



Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements 2018-2019

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship for curling clubs to engage their members to participate and represent their curling club at a regional competition which leads to the provincial / territorial championship and ultimately the national curling club championships.

The event was created for true club-based teams. The objective is to support the development of grassroots curling across Canada.

With this objective in mind, here are the eligibility requirements for events leading to the November 2019 National Curling Club Championships. Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of this event as it pertains to the rules below:

- 1) The curling club represented by each team, must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Association, must be in good standing with all applicable dues paid in full.
- 2) Players of any club team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
- 3) Any competitor **is not** required to be a Canadian citizen.
- 4) All four (4) members and any alternates **must be** bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent unless granted an exception by the Member Association.
- 5) Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club, but must declare one "home club" for this competition.

- 6) Each Member Association reserves the right to limit the number of teams qualifying from each club. Curling Alberta will allow only one team of each gender from each club to register for the qualifying events.

- 7) Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
 - (a) Regular league players, or;
 - (b) A club championship process, or;
 - (c) A designated Curling Club Championship event within the club;
 - (d) In each of Rule 6) (a)(b)(c), teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current curling season.
 - (e) Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and / or women's set team leagues) **may be granted an exemption** to Rule (6)(d) by written request to their provincial / territorial Member Association.

- (7) The use of the delivery stick by any or all four players (and any alternate) **IS** acceptable subject to the Curling Canada rules under **Rule 19. Curling With A Delivery Stick**.

- (8) Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) replacement player from the club is allowed.

- (9) The replacement player **must play the lead position** (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.

- (10) If the Member Association playdown process includes a number of steps before declaring a champion, then the team may add a different spare at each level provided they play lead and are a member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.

- (11) Teams who play exclusively in a major / super league - where teams from more than one (1) club compete - **are ineligible** for the Curling Club Championships unless the team competes in another eligible league in an affiliated club.

- (12) **EXEMPTION:** Each four-person team is allowed one (1) player:
- (a) Who has played in **any** named Curling Canada event* in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** (regardless of finish) **or**,
 - (b) Who has played in **any** provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event* in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** season (regardless of finish) **or**,
 - (c) Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** season (regardless of finish).

For example: Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends but he also represented Ontario last season at the Brier with his elite team. Craig and his Wednesday-night-team of friends **would be eligible** for the Curling Club Championships;

However, the other three (3) team members of Craig’s Wednesday team **cannot** have played in the following:

- (i) **Any** Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current season and the past two (2) seasons.
- (ii) **Any** provincial / territorial championship leading to **any** Curling Canada event* in the **current season and the previous two (2) seasons**, unless their final ranking is less than the threshold of the respective Member Association (see chart).

Member Association	Your remain eligible if.....
Alberta	You finish 9 th or lower at any provincial championship with the exception of Mixed Doubles. *see the special note at the end of this document
British Columbia	You compete in any provincial championship
Manitoba	You finish 9 th or worse at any provincial
New Brunswick	You finish outside the championship round at provincials OR you finish 4 th or worse at open

	provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 4th or worse at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 3rd or worse at provincials
Northwest Territories	You finish runner-up or worse at the territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 4 th or worse at provincials
Nunavut	You finish runner-up or worse at the territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 9 th or worse at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You finish runner-up or worse at the territorial championship
Quebec	You finish 4 th or worse at provincials
Saskatchewan	You finish 9 th or worse at any provincial
Yukon	You finish runner-up or worse at the territorial championship

** Curling Canada events include: mixed, Canada Cup, under-21, tournament of hearts, brier, seniors, mixed doubles, university, college, under-18.*

- (13) Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having **not played** in those events.
- (14) Players who competed in the **previous season's** Canadian Curling Club Championships are **ineligible** to compete the following season at any level.
- (15) Each team is comprised of three (3) players that are a **minimum of 19 years of age** or over as of June 30th the year prior to the national championship. For example, a player must be 19 years of age on June 30th, 2019 for the November 2019 National Curling Club Championship.
- (16) Any team is allowed one (1) player under 19 years of age whom shall be considered a

“minor” and must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible to cover all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.

- (17) Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Any request must be submitted by the Provincial / Territorial Member Association. Curling Canada will consult with the Provincial / Territorial Member Association and will notify them within five (5) business in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The mixed doubles exemption in the eligibility chart above will be revised for Alberta next season. For the 2019-2020 season, a player will become ineligible if he or she has placed within the top eight at the Mixed Doubles Provincial Championships in the 2018-2019 season (assuming that the team already has one player who meets the criteria listed in points 12 (a) (b) (c)).

Any questions regarding the qualification process or eligibility criteria should be directed to Curling Alberta.