenarios, consultation with the Curling Alberta's Provincial Sport Coordinator is expected wherever possible.

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## ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

The Provincial Sport Coordinator indicated above has been appointed by Curling Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the association's participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Curling in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator, or [visit www.curlingalberta.ca](http://www.curlingalberta.ca)