

Excerpt from CurlingNT Competitions Policies



SECTION 8 - CHAMPIONSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Definition

1. CURLING NT (formerly known as the Northwest Territories Curling Association) including its Competition Liaisons, Chief Umpires, Employees, Board and appointed representatives
2. Competitor/Coach: Any person who is participating in or who has participated as a member of any team in any competition or event sponsored, promoted, endorsed or supported by the CURLING NT.
3. Decision: Any decision or rule interpretation made or disciplinary measure taken by the CURLING NT

B. Obligations of Competitors/Coaches:

1. All competitors entering an NWT Championship shall abide by the Rules of Officiated Play of Curling Canada and the CURLING NT Championship Rules and Policies. The spirit of fair play and sportsmanship should be exhibited. **Reminder:** Only **two** player changes may be made to the team from the start of club playdowns through to the national level of play.
2. Teams entering NWT Championships must be prepared to continue to the next level of play should they be declared NWT Champions at the end of the Championships involved. Should any changes be made to the initial team roster on the registration form, they must be immediately submitted to the CURLING NT Director of Competitions as well as the Chief Umpire of the competition.
3. At least one (1) member of the team must be in attendance at the Team Meeting.
4. **Youth events only.** Use of alcohol, cannabis or illicit drugs is not permitted from the start of the competition until the final activity of the championships. This includes athletes, coaches, and chaperones, no matter the age of the participants.
5. As indicated in the Curlers' Code of Ethics, "I will conduct myself in an honourable manner both on and off the ice". Teams who represent the CURLING NT at national championships represent all members of the CURLING NT and are role models to our membership particularly junior curlers and our elders. All teams who represent the CURLING NT at national championships are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the values of the CURLING NT from the time they are declared champions until they return to their home clubs following the national championships. Sanctions may be imposed for those team members who cast the CURLING NT and its membership in a poor light.
6. **Immediately** following the winner being declared, one of the Host Committee will assist the team with online registration for the Canadian event as well as jacket sizing and official photographs.

C. Disciplinary Measures

1. The CURLING NT shall have the right to administer disciplinary measures in the

event of contravention of any of the above specified obligations by the Competitor/Coach/Official. Such disciplinary measures shall include but not be limited to:

- a) Informal reprimand (verbal);
 - b) Formal reprimand (written);
 - c) Temporary suspension from a competition;
 - d) Permanent suspension from a competition;
 - e) Disqualification from a competition;
 - f) Dismissal from any team competing in a competition.
2. The CURLING NT may impose the following sanctions for noted infractions:
- a) Officials consuming alcohol while on duty will be removed from that game. A letter of reprimand will be placed on the officials file held by the Director of Officiating;
 - b) Not having at least one member of the team at the team meeting: the team will lose hammer and choice of rocks for the entire championship including playoffs.

D. Sanctions

1. All competitors who do not comply with the obligations of the Competitors/Coaches shall be sanctioned in the following manner:
 - a. As prescribed in the Rules of Officiated Play of Curling Canada.
 - b. As prescribed in this document or as written in the CURLING NT Competitor Guide for the championship.
2. Teams who have registered for the CURLING NT Championships and who do not show up to play at the CURLING NT Championships will be sanctioned by the CURLING NT in the following manner:
 - a. Up to a one-year suspension from playdowns.
 - b. A letter will be sent to clubs and each team member who will have ten (10) days to appeal.
 - c. Upon appeal of the sanction, a team may be reinstated. Appeals are on a case-by-case basis.
3. Teams who are declared Team NWT who do not continue to the next level of competition will be sanctioned by the CURLING NT in the following manner:
 - a. Up to a one-year suspension from playdowns.
 - b. A letter will be sent to clubs and each team member who will have ten (10) days to appeal.
 - c. Upon appeal of the sanction, a team may be reinstated. Appeals are on a case-by-case basis.
4. Teams who fail to have at least one (1) member present during the Team Meeting will be sanctioned in the following manner:
 - a. will lose hammer for their first game of the event.
5. A competitor/coach showing up appearing to be grossly impaired/intoxicated: The competitor/coach will be removed from the facility immediately. If a second incident occurs during that competitive season, they will be removed for the remainder of the competitive season.

E. Appeal Procedure

1. On-ice infractions:
 - a) The Chief Umpire shall rule on any disputes arising on-ice.
 - b) During a championship, teams have fifteen minutes from the end of the game to make an appeal regarding that game. If an appeal is made, the Appeals Committee for that championship will convene to rule on the appeal.
2. For off-ice infractions:
 - a) Teams have ten days from the receipt of the letter regarding a sanction to appeal.
 - b) Should an appeal be required, the CURLING NT Board will convene an Appeals Committee. The Appeal Committee shall consist of the Director of Competitions and two other people from the list below:
 - i) The President of the CURLING NT;
 - ii) The Vice President of the CURLING NT;
 - iii) The Past President of the CURLING NT;
 - iv) Any member of the CURLING NT Executive; Note: Any two of the three can rule on the appeal.
 - a) The appeal shall be heard at a time determined by the Director of Competitions.
 - d) A Notice of Appeal shall concisely state the reasons and grounds for the appeal and shall be delivered to the Director of Competitions.
 - e) All interested parties shall have a right to attend the appeal and be entitled to be represented at the appeal by an agent or by legal counsel and shall have the right to present evidence and arguments thereat, provided, however, that the Director of Competitions shall be entitled to refuse adjournments including adjournments that are being requested to enable an agent/legal counsel to attend.
 - f) The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on both the CURLING NT and the competitor(s). There shall be no further appeal from the decision of the Appeal Committee.