



APPENDIX:

Curling Alberta Bantam (U15) District Qualifiers & Championship ('Open')

These events are considered developmental opportunities, serving as a fun and engaging introduction to competition. Curling Alberta will conduct a full review of the structure and policies related to this age category in preparation for the 2019-2020 season.

See below for competition specific details for the 2018-19 season. 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.

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

- Teams competing in Curling Alberta Bantam District Qualifiers do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including the Championship event, 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 or in the case of other competitions pending approval. Curling Alberta must be notified immediately if a replacement is required.
 - Spares or replacement players must provide proof of birth date prior to playing their first game.
- A competitor may enter the Bantam category and another category (e.g. Mixed Doubles or U18) as long as there is no date conflict up to and including the Championship.
- Registered curlers may be either male or female and come from anywhere within the boundaries of Curling Alberta, and must be 14 or younger as of June 30, 2018 (U15).

COACHES

All teams must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 21 present at all levels of the competition(s). This person does not need to be certified and will have on-ice coaching privileges. This individual must provide Curling Alberta with a Criminal Record Check before the event begins.

Curling Alberta strongly encourages all teams to have a coach who is a fully trained Club Coach (Level 1) in curling through the NCCP coaching program. Note: coach certification requirements will be put in place for subsequent seasons.

EQUIPMENT:

Although WCF compliant brush heads are recommended, they are not required. Refer to the below for acceptable sweeping devices.

- Every player must have their own sweeping device
- Sweeping device is used as the 'target' broom in the house
- No hair or corn brooms are permitted for sweeping
- Only synthetic heads are permitted (no treated or coated material as they have potential to damage the ice)
- No stiffening devices (i.e. no inserts)

A. FOR DISTRICT QUALIFYING EVENTS:

1. Sixteen teams will advance to the Championship from the two District Qualifiers (eight qualifiers from each District event). If the number of entries in a District is less than eight, qualifying spots will be pro-rated based on the number of entries. Specific formats will be based on the number of entries in each qualifier.
2. All games are 8 ends but may be conceded anytime.
3. Games are not timed.
4. Teams conduct a coin toss for Last Stone or handle color. Last Stone has first practice. (There will be no Last Stone Draw (LSD)).
5. There are no "free agents" or 5th players in any Curling Alberta Bantam competition.
6. Up to two substitutions are permitted as per section 13(a) or other competitions, pending Curling Alberta's approval.

B. FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT:

1. The Championship event will consist of sixteen teams divided into four (4) pools. Pools will consist of one A winner, one B winner and 2 C winners. The A & B winners in each pool will not be from the same District. If ranking cannot be determined in this manner, then a random draw will take place. Every effort will be made to 'cross over' the two Districts.
2. All games are 8 ends but may be conceded anytime.
3. Games are NOT timed.
4. Teams conduct a coin toss for Last Stone or handle color. Last Stone has first practice. (No LSD)
5. Playoffs – After the 3 game round-robin, the first place team in each pool advances to play in 2 semi-final games. The winning teams proceed to play for the gold medal and the two losing teams will play for the bronze medal.
6. If there is a tie for top spot in a pool after round robin, the winner of the round robin game is ranked higher. Ties for last spot or third spot, etc. will not be broken.
7. If there is an unresolvable tie (i.e. three-way tie for 1st place) each team will deliver one draw to the button. The least distance is ranked higher.

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a Bantam, 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.