

# CURLSASK

## Policy Registry

### C-01 Competitions Policy

**Committee Responsible:** Competition

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#### REVISIONS:

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#### PURPOSE:

- Ensure CURLSASK runs appropriate competitions for athlete/coach development as it relates to the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model
- Ensure CURLSASK has a process to determine Provincial teams to National Competitions
- Establish qualification process and structure for competitions
- Establish general rules for all competitions

#### POLICY:

- Hold Provincial Competitions with the winner representing Saskatchewan at the Curling Canada National Championship: Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, U18 Men, U 18 Women, Travelers Men, Travelers Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Mixed and Mixed Doubles
- Hold Provincial Competition for Master Men and Master Women, with the winner representing Saskatchewan at the Master Nationals Competition, organized by a committee of a Member Association
- Wheelchair Provincial Team that will attend the Curling Canada National Wheelchair Championships determined as per **Wheelchair Provincial Team Selection policy**.
- Apply to be part of the Sask Winter Games program held once every four years
- Apply to be part of the First Nations Winter Games program held once every two years.
- The addition of new competition(s) or event(s) merits consideration when at least one of the following elements exists for the proposed new competition/event:
  - is in alignment with the long-term athlete development (LTAD) plan;
  - if a CURLSASK representative is required to participate in a new Curling Canada - sanctioned event;
  - existing Regional or Club events in the majority of the province has existed for at least three years
  - there is a justifiable marketing or sponsorship value.
  
- The qualification process and structure for each competition may be different based on the defined purpose(s) of the competition. The defined purpose can be one or more of the following: Elite, Participatory, Athlete/Team Development or Positive Exposure/Public Relations.



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- The Competition Committee will determine the qualification process and structure for each competition and provide a written report over viewing such to the CURLSASK Board of Directors by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Once receiving the report, the CURLSASK Board may request more information, reasons and rationales and suggest changes. The CURLSASK Board has final approval on the qualification process and structure of all Competitions.
- CURLSASK Affiliate and Associate Members may also provide suggestions or changes to competitions to the Competition Committee. If a member proposal is brought forth at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) that pertains to competition qualification process and structure, the Competition Committee upon review of the proposal would provide information to the Membership at the AGM on implications of said proposal.
- General Rules of Competition for the CURLSASK will be as follows:
  1. Only those players who are members of an affiliated curling club within CURLSASK may participate.
  2. All participants in competitions must be affiliated with CURLSASK and adhere by CURLSASK's Residency Policy.
  3. Curling Canada's rules of the game shall apply in all games at all playdown levels, unless superseded by CURLSASK general rules and rules outlined in Competitor Guides specific to each competition.
  4. **All competitions have specific rules governing that competition.** Failure to comply with competition rules, could result in disqualification or suspension of team and/or individual.
  5. CURLSASK will appoint a Chief Official for Saskatchewan to determine rule interpretation or guidelines. The Competition Committee appoints Head Officials to most Qualifying Events/Provincial competitions. All CURLSASK sanctioned events that do not have an appointed official, the CURLSASK Liaison, Region Coordinator or their appointed designate is the Head Official. In situations where a decision or rule interpretation of a Liaison or Coordinator is protested, then a final appeal may be made to the Chief Official.
  6. Teams must enter by deadline stated in order to be eligible to compete. Teams competing in a competition do so with the knowledge they must continue to play until eliminated. If circumstances cause a team to withdraw from a competition, the team shall provide, in writing (email is sufficient), the reasons and rationales on the withdrawal. Teams could face sanctions or penalties as determined by the Competition Committee after the withdrawal.
  7. Should a team winning at any level of CURLSASK sanctioned competitions, be unable to continue in the competition, it shall be the duty of the skip of such team to notify the Competition Committee, in writing, immediately after the close of play. In such cases, the runner-up team in the same group shall be entitled to the position rights and all other privileges of the defaulting team. The coordinator shall notify the skip of the runner-up team accordingly.



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8. Draws for all competitions are at the discretion of the Region Coordinator and/or Competition Committee.
9. The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a “delivery stick” which enables a player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the handle is not considered acceptable at the Canadian Seniors, Juniors, Mixed, Mixed Doubles, Men’s and Women’s Championships and therefore is not acceptable at all level of Provincial Playdowns leading to Curling Canada National sanctioned events.
10. It is mandatory that all teams have representation at the CURLSASK Officials/Team meeting unless permission is granted by the Competition Liaison. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting last rock in the first end for the entire competition, including playoffs.
11. It is mandatory that all team members and coaches will attend the opening ceremonies, official banquet/luncheon and other sponsored functions unless permission is granted by the Competition Liaison. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting last rock in the first end for the entire competition, including playoffs.
12. Team members and coaches shall abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by CURLSASK for all competitions.
13. To constitute a team, the team must have at least 50% of its original registered players to commence and conclude a game. Clarification: For competitions with four player teams, two original registered players will constitute 50%. For Mixed Doubles play, one of the original players will be considered 50% of the original team.
14. **SUBSTITUTION**  
*(For all competitions except Club Championship, Winter Games & Mixed Doubles– see current Yearbook and/or Competitor Guide for these Competitions)*  
Following the registration of their four players by the entry deadline and, at any level of the competition, should a player be unable to play due to extenuating circumstances (as approved by CURLSASK Chief Official or the Event Competition Liaison), the team will be permitted one eligible substitute or the option of continuing with the remaining three players.  
Exception:
  - In Mixed competition four players are required to commence and conclude a game, therefore two substitutes would be allowed.
  - When CURLSASK or Curling Canada Competition dates conflict, the team will be allowed to select a maximum of 2 substitutes. If a substitute becomes a replacement and that member is unable to play, the team will be allowed another substitute.The following are criteria for all substitutes at all CURLSASK competitions:
  - a) The substitute is a temporary player who may play the position of the indisposed player or lower.



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- b) The substitute must be a member of an affiliated CURLSASK Club. The substitute is subject to the eligibility rules regarding gender, age, and any specific substitution rules of the competition. (see each specific competition)
- c) A substitute can substitute for multiple teams as long as that substitute meets the eligibility criteria of the specific competition.
- d) The team requiring the substitute must indicate if substitute is required for one game, multiple games, or the entire competition.
- e) Is committed to the team he/she substitutes until being released. He/she may then substitute for another team at that level.
- f) The substitute is not required to pay the Curling Canada participant fee.
- g) The Competition Liaison and Head Official involved must be advised of any substitution.
- h) At CURLSASK Provincial Competitions the host club shall provide a pool of substitutes. Should a team require a substitute, they may select an eligible substitute as per the rules of competition OR a player from the substitute pool. The substitute pool is for use of emergency substitute situations and will only be available for selection during the competition.

### 15. REPLACEMENT

*(For all competitions except Club Championship & Winter Games & Mixed Doubles – see current Yearbook and/or Competitor Guide for these Competitions)*

Following the registration of their four players by the entry deadline should a team decide to permanently replace a player, meaning the new player becomes a registered member of the team, the original player being replaced shall be disqualified from further play in that and any subsequent levels of play in the Province in that competition for that year.

The following are criteria for all replacements for all CURLSASK competitions:

- a) At all times a team must have at least two (2) original registered members.
- b) The replacement must be a member of an affiliated CURLSASK Club. The substitute is subject to the eligibility rules regarding gender and age of that competition
- c) The replacement is required to pay Curling Canada's participant fee.
- d) The Competition Liaison and Head Official involved must be advised of any substitution.

In special circumstances, a replaced player may apply to CURLSASK Chief Official for reinstatement of eligibility in order to enter the competition with another team. Application must be made in writing (e-mail is sufficient) to CURLSASK Chief Official at least 3 days prior to wanting to compete with any other team at any level of the competition. A player may only request to be reinstated once for each competition.

- 16. Should a player discontinue play except in accordance with the substitution rules, or should a player or team violate the rules of the competition the player and/or team may be subject to a disqualification, suspension or expulsion.
- 17. Where curling ice is being installed in a hockey arena, competing team members and coaches will not be allowed to play, practice or match rocks prior to their scheduled pre-competition practice(s) at CURLSASK competition events. **The penalty for such an infraction is that the offending team will forfeit last rock advantage in all their games in that level of competition.**



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18. Each game shall start at the time designated by CURLSASK. If a team is unable to commence play at the designated time, the following takes place:
  - a) if the delay of the start of play is 10 - 19 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one point, and will have last stone in the first end of actual play, one end is considered completed
  - b) if the delay of the start of play is 20 - 29 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one additional point, and will have last stone in the first end of actual play, two ends are considered played
  - c) if play starts, the playing time allotted to each team is reduced by 4 minutes for each end considered played.
  - d) if play has not started after 30 minutes, then the non-offending team is declared the winner by forfeit. A forfeited game is recorded as 1 point in the first end, 1 point in the second end and the third end is marked with X's. The final score is 2 - 0.
19. The use of radio frequency (RF) microphones on players will only be allowed for CURLSASK competitions where there is an approved webcasting, television or media partner. The use of RF microphones for training purposes for coaching are not allowed in CURLSASK competitions.
20. The CURLSASK Competition Committee is empowered to recommend to the Board of Directors the disqualification, suspension or expulsion, for just cause, of any player from CURLSASK Competitions for such period as the committee feels just, and that a full report of the alleged infraction or incident for which the player is being recommended for suspension or expulsion be given to the Board of Directors including a report from the player in question.
21. The CURLSASK Competition Committee is empowered to make such decisions as considered necessary to handle any situation not covered by these rules or Rules of the Game. This includes power to amend rules where emergency situations during the championships so warrant. All decisions of the CURLSASK Competition Committee shall be final and binding.
22. The CURLSASK Competition Committee can include additional information in the General Rules as it relates to other policies.