



Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements

November 2019

For the 2019 - 2020 season, the rules have been updated allowing Member Associations additional club participation in an attempt to grow the number of teams competing and to clarify 'grey' areas in interpretation.

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

The fundamental changes will 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 all participants will respect the intent of the Curling Club Championships 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 2020 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) A 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 the player 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 (7)(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 **per level of competition**. If the Member Association playdown process includes a number of steps before declaring a champion, the team has the option of using a different spare at each level. The replacement player **must play the lead position** (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club. **No exceptions**.
- 10) 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.
- 11) **EXEMPTIONS:** Each four-person team is allowed one (1) player:
 - (a) Who has played in the Canadian Mixed; and/or, the Canada Cup; and/or the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Canadian Mixed Doubles; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials event in the current and previous two (2) seasons (regardless of finish); or,
 - (b) Who has played in any provincial / territorial event leading to the Canadian Mixed; and/or, the Canada Cup; and/or the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Canadian Mixed Doubles; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials event in the current and previous two (2) seasons (regardless of finish); or,
 - (c) Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current and previous two (2) seasons (regardless of finish).

For example: Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends and 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 Club Championships; **however, the other three (3) team members of Craig’s Wednesday team CANNOT have played in the following:**

- (a) **Any** Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current and previous two (2) seasons.
- (b) **Any** provincial / territorial championship leading to leading to the Canadian Mixed; and/or, the Canada Cup; and/or the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Canadian Mixed Doubles; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials event in the current and previous two (2) seasons (regardless of finish); or,, unless their final ranking is less than the threshold of the respective Member Association (see chart).

Member Association	You are ineligible if.....
Alberta	You finished 8 th or better at any provincial
British Columbia	You competed in any provincial championship
Manitoba	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
New Brunswick	You finish in the championship round at provincials OR you finish 3 rd or better at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 2 nd or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	You win a territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Nunavut	You win a territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You win a provincial championship
Quebec	You finish 3 rd or better at provincials
Saskatchewan	You finish 8 th or better at any provincial
Yukon	You win a territorial championship

- 12) Alternate players at the Canada Cup; and/or the Continental Cup; and/or, the Under-21; and/or, the Tournament of Hearts; and/or the Brier; and/or, the Canadian Seniors; and/or, the Under-18; and/or, the Canadian Wheelchair; and/or, any Canadian Trials event in the current and previous two (2) seasons (regardless of finish); are considered as having **not to have played** in those events.
- 13) Players (individually or as a team) who competed in the **previous season's** Canadian Curling Club Championships are **ineligible** to compete the following season at any level.
- 14) Each team will be 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, 2020 for the November 2020 National Curling Club Championship.
- 15) Any team is allowed one (1) player under 19 years of age whom shall be considered a "minor". They 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.
- 16) 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.