

APPENDIX:

U21 Mixed Doubles

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

This appendix is subject to further review and evaluation, at a minimum, on an annual basis.

Special note for all competitors under 18 years of age: As per section 4 of the Competitors' 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. Access the RiS Parent Program registration and FAQ's: <https://curling-canada-parent.respectgroupinc.com/>.

With respect to an actual or potential date conflict:

- If a U21 Mixed Doubles team member has a conflict because they are representing Alberta or Canada at a National or International level in another category, he/she may be replaced on the U21 Mixed Doubles team in advance of any competition. A mixed doubles team cannot replace more than one player.
- In effect, this means a competitor may enter U21 Mixed Doubles and another category (eg. Juniors or Women's, Men's), and can subsequently be replaced for U21 Mixed Doubles if they qualify for National or International competition in the other category.

The draw and schedule for the Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be supplied to all teams and posted on the Curling Alberta Website. Reference the Competitors' Guide on the Curling Alberta Website for details on the draw making procedure and seeding if applicable.

A. FOR ALL MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITIONS:

1. All games are 8 ends.
2. Games may be timed; thinking time is 24 minutes; extra ends are 3 minutes.
3. Each team has two 90 second timeouts; and one timeout in each extra end.
4. In all Mixed Doubles competitions, with the exception of Provincial Championship playoffs, teams will conduct a coin toss to determine stone handle colour or practice order. See section C of this Appendix for provincial playoff procedures.
5. Pre-Game practice is 6 minutes per team.
 - a. Teams can throw all eight stones in pre-game practice and then select only five

- stones to throw for game play. They must keep those five stones for the entire game.
6. No stone in play, including the positioned stones and those in the house, can be moved to an out of play position prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of the end. The fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play.
 7. At the start of every end, the team with `hammer` will decide on the horizontal placement of the positioned stones (center or which side).
 8. Each team is allowed one Power Play per game determined by the team with hammer.
 - a. Vertical stone placement (depth of guard in front of the rings) is decided by the teams after the second practice and remains the same throughout the game.
 - b. The non-delivered stones or pre-positioned stones should be identified. Identifiers will be provided by the Chief Umpire.
 9. If the end was blanked, the team that delivered first in that end shall determine the placement of the positioned stones.
 10. Teams are not required to have a broom holder.
 11. Teams must have 1 male and 1 female. There is no mixed doubles spare pool. Mixed Doubles are not permitted a substitute and therefore a team would be disqualified if the original 2 players were unable to compete. However, a permanent replacement for one of the players may be granted by Curling Alberta, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by policy. See the Curling Alberta Competitors' Guide for player replacement criteria and procedures.
 12. There are no "free agents" in any Curling Alberta Mixed Doubles competition.

B. PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS:

There will be no Provincial Qualifiers staged in this competition. Instead, up to 24 teams may enter the Provincial Championship on a first-come-first-served basis.

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The Provincial Championship will use a round robin format with a maximum of 4 pools of 6 teams each. Following round robin a total of 8 teams (i.e., the first place and second place teams in each pool, assuming 4 pools) will qualify for single elimination playoff to determine a Provincial champion. If the Provincial entries are less than 24 teams, the draw and pool format may be adjusted accordingly by Curling Alberta.
2. This event shall be completed in no more than three days, and with rare exception (tie-breakers), no team should play more than three games in one day.
3. The pools will be seeded, in advance of the championship, by averaging the results of submitted team ranking ballots from all participants. Teams are required to submit **bio's** to improve the accuracy of ranking ballots.
4. In all round-robin games, teams deliver two (2) pre-game Last Stone Draws (LSD) to determine hammer in the first end; one by each player and one with each rotation. One LSD will be dropped in the determination of a team's final DSC score (the average of a team's 9 best LSD's will be their DSC score).

5. Assuming four pools, playoffs will be seeded amongst the 8 qualifiers;
 - a. Firstly by a team's placing in their respective pools; first place teams are ranked 1-4, and second place teams are ranked 5-8. A **first place** team will always play a second place team in the quarterfinals.
 - b. Secondly by round-robin win/loss records; and
 - c. Lastly by overall Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) score.
6. DSC scores may be used as round-robin tiebreaker criteria, as well as to assist as necessary with playoff seeding. Consult the Curling Alberta Competitors' Guide guide for tiebreaking rules (teams tied after round robin play). No team will be eliminated on the sole basis of DSC score.
7. There are no playoff stone selections. Teams must use stones from the assigned sheets.
8. Playoff stone colour/hammer selection(s) will follow policy described in Competitor's' Guide, section 2(C)(6).

As per Curling Alberta's Code of Conduct, please be advised that competitors and coaches are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during a U15, U18 or Junior (U21) events sanctioned by Curling Alberta. This shall include the entire time period from departure to the competition through to and including arrival at home from the sanctioned event.