

APPENDIX: 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.

Teams competing in a Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifier event do so with the knowledge that they must continue to play at all levels, up to and including provincials, until they are eliminated.

- If a 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 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 mixed doubles and another category (eg. Juniors or Women's, Men's), and can subsequently be replaced for Mixed Doubles if they qualify for National or International competition in the other category.

In summary, 24 provincial berths are awarded in total.

- Three (3) of these berths are awarded through the pre-qualifying policy (i.e.- In order: defending champion, CMDR, and Excel Points Race berths). Consult the Curling Alberta Provincial Berth Policy for details. A team accepting a pre-qualifying berth is ineligible to compete for a standard qualifying berth in a Provincial Qualifier. Conversely, a team earning a standard qualifying berth through a Provincial Qualifier is ineligible to accept a pre-qualifying berth.
- Twenty-one (21) additional standard berths into the Provincial Championships are awarded in total, all through the Provincial Qualifiers.

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 Competitor's Guide for details on 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. Pace of play may be further managed by the Chief Umpire.
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. QUALIFIER PLAYDOWNS:

In advance of the provincial championship, three separate Provincial Qualifiers will be conducted and standard qualifying berths will be awarded as per Curling Alberta Berth Policy.

1. For PQ's, teams will draw for hammer (LSD) immediately following pre-game practice (no per player requirement).

C. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. The provincial championship format is a **24 team** round robin event with 4 pools of 6 teams. The top 2 in each pool will advance to a single elimination 8-team playoff to determine a Provincial champion.
2. The pools will be seeded, in advance of the championship, using an equally weighted (50/50) formula combining Excel Points and the results of submitted team ranking ballots from all participants. Teams are required to submit **bio's** to improve the accuracy of ranking ballots.
3. In all round-robin games, teams deliver two (2) pre-game Last Shot 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).
4. 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 from a different pool in the quarterfinals.
 - b. Secondly by round-robin win/loss records; and
 - c. Lastly by overall Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) score.
5. 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.
6. There are no playoff stone selections. Teams must use stones from the assigned sheets.
7. Playoff stone colour/hammer selection(s) will follow policy described in Competitor's' Guide, section 2(C)(6).