



EXCEL POINTS RACE

2019-2020

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The Excel Points Race is new ranking system for Alberta-based U18, U21, U26*, and Elite teams. The Excel Points Race will be used for multiple purposes, including determining the teams that qualify for the Excel Team Program and the Excel U18 and U21 Cups, along with berth(s) in various Provincial Championships (see category-specific appendices for berth allocation details).

All U18 and U21 Teams will be ranked based on the Excel Points structure described below.

ALL of the following events will be considered (i.e., no maximum number):

- **U18 Excel Cup:** 30-champion, 20-finalist, 15-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **U18 Qualifiers:** 15 for each Provincials berth **or** 2 per win
- **U18 Provincials:** 40-champion, 30-finalist, 20-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **U18 Nationals:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **Canada Winter Games Trials:** 40-champion, 30-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **Canada Winter Games:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 3 per win
- **U21 Excel Cup:** 60-champion, 40-finalist, 30-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U21 Qualifiers:** 30 for each Provincials berth **or** 4 per win
- **U21 Provincials:** 80-champion, 60-finalist, 40-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U21 Nationals:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **U21 Worlds:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win
- **Men's/Women's Provincials:** 160-champion, 120-finalist, 80-semi-finalist **or** 6 per win

ONLY a team's TOP-5 points totals from the following events will be considered:

- **U18 AJCT Bonspiels*:** 15-champion, 10-finalist, 7.5-semi-finalist, 5 quarter-finalist **or** 1 per win
- **U21 AJCT Bonspiels*:** 30-champion, 20-finalist, 15-semi-finalist, 10 quarter-finalist **or** 2 per win
- **AJCT Players' Championship:** 60-champion, 45-finalist, 30-semi-finalist, **or** 4 per win
- **WCT Bonspiels**:** 60-champion, 45-finalist, 30-semi-finalist, 20-quarter-finalist **or** 4 per win

**Playoff points will only be awarded to half the field or less.*

***These events must take place within Curling Alberta's established geographical boundaries.*

All U26* and Elite Teams will be ranked using CTRS points formulas for the events listed below:

Men's/Women's | Mixed Doubles

ONLY the following events will be considered (i.e., no maximum number):

- **WCT Bonspiels**** (Category Specific: Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles)
- **Qualifiers** (Category Specific: Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles)
- **Provincials** (Category Specific: Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles)
- **Nationals** (Category Specific: Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles)
- **Worlds** (Category Specific: Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles)

**To be eligible U26* teams must have an average age of 25 years or less as of June 30, 2019.*

***These events must take place within Curling Alberta's established geographical boundaries.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What will the Excel Points Race be used for?

A: The Excel Points Race will be used for a variety of different purposes. For example, it will determine berth(s) in various Provincial Championships (please see category-specific appendices for berth allocation details). It will also determine the Alberta teams that will be included both the Excel U18 Cup and the Excel U21 Cup.

Q: What about qualification for the Excel Team Program?

A: The Excel Points Race calculations, applied to the 2018-2019 season, will be used to determine the teams that will be included in the 2019-2020 Excel Team Program. This will be based on Combined Individual Points from 2018-2019 (i.e., $\frac{1}{4}$ share of the Excel Points earned by each curler's 'main team'). To clarify, this means the team that he/she was officially registered with (i.e., for Curling Alberta events, the AJCT, and/or the WCT) in 2018-2019. Please note that if a curler was officially registered on more than one team, the team with the highest point total will be considered his/her main team.

Q: What do I do if my name is not on the list?

A: If you recently aged out of juniors, your name will not appear on the list until you register with a men's or women's team for the Excel Points Race. If that is not your situation, please contact the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible.

Q: What about curlers moving to Alberta from another province?

A: Curlers moving to Alberta from another province can apply to have their results from the previous season considered, and potentially included. In the interest of fairness to everyone concerned, each application from a relocating curler will be reviewed on its own merits.

Q: Why is there no Strength of Field Multiplier (SFM) in the point calculations in U21 and U18?

A: To keep things simple in this first year, we have decided not to employ a SFM. As the year progresses, our goal is to further investigate a SFM and to test several approaches behind the scenes. Feedback will be sought from stakeholders after this first year.

Q: Why can teams get points for playing in an age category above their own?

A: Our goal was to build a ranking system that reflects each team's overall capability without worrying about building or protecting a ranking within a particular age category. It is more difficult to earn points as the teams play teams above their age category. For example, a U18 team playing in a U21 event might not have as much success as they would in their own age category. However, if they are successful they have earned those points. Remember, teams that choose to 'play up' can only gain points if they do well, and there is no guarantee that will occur.

Q: Do we need all 4 players in an event to earn points?

A: A team will earn points if 3 of 4 registered players compete in the event. The points earned reside with the team. If your team is competing with fewer than 4 of your original players, please notify the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible.

Q: What do I do if I notice something might not be correct with my team's or another team's points calculation?

A: If you are concerned with respect to the points that any team has been awarded, please contact the Excel Points Race Coordinator as soon as possible. Any challenges should be made as soon as possible, and must be made before the established deadlines for specific berths or selections.

Q: Can a team name five players and/or can a replacement player be named?

A: At this time teams cannot name five players. However, if a registered team member leaves partway through the season, a permanent replacement can then be named. Under these circumstances, the team would keep its current point total. However, in the event that a team changes two players, its point total will be reset to zero. The Excel Points Race Coordinator should be notified of any team changes. The deadline to submit the name of a replacement player is the first day of the first provincial championships in which the team competes.

Q: In the case of Mixed Doubles (MD), can a replacement player or substitute be used?

A: Because a MD team consists of only two players, replacement players and substitutes constitute an entirely new team. Only the points of the team that garnered the most points for an athlete will be included in the total.

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