



2019 Canadian Wheelchair Championships:

In the 2019 season, Curling Canada will pilot a 14 Team Canadian Wheelchair Championship. The predominant objective of an expanded championship is the hope that it will contribute to the recruitment, development and retention of wheelchair curlers in Canada.

We are well aware that participant numbers have declined in some regions and that additional Provincial/Territorial curling club-based initiatives will be required to expand/enhance the wheelchair curling experience in Canada. We realize that simply expanding the Canadian Championship will not be enough on its own and thus the decision to create this pilot project to be further assessed after 3 years. Further discussion is required in regard to developing and implementing additional recruitment, development and retention strategies at the MA and club level.

Logistics:

14 teams include:

- Provinces/Territories committed to sending a team (NL, NS, NB, QC, ON, NO, MB, SK, AB, BC) *
- Host team (QC for 2019)
- The top three ranked teams from 2018 SK(1), MB(2) and BC(3) **

* In future years, should another MA (not listed above) decide to field a team by the September 1st deadline, the invitation to the third ranked team will be withdrawn.

** Should an MA decide not to accept one of the additional spots in the 14 team event, Curling Canada will assign the entry based on merit supported by relevant criteria.

Format:

- Two pools of 7 (six games played)
- Top three in each pool make the playoffs (no tiebreakers for 3rd place)
- Top team in each pool get byes to the semi finals
- The other 8 non-playoff teams will play a single game for final ranking purpose
- The event is 7 days long with Day 1 for pre-competition practice and Day 7 for one round of medal games (plus banquet)

Funding:

Curling Canada will fund 100% of travel to and from the host site for 14 teams of 5 people. Additionally, Curling Canada will provide all 14 teams with an event subsidy of \$1,000 per team

Teams are fully responsible for their own hotel rooms and must stay at the host hotel to be able to play in the championship.