

APPENDIX:

Curling Alberta Optimist U18 Provincial Championships

See below for competition specific details. The rules and details contained in the main body of the Competitor's Guide apply to this competition. In the event there is a perceived conflict between the Competitor's Guide and this appendix, this appendix is considered to take priority.

Special note for all competitors under 18 years of age: As per section A(8) of the Competitor Guide, Curling Alberta will require at least one parent/guardian of each player under 18 years of age to complete the online Respect in Sport – Parent Program in order for the minor to participate in any sanctioned event.

An eligibility change effective 2018/2019, applies to competitors with a potential date conflict.

See Curling Alberta's Competitor's Guide for complete detail; the relevant changes are summarized below:

- Teams competing in Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifiers do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including the Provincial Championships, until they are eliminated. Teams will not be given the opportunity to replace team members unless it is due to any of the circumstances listed in section 13(a) of the Competitor's Guide.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter the U18 category and another category (e.g. Mixed Doubles, Juniors or Women's/Men's) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Provincial Championship.

A. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

1. The details and format are as described in sections 1 and 2(B) of the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy.
2. Eight provincial berths are awarded in total, per sex; seven of these berths are through Provincial Qualifiers, and one through a pre-qualifying bonspiel. Note that teams who have accepted a pre-qualifying berth to the Provincial Championships are ineligible to register for a Provincial Qualifier.
3. All games are eight ends.

4. The semis and finals will be timed with no penalty assessed. It is expected that teams will treat the clocks like there would be penalty if time runs out. This is for training purposes for this season only and penalties will be assessed next season.
5. There are no “free agents” or 5th players in any Curling Alberta U18 competition.

B. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The Provincial Championship is an eight (8) team triple knockout format with a consolation event.
2. All games are eight ends and are timed.
3. Teams will conduct a coin toss 30 minutes prior to draw time to determine stone handle colour or practice time.
4. Teams will draw for hammer (LSD) in pre-game practice (no requirement per player).
5. Teams must have a coach. Coaches at this competition are considered a team member and must abide by all relevant policies and team expectations (see the Guide for details).
6. PLAYOFFS- Page Playoff format shall be as follows:
 - a. The two C Event qualifiers will playoff in game CH #1. The winner advances to the semi-final (CH#3); the loser is eliminated.
 - b. The A and B Event qualifiers will playoff in game CH#2. The winner advances to the championship final (CH#4); the loser drops to the semi-final (CH#3).
 - c. The winners of game CH#2 and semi-final game CH#3 will playoff in the final (CH#4) to determine a champion.
 - ** NOTE: If hammer is predetermined, the team with hammer will have first practice.
 - d. In the CH #1 game, teams will draw for hammer and use the usual pre-game practice as above.
 - e. In the CH #2 game the team qualifying as “Q1” will have both hammer and choice of stone color.
 - f. In the CH #3 game the team losing CH #2 will have the both hammer and choice of stone color.
 - g. In the CH #4 game:
 - i. If the team qualifying as “Q1” wins game CH #2, they will have both hammer and choice of stone color.
 - ii. If the team qualifying as “Q2” wins game CH #2 and plays the team “Q1”, then “Q2” qualifier will have choice of hammer OR stone color.
 - ** CONSOLATION ROUND: LC1 plays LC4, LC3 plays LC2 in semi-final games. Winners play a championship game for 5th place and receive a consolation prize.
6. The draw and schedule for the 2019 Provincial Championships will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta website.
7. Because Alberta has been selected as host to the 2019 U18 Canadian Championships, Curling Alberta will award two berths per gender to the finalists of the U18 Provincial Championship to go the U18 Nationals for the 2018-2019 season.

As per Curling Alberta’s Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a Junior or U18 event sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire timeframe from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the endorsed event.