



## **Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements**

**November 2018**

For the 2018 - 2019 season, rules have been established allowing Member Associations additional club participation in an attempt to grow the number of teams competing.

The event would continue to target non-elite teams (grassroots club curlers) who compete in their clubs regularly. However eligible teams are not limited to being the club champion.

The fundamental change proposed would allow Member Associations to control the number of entries per club. For example, Saskatchewan prefers to allow any eligible team to enter the regional playdowns. Or Ontario prefers to restrict the number of entries to a maximum of one per club.

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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 proposed 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.
- 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 7) (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.
  
- 8) 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**.
  
- 9) Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) replacement player from the club is allowed.
  
- 10) The replacement player **must play the lead position** (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
  
- 11) 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.
  
- 12) 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.
  
- 13) **EXEMPTION:** Each four-person team is allowed one (1) player:
  - (a) Who has played in **any** named Curling Canada event\* in **any** season (regardless of finish) **or**,
  - (b) Who has played in **any** provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event\* in **any** season (regardless of finish) **or**,
  - (c) Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in **any** 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	Eligible if.....
Alberta	You finish 9 <sup>th</sup> or lower at any provincial
British Columbia	You compete in any provincial championship
Manitoba	You finish 9 <sup>th</sup> or lower at any provincial
New Brunswick	You finish outside the championship round at provincials OR you finish 4 <sup>th</sup> or lower at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 4 <sup>th</sup> or lower at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or lower at provincials
Northwest Territories	You finish runner-up or lower at the territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 4 <sup>th</sup> or lower at provincials
Nunavut	You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or lower at territorials
Ontario	You finish 9 <sup>th</sup> or lower at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You finish runner-up or lower at the territorial championship
Quebec	You finish 4 <sup>th</sup> or lower at provincials
Saskatchewan	You finish 9 <sup>th</sup> or lower at any provincial
Yukon	You finish runner-up or lower at the territorial championship

*Curling Canada events include: Mixed, Canada Cup, Under-21, Tournament of Hearts, Brier, Seniors, Mixed Doubles, University, College, Under-18.*

- 14) Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having **not to have played** in those events.
- 15) Players who competed in the **previous season's** Canadian Curling Club Championships are **ineligible** to compete the following season at any level.

- 16) Each team is comprised of a minimum 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.
  
- 17) 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.
  
- 18) 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.