

**POLICY FOR RESIDENCY**  
**Effective Date: 2015-16 CURLING SEASON**

**The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's & Women's Curling Championships**

The Canadian 4-person Mixed, Senior Men's & Women's, Junior Men's and Women's Curling 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. 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.

**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, Juveniles, 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 2016 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2015 will be considered a part of the 2014/15 Championship season for residency purposes.)**

**An individual claiming to be a bona fide resident of the specific curling province/territory 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 the Member Association (if requested):**

- \*\* Current Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID) from that province/territory**
- \*\* Current Health Care Card from that province/territory**
- \*\* Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory**
- \*\* Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province/territory – 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 2015 for the 2015/16 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 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).

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 MA level and/or protect Curling Canada's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.