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C-19 Free Agent Residency Policy

Committee Responsible: Competition

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Free Agency Policy (Applicable only for The Canadian Men's & Women's Curling Championships)

The Canadian Men's and Women's Curling Championships involves the participation of teams that are made up of individuals that are Canadian Citizens, residents of Canada and a minimum of three [3] of the team members [four [4] including the alternate] must be bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent. A maximum of one [1] "Free Agent" will be allowed per team.

All individuals must comply with the club membership criteria of Saskatchewan including the acquisition of a competitors card. (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.)

It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. This includes individuals that apply for and receive exemptions and individuals that have "free agent" status on their Scotties or Brier Team. Free Agents relinquish eligibility to compete in their Province/territory of residence. It is further understood they do not meet residency requirements to compete in Saskatchewan for any other competition.

Teams requesting a free agent must identify their "Free Agent", notify both Member Associations involved, seek their approval and provide the required documentation [Appendix B].

Process for Application as a Free Agent:	
Step 1:	Read this policy in detail.
Step 2	Notify CURLSASK and your provincial or territorial association of residence in writing of your intentions to compete in Saskatchewan.
Step 3	Free Agents must complete Appendix B of this document and submit to CURLSASK prior to September 1 st of each year.
Step 4	All three bona fide Saskatchewan team members must complete Appendix A of this document to prove their status as a bona fide resident of Saskatchewan by September 1 st of each season.
Step 5	Submit all required documents to CURLSASK for approval by September 1 st of each season.

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Bona Fide Residents:

Minimum of three [3] of the team members [four [4] including the alternate] must prove their status as a Saskatchewan resident by completing Appendix B of this document.

To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, a policy has been established that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for play-down purposes. Individuals claiming to be bona fide residents of the curling jurisdiction they wish to represent and individuals engaged in the exemption process may be requested to participate in Curling Canada's "Whereabouts" Program, as administered by the Director of High Performance to validate their residency or the merit of their request for an exemption.

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 by September 1st of each season:

- ** 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.**

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION AN INDIVIDUAL MUST SPEND THE MAJOJRITY OF THEIR NON-COMPETE TIME IN SASKATCHWAN IN WHICH THEY ARE CLAIMING TO BE A BONA FIDE RESIDENT.

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 that the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

To participate in the Canadian Championships identified above, individuals **MUST** be bona fide residents of the Saskatchewan in which they wish to enter play-downs prior to September 1st of the year preceding the championship season (for example – prior to Sept 1st 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

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations as described in policy CURLSASK's C-14 Residency Policy.

Penalty

In the case when a team enters the Provincial/territorial/Canadian Championship playdown process and are found not to be in compliance with the residency policy, the entire 4 person team shall be suspended for 1 year from Curling Canada and Member Association sanctioned events. Suspension shall

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only be implemented subsequent to due process and it is determined that residency and/or exemption related 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.

APPENDIX A Proof of Residency Requirements

Use this form if your team will use a free agent and you are proving your status as a bona fide resident.

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 driver's license from Saskatchewan (or valid picture ID if you do not have a valid driver's license)**
- Current health care card from Saskatchewan**
- Letter from employer confirming employment within province**
- Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within Saskatchewan – a copy of a property tax invoice/payment 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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3. Statement of Accuracy and Relevance:

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information provided with this Proof of Residency. I understand that this application ONLY applies to Residency Requirements and all other CURLSASK eligibility requirements must be met. I acknowledge and understand that if Proof of Residency is confirmed that I am eligible to compete in Saskatchewan which residency has been established only and that I relinquish competing in any other Province/territory until such time as I move and establish residency in another Province/territory.

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.

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

4. To be complete by CURLSASK

Confirmed

Not Confirmed

Comments: _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

Member Association Representative

Application for Free Agent Status for Men's and Women's Championships

Use this form if you are residing in one province/territory and are applying as a Free Agent to participate in Saskatchewan.

Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. CURLSASK will inform you of the application status in writing. 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 _____ SASKATCHEWAN _____

Competition(s) wishing to compete in:

3. Statement of Accuracy and Relevance:

I have read and understand the CURLSASK Residency Policy in detail. I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this Application for Free Agent Status for Men's and Women's Championships. 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 Free Agent Status is approved that I am eligible to compete for Saskatchewan in the approved season only and that I relinquish competing in my Province/territory of residence. I understand that I am only eligible for play in the competition leading to the Brier or Scotties. I understand, if this application is approved, I do not meet the residency requirements to compete in any other competition in the season of this application.

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I further understand that the submission of false information may result in a one-year suspension from competing in CC sanctioned championships OR championships coordinated by Member Associations. Any challenges to decisions made through this policy must be brought to 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 _____ on _____.
Member Association Date

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

Province/ Territory _____

Approved

Not Approved

Comments: _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

Member Association Representative Authorizing Release

6. Athlete's Request to Compete In: Saskatchewan

CURLSASK:

Approved

Not Approved

Comments: _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

Member Association Representative Authorizing Release