

**C-14 Residency Policy**

**Committee Responsible: Competition**

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This policy pertains to the residency requirements for the following competitions: The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's & Women's, Masters, U18 and Travelers Curling Championships.

The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's and Women's, Masters, U18 and Travelers Championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals that are Canadian Citizens and bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent. Therefore, "free agents" are not permitted in these competitions.

**It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season.** (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the play-down process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national event. These include Masters, U18, The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year's group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example – the 2017 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2016 will be considered a part of the 2015/16 Championship season for residency purposes.)

**An individual claiming to be a bona fide resident of Saskatchewan, whose play-down structure he or she wishes to enter, must be able to provide a minimum of three of the following four items to CURLSASK (if requested please fill out Appendix A):**

- \*\* Current Saskatchewan Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID)**
- \*\* Current Health Care Card from Saskatchewan**
- \*\* Letter from employer confirming employment within Saskatchewan**
- \*\* Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within Saskatchewan– a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

Traditional, on-campus, full time students that are attending a recognized post-secondary educational institute may be requested to provide proof of residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution that the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

To participate in the Canadian Championships identified above, individuals MUST be permanent residents

of the province/territory in which they wish to enter play-downs prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the championship season (for example – prior to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016 for the 2016/17 championship season). This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- Transfer due to employment
- School attendance
- Military service and transfer

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations where:

- Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial/territorial boundary
- Full-time, on campus students that are attending a recognized post-secondary educational institute may either play out of the province/territory in which they are attending school or the province/territory in which they are maintaining a residence. An individual may be requested to provide proof of registration and semester transcripts.
- Individuals that reside in province/territory “A” and conduct the majority of their work outside of province/territory “A”, may represent province/territory “A” on the premise that they can validate that the majority of their non-work and non-train/compete time is spent in province/territory “A”.
- Individuals that have a primary residence in province/territory “A”, a temporary/secondary residence in province/territory “B” and conduct the majority of their work in province/territory “B” may represent province/territory “B” on the premise that they can validate that the majority of their work related time is spent in province/territory “B”. **(The individual must provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, of the curling season the exemption is being requested for, will be located with the geographical area of province/territory “B”).**

### Process for Exemption Requests:

- Exemption requests (Appendix B) must be received by the applicable Member Associations a minimum of 30 days prior to the Member Association’s entry deadline.
- Detailed information will be required with the exemption request
- The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
  - CEO of the Curling Canada
  - Director, High Performance of the Curling Canada
  - Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council
- Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer and representative[s] of the applicable Member Associations.
- Individuals that meet the exemption criteria will be considered bona fide residents of the Member Association granting the exemption.

For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allow a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These circumstances must be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).



## Policy Registry

Any individual who has provided proof of residency or has been granted an exemption will also provide a signed waiver that will agree to a one year suspension from any Curling Canada sanctioned championship OR championships coordinated by Member Associations in the event it is discovered that any information has been provided in a fraudulent/negligent manner.

### **Process for Challenges**

It is understood that this policy will be a national policy and, in the event the policy is challenged, Curling Canada will assist in the defense of any challenge at the Member Association level and/or protect Curling Canada's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.



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### APPENDIX A

#### Proof of Residency Requirements

Use this form if:

- You have been requested to show proof of residency by a Provincial/territorial Member Association.
- You are requesting residency to compete in playdowns in a Province/territory and you have not been a permanent resident of that province/territory by the September 1 deadline

#### 1. Athlete Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days/months/years at present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Canadian Citizen? (Please circle Yes or No )

(Canadian Citizenship is required for participating in events leading to a World Championship)

#### 2. Proof of Residency

Competition Season: 20\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which three items you have included as proof of residency:

- **Current Saskatchewan Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID)**
- **Current Health Care Card from Saskatchewan**
- **Letter from employer confirming employment within Saskatchewan**
- **Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within Saskatchewan– a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

*\*Traditional, on-campus full-time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full-time status and class enrollment for the academic year.*





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### Appendix B

#### Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements for Championships

Use this form if you reside in one province/territory and are requesting an exemption to participate in another province/territory based on one of the following circumstances:

- You are living within a short distance of a provincial/territorial border
- You are a full-time or part-time student wishing to compete in the province/territory where you are attending school versus your province/territory of your permanent residence.
- You are based in two locations due to your employment situation
- You have been requested to complete this form by CURLSASK.

***Applications must be received by the Provincial/territorial Member Association office the applicant is wishing to compete in, a minimum of 30 days prior to the entry deadline of the competition(s) the applicant wishes to compete in.***

Please note: Traditional, on-campus, full-time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school’s Registrar’s Office confirming full-time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution which the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:

- CEO of the CC
- Director, High Performance, of the CC
- Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council

Athlete to complete sections 1 to 3

#### 1. Athlete Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Exemption Request:

Competition Season requesting for: 20\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Requesting exemption to compete in which Province: SASKATCHEWAN

Competition(s) wishing to compete in:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason requesting exemption (check one) and attach appropriate documentation:

- **I live within a short distance of the provincial/territorial border.**
  - Attach additional information on specific reasons for wanting to compete in another province/territory
- **I am a full-time or part-time student wishing to compete in the province/territory where I am attending school**
  - Attach confirmation letter from school Registrar Office indicating status and academic year
- **I am based in two locations due to my employment situation**
  - Attach additional information on specific reasons for wanting to compete in another province/territory. You will need a letter from employer confirming employment within province/territory. You must provide positive proof that your predominant employment from September 1st to March 31st of the curling season the exemption is being requested for will be located within the geographical area of the Member Association you wish to participate in. Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Association and the Director of High Performance of the Curling Canada.

### 3. Statement of Accuracy and Relevance:

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements. I understand that this application ONLY applies to Residency Requirements and all other Provincial/territorial eligibility requirements must be met. I acknowledge and understand that if this Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements is approved that I am eligible to compete for the Province/territory in the approved season only and that I relinquish competing in my Province/territory of residence. I further understand that the submission of false information may result in a one-year suspension from competing in Curling Canada sanctioned championships OR championships coordinated by Member Associations. Any challenges to decisions made through this policy must be brought to the Curling Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name-Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This application must be signed by a parent or guardian if the athlete is under the legal age of majority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name-Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Member Associations to complete sections 4 to 6

#### 4. Application Received:

The application was received by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Association Date

#### 5. Member Association (Province/territory) of Athlete's Current Residence

Approved  Not Approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature Date  
Member Association Representative Authorizing Release

#### 6. Member Association (Province) of Athlete's Request to Compete In

Approved  Not Approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature Date  
Member Association Representative Authorizing Release

Provincial/territorial contact information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.curling.ca/membership/member-associations/>