



**Wheelchair  
Provincial  
Championships**

**COMPETITOR'S  
GUIDE  
2017**

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**WELCOME** to the 2017 Wheelchair Provincial Curling Championships being held at the Ilderton Curling Club.

The overall responsibility for this championship falls to the Ontario Curling Association, an Association of clubs formed in 1875, which boasts a membership of 193 curling clubs and approximately 55,000 registered adult members and 7,000 registered youth members. Your Association host is Rick Meraska, Chair of the Ontario Curling Association.

The host club for this year's Championships is the Ilderton Curling Club. The local committee has worked closely with the association to provide a first-class event. Your committee Co-Chairs are Colin Darling and Bruce Switzer.

**GAME SCHEDULE & EVENT TIMING GUIDELINES:**

You will find a copy of the game schedule & Timing Guidelines (Exhibit # 15) at the end of this Competitor's Guide.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

There will be no athlete remuneration for the 2016-17 season from the O.C.A. for any team hotel rooms during a Provincial event. All teams who win the right to participate at a Provincial event **please contact the hotel directly no later than Monday February 6, 2017** to confirm or modify your rooming requirements as we will be releasing any unconfirmed rooms the morning of Tuesday February 7, 2017

Two standard rooms per team based on double occupancy have been reserved for you at the following: (You are not required to stay at this hotel). Room rate is \$125.00 per night plus taxes

Four Points by Sheraton  
1150 Wellington Road South  
London, ON  
519-681-0600

Additional rooms may be available at this property by contacting the hotel directly.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

### **GENERAL:**

The Wheelchair Provincials has long been considered a premier event in Ontario. Curling is based on a code of ethics, good sportsmanship and personal integrity. Display of emotion, broom banging, etc., which results in damage to any area or part of the playing surface, players' dressing rooms or any other area of the curling club or hotel will result in suspension for one game. Subsequent infractions will result in suspension for the remainder of the championship. You are expected to follow this tradition and the rules of the game throughout the competition.

1. Event Coordinator or designate: Dave Hutchison and Tom Ward are responsible for all aspects of the championship that apply to game operations, including Umpires, ice, stones, etc.
2. Head Umpire and Other Umpires:
  - (a) Head Umpire – The Head Umpire, Tom Ward, is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Board of Directors policy or precedent. His decision will be final, except in matters involving disciplinary action. The OCA Championship Committee for the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials shall be responsible for all matters involving disciplinary action. In an emergency situation, the Head Umpire may have to act immediately in areas outside of rules, policy or precedent. In these situations, the Head Umpire is the final authority.
  - (b) Timers – One timing Umpire is assigned to each sheet of ice and is responsible for timing each game.

### **PENALTIES AND RULE ENFORCEMENT:**

The Curling Canada Rulebook has a number of different sections. You should take note of the section titled Rules of Curling for Officiated Play as well as the OCA Rules Supplement.

Every rule has an enforcement procedure that will be followed at this Ontario championship.

***It should be noted that there are no warnings for any infraction unless it is stated in the rulebook or brought to your attention by the head Umpire prior to the start of the competition!***

### **TEAM MEETING:**

All members of your team and coach shall attend this meeting with the Head Umpire and other OCA Executive members before play commences. At this time any questions your team may have on the draw, officiating or rule interpretations will be discussed. **The penalty for missing the team meeting is forfeiture of last stone advantage for all games in the round robin.**

This meeting will take place at 2:00 pm on Thursday Feb. 23, 2017 in the curling lounge of the Ilderton Curling Club.

### **LATE TEAM ARRIVALS:**

All members of a team participating in the event shall arrive at the club at the time scheduled by the OCA. If a team does not arrive at the site in time to play its first game in any OCA competition, or any subsequent game(s), the team involved will forfeit the game(s) and be awarded a loss (L). Illness, accident or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it impossible for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by the OCA Executive Director). If the team arrives too late to participate in the draw to the button for the purpose of determining tie-breaker ranking, they will deliver the first stone of the first end and will receive a distance of 186cm. All games shall be played at a time and place approved by the OCA.

### **DRESS STANDARDS:**

You are required to have matching on-ice apparel and it is to be worn when you are on the ice (this includes practices, games and all ceremonies). Your jacket may be removed after the pre-game ceremony and is to be placed neatly at the home end area.

Although you walk on carpeted areas, please ensure that your footwear is clean at all times.

A team competing in an OCA competition will be allowed to wear any number of sponsors' crests with no restriction on size. Any cresting or logo which is deemed to be in bad taste or demeaning will, at the discretion of the Head Umpire or Event Coordinator, be removed or censored.

**Violation of any aspect of the dress code** will result in the offending player being suspended until the violation has been corrected – Curling Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Miscellaneous Rule 21(3). Page 52, 2014-2018 CCA Rulebook

### **OPENING CEREMONIES & SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Opening ceremonies begin at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 23, 2017 and all participants are required to take part.

There will be an OCA Dinner on Thursday Feb. 23, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. hosted by the Ilderton Curling Club. At the request of the club, dress for this function is casual but **no jeans please**. If for some reason you cannot attend, please contact Tom Ward the day prior to the function.

### **COMPETITOR OBLIGATIONS:**

Competitors may be called upon to offer special thanks to the Host Committee, the sponsors and the OCA at different functions during the championship. You are encouraged to co-operate and participate and, if chosen, you will be contacted by Tom Ward.

**MEDIA RELATIONS:**

The media will be represented at the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials. They may be interested in talking to you so we ask that you co-operate with the media by granting interviews and answering questions when requested.

However, a word of caution is offered – make certain that you do not make reference to anything that you do not want quoted. Also, if you have any problems or complaints, express them to the appropriate Umpire and not to the news media. Remember, there is no such thing as an “off the record” comment.

**OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES & APPEALS:**

Refer to the OCA Rules Supplement and Curling Canada Special Rules section for more details.

**DOPING CONTROL:**

During this competition, random samples may be collected from athletes for testing for banned substances. The samples will be collected by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports (CCES) who will conduct the laboratory analysis and report the results. Athletes are required to follow all instructions if asked to provide a sample. Failure to comply with instructions given by the doping control officer will be considered an avoidance of testing and sanctions may be applied.

It is your responsibility to review all medications (OTC and Prescription) for compliance. If you have any medical issues or are on any prescription medications that may require a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption). CCES will, after a positive test, require a medical review to grant a retroactive TUE.

Please review your requirements at [www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca) for all information and to review if your medication is a banned substance. Not knowing is not an excuse it is your responsibility to know what you are taking.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The preliminary competition for the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials will involve a five (5) team round robin with the top three (3) teams advancing to the playoffs.

The skip of a team that is losing may concede the game at any time.

The Event Coordinator shall appoint Umpires as necessary to properly control the play of the Wheelchair Provincials. The Head Umpire shall have full authority to enforce the rules of the game as adopted by the OCA/Curling Canada. The decision of the Head Umpire is final in all aspects involving judgment calls. An appeal may be made as outlined on matters involving disciplinary action.

The Championship Committee of the OCA has the power to make decisions it considers necessary to handle any situation not covered by the rules, including the authority to amend the rules where emergency situations so warrant. All decisions shall be final.

**ALTERNATE PLAYERS' POOL:**

The OCA no longer has Player's Pools. Alternate/fifth (5th) player (see OCA Rules Supplement) can accompany their teams to Provincial Finals for an additional cost of \$50.00 to cover host club expenses payable at the team meeting.

**PLAYOFF FORMAT:**

Round robin games between teams will resolve insolvable ties as far as possible before tie-breaker games will be played. Teams that are tied for the final playoff spot after the round robin will be involved in tie-breaker games.

The playoffs shall be a three (3) team playoff. In the first playoff draw, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place team will play the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team with the winner advancing to play the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team in the sudden death final.

**The Head Umpire will make all final decisions with regard to the administration of playoffs.**

Additional information relative to tie-breakers, playoffs and sheet assignments will be discussed by the Head Umpire and the teams involved after the last game of the round robin.

Teams that complete the round-robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. Teams tied for a playoff position can only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie-breaker game(s).

The only playoff positions that shall involve tie-breaker games are the second and/ or third playoff positions. (See tie-breaker scenarios) page 15.

When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round-robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in the playoff draw or tie-breaker game(s). If a complete ranking of the tied teams cannot be established by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.

When the ranking of tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records, only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by the least accumulated distance from 4 of 5 draws to the button for last stone in the first end. When the round-robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or tie-breaker game(s) is the same, the team that won the game between the two during the round-robin shall have choice of either last stone or stone handle colour unless their ranking has been determined by the 'least accumulated distance', then those results shall provide choice of either last stone or stone handle colour. The declaration of last stone or stone handle colour shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the Umpire.

All tie-breakers shall be played with the stones from the sheet assigned. Stone handles shall not be changed from one set of stones to another.

### Team Ranking for tie-breaker scenarios:

A team's rank for tie-breaker scenarios will be based on the best 4 of 5 pre-game draw shots to the button for last stone advantage. The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until ranking is completed. (Note: the Skill Based Team Ranking Process has been eliminated.)

### STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – Round-Robin:

During the round robin portion of the 2017 Wheelchair Provincial Championships teams will conduct a coin toss to determine first or second practice. Stone colour will be assigned during round robin play. The team practicing first will practice thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the round robin draw.

All competitions shall allow for a seven (7) minute per team pre-game organized practice. Practice is to be on the sheet of ice where the team is scheduled to play and only with the stones they will be using in the game.

### PROCESS

#### A) Common Regulations

- the team with first practice will **always** deliver the clockwise rotation while the team with second practice will **always** deliver the counter-clockwise rotation for the Last Stone Draw.
- Only the four 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface for the Last Stone Draw in regular 4-person play.
- Sweeping is not allowed, however, one of the four players must hold the target broom.
- A stone not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire will be assigned a distance of 185.40 cm (the stone must reach the near tee-line before the time expires).
- Stones moved by the delivery team before being measured will be assigned the distance of the next defined circle away from the button.
  - o On or touching the button = 15.24 cm (when a one (1) foot button)
- note: subject to change if the actual button diameter is more than one (1) foot*
- o In or touching the four foot = 60.96 cm
- o In or touching the eight foot = 121.92 cm
- o In or touching the twelve foot = 182.88 cm
- If a member of the non-delivering team or an external force moves a stationary stone or causes it to be moved before the Umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.

#### B) Events with tiebreakers

- Both teams will name the player delivering the stone before the first team practice.
- After each team's pre-game practice, the named player will deliver one (1) stone to the button, which will be measured. If the distance is 0.00 cm or 185.40 cm, a different player from the team will deliver a stone, which will be measured.
- If the team with second practice then registers the same first stone distance as the team with first practice, a second player from the team with second practice will



deliver a stone, which will be measured.

□ If the distances are still tied, the teams will alternate delivering one (1) stone with their designated rotation until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stone including the players who delivered the first two stones.

□ Only the first stone delivered will be registered for the accumulated distance.

**During the round robin of the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of one (1) draw shot for last stone advantage. The one (1) draw can be taken anytime during the round robin.**

**Please note that the (LSD) will be conducted with the assistance of an Umpire.**

### **STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – Tie-breakers / Playoffs:**

Immediately after the final three playoff positions have been determined and prior to each playoff / tie-breaker game, each team involved shall be asked by the Head Umpire to select their choice of stone handle colour. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to make its selection. Failure to comply shall result in a set of stones being assigned. Upon the conclusion of each playoff / tie-breaker draw, the same process shall be implemented again.

In playoff games, last stone advantage and choice of stone handle colour shall be awarded to the team with the best win/loss record during the round-robin. If the win/loss records are identical, the higher ranked team will have the choice of last stone advantage **OR** choice of stone handle colour. The team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first. A team is allowed to throw its own stones during practice and not those of the opposition.

The first place team's access to practice ice will be at the discretion of the Head Umpire. All practice sessions shall be supervised and the length of the practice will be at the discretion of the Head Umpire.

### **Stone Matching for playoff games:**

The following procedures will be followed with regard to stone matching:

- Only team members and certified coaches, that are recognized as part of the team, will be allowed in the ice area to be involved in the matching of stones or any other team related activity on the ice surface at any time prior to or during the Ontario championship.
- The process of matching stones cannot involve any equipment or any device to assist in the matching. The teams can only throw or "run" the stones to determine pairing.
- Players cannot be in the ice area prior to or during a competition without an Umpire present that has been assigned to and is working that event.
- Special consideration and time allocation will be provided for stone matching prior to playoff games.

- Teams wishing to spend additional time (other than the scheduled pre-game practice times) to match stones will have access to the ice for 30 minutes immediately following the last draw of the day (with the permission of the head Umpire) providing ice is available.

### **EQUIPMENT/BROOMS / BRUSHES:**

Please note Rule 16 (page 45) Equipment from the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, 2014-2018 Curling Canada Rulebook.

### **CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The winners of the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials will represent Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships to be held April 24 – 30th, 2017 in Boucherville Quebec.

The team will be provided with playing uniforms (1) jacket and (2) shirts per competitor.

All details will be discussed at the team meeting following the final games of the 2017 Wheelchair Provincials and all team members and coaches must be present to sign forms and to be sized for on-ice uniforms. This meeting will be held in the curling lounge and conducted by Tom Ward.

**OCA TIMING GUIDELINES (exhibit #15)**

1. Timers should be equipped with an Umpire OCA time clock (preset to the appropriate time permitted for each team to complete their ends), as well as a stopwatch to be used to time breaks between ends, team timeouts, and breaks at mid-game and before extra ends. It is also helpful to have a pen/pencil and a piece of paper (or form) on which to record the time remaining for each team at the completion of each end (optional), and the number of timeouts taken by each team. An example of such a form can be found at the end of these guidelines.
2. The thinking time for each team to play a 10-end game is 40 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running. Thinking time for each team to play an 8-end game is 32 minutes plus two 60-second timeouts to be called by the team when their clock is running. (At the Silver Tankard & Women's Tankard events, 45 minutes will be used.) Wheelchair events will be allowed 36 minutes of thinking time for an 8- end game.
3. In the first end, neither clock is running until:
  - the first rock has come to rest or has crossed the back line,
  - the players on the delivering team have moved to the side of the side,
  - the delivering team has relinquished control of the house.
4. The clock for the team about to deliver continues to run until their delivered stone crosses the nearer tee-line.

**NOTE: No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the near tee-line.**

5. No clock is running until all the following conditions are met:
  - All stones have come to rest in play or crossed the far back line. This includes any stones that have gone out of play over the side lines, and any stones thrown through or "into the boards".
  - the players on the delivering team have moved to the side of the side,
  - the delivering team has relinquished control of the house.At this time the opposing team becomes the delivering team and their clock is started.
6. At the conclusion of an end both clocks are off. Once a decision on the score of the end is reached – including the measurement, if required – and all stones begin to be moved towards the back line, the team delivering the first stone of the next end has 30 seconds to commence delivery of a stone. If the stone has not crossed the near tee-line within those 30 seconds their clock should run until it does.
7. The next end is then timed in the same way as the first; see paragraphs 3, 4, 5 & 6.
8. A maximum 5-minute timeout may take place at the completion of the 5th end of a 10-end game and the 4th end of an 8-end game. Both teams must be on the ice and ready to play at the end of 5 minutes.
9. Both team clocks will be stopped for timeouts, measurements, injuries, deliveries of rocks belonging to opposing team, replacements of stones following free guard zone

violations, Umpire involvement and any other circumstances as directed by the Umpire-in-charge.

10. Team timeouts will normally be signaled by the team to the Umpire-in-charge. However, if the Umpire is occupied elsewhere and does not notice the timeout being called, the timer may stop the clock at the team's request, but should notify the Umpire-in-charge immediately. (Timers should also make a note whenever a team calls a time-out in order to advise the Umpire-in-charge, if requested, how many remain.)
  - If the team calling the timeout has a declared coach, both clocks should be paused until the coach reaches the sheet on which the game is being played. At this time, the 60-second timing begins.
  - If the team calling the timeout does NOT have an Umpire coach, the 60-second timing begins as soon as the timeout is called.
11. Each team is allowed 5 minutes thinking time to complete each extra end plus one 60-second timeout to be called by the team when their clock is running. A maximum 3-minute timeout may take place at the completion of the 10th end in a 10-end game prior to the start of any extra ends (the 8th end in an 8-end game). The 3-minutes exclude the time required for all the stones to be moved to the far end of the rink. (Note: If an extra end is required, timers will generally be supplied with a special OCA clock preset to the 5 minutes per team permitted for the end.)
12. The Umpire-in-charge should be advised when a team has only 5 minutes left on their clock. The Umpire-in-charge must be notified when a team's time has run out.
13. The team's final stone must reach the near tee-line prior to their time expiring to avoid a potential forfeiture of the game due to a game time violation.
14. As per Curling Canada rules, a team may continue play after their opponent's clock has expired in attempt to tie or win the game within their allotted time.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****2017 OCA PROVINCIAL WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ilderton Curling Club

February 23, 2017 – February 26, 2017

**Thursday February 23, 2016**

2:00 p.m. Team Meeting

2:30 p.m. First Practice  
2:40 p.m. Second Practice  
3:00 p.m. Draw #1

5:45 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

6:15 p.m. OCA Dinner

**Saturday February 25, 2017**

9:30 a.m. First Practice  
9:40 a.m. Second Practice  
10:00 a.m. Draw # 4

2:00 p.m. First Practice  
2:10 p.m. Second Practice  
2:30 p.m. Draw # 5

6:30 p.m. First Practice Tiebreaker (if necessary)  
6:40 p.m. Second Practice  
7:00 p.m. Tiebreaker game

**Friday February 24, 2017**

9:30 a.m. First Practice  
9:40 a.m. Second Practice  
10:00 a.m. Draw #2

2:30 p.m. First Practice  
2:40 p.m. Second Practice  
3:00 p.m. Draw #3

**Sunday February 26, 2017**

9:30 a.m. First Practice Semi-Final  
9:40 a.m. Second Practice  
10:00 a.m. Semi-Final

2:00 p.m. First Practice Final  
2:10 p.m. Second Practice Final  
2:30 p.m. Final



## THE OCA WHEELCHAIR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### ILDERTON CURLING CLUB

February 23 - February 26, 2017

Team Number	Club Name	Skip
1	Ilderton Curling Club	Mike Munro
2	RA Curling Club	Collinda Joseph
3	Ilderton Curling Club	Jim Law
4	Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club	Chris Rees
5	City View Curling Club	Aaron Wong-Sing

Draw #			Sheet 1	Sheet 2	Sheet 3	Sheet 4	Bye
1	Thurs. Feb.23	3:00 p.m.	3 vs 4	1 vs 2			5
2	Fri. Feb.24	10:00 a.m.	2 vs 5		1 vs 3		4
3	Fri. Feb.24	3:00 p.m.	4 vs 1	3 vs 5			2
4	Sat. Feb.25	10:00 a.m.	2 vs 3		4 vs 5		1
5	Sat. Feb.25	2:30 p.m.	1 vs 5	2 vs 4			3
	Sat. Feb.25	7:00 p.m.	Tiebreakers (if necessary)				
	Sun.Feb.26	10:00 a.m.	Semi-Final				
	Sun.Feb.26	2:30 p.m.	Final				

\*Team listed first throws top of scoreboard colour