



IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR NEW BRUNSWICK COMPETITIVE CURLING ATHLETES October, 2017

- **Provincial Events Registration Deadline Dates:** Registration deadline dates for all NBCA Provincial Events have changed significantly and are approximately one week earlier than they have been in the past. This change was based on requests received from players, host committees and draw master. For a list of events and registration deadline dates, please refer to the Provincial Events Schedule, located on our website homepage at www.nbcurling.com. **NOTE:** Event registration forms will drop from the NBCA web site at midnight of the event deadline date.
 - **NB Seniors Championship Format Review:** At the May 1, 2016 NBCA Annual General Meeting, a motion was passed to change the NB Seniors Championships to an open event. The approved motion included a stipulation that the approved format would be reviewed after the 2016-17 season. Based on this review and received recommendations from players and umpires, a Notice of Motion to amend the format has been forwarded to all NBCA Affiliated Curling Centres and will be voted on at the November 5th SAGM. A copy of the Notice of Motion is attached to this "Update". Please ensure the individuals representing you at the SAGM (voting delegates from your curling centre) are made aware of your opinion.
 - **New Juniors Age Restriction:** It has been decided by the NB Juniors Committee, and fully supported by the NBCA Board of Directors, that the date to determine age eligibility for the various levels of juniors be made consistent. As such, the following age eligibility requirements, effective this season, are as follows:
 - U21: 20 years of age or under on June 30 leading into the current season. (no change)
 - U18: 17 years of age or under on June 30 leading into the current season. (no change)
 - U15: 14 years of age or under on June 30 leading into the current season.
 - Junior Mixed: U21 (same as above) U15 (same as above)
 - Little Rocks U12: 11 years of age or under on June 30 leading into the current season.
 - Little Rocks U9: 8 years of age or under on June 30 leading into the current season.
 - **Travel Costs Reductions for National Championships:** As disclosed at the May, 2017 NBCA Business Session/AGM, Curling Canada has announced a 16% reduction to provincial team travel costs for the 2017-18 season. Although we have yet to receive the formal announcement/document from Curling Canada, the information presented at the October meeting of the Operations Council was as follows:
 - 2017-18 Juniors (U21), Seniors & Wheelchair:** Team travel will be 100% the responsibility of Curling Canada until further notice.
 - CC will pay 67% of any team's hotel bill for:
 - Three rooms for a maximum of 11 days for the Juniors (U21)
 - Three rooms for a maximum of 8 days for the Wheelchair
 - Two rooms for a maximum of 8 days for the Seniors
 - The above formula is based on a "Stay to Play" policy which means teams are eligible for the 67% refund **ONLY** if they stay at the Host Hotel and only if they use the number of rooms stated above. (Ex: U21 team must use three rooms and must stay at Host Hotel)
 - Effective in **November 2018**, the **Mixed** will be included in the above policy with two rooms for a maximum of 8 days.
- 2017-18 Brier & Scotties:**
- **Brier:** No travel or accommodations will be extended to 5th players. Per diems will be reduced from \$45K to \$38K.
 - **Scotties:** No changes until contract renewal with Kruger.

- **National & Provincial Residency Policy:** Although no major changes, the current Residency/Free Agent Policy and Request Form can be found on the NBCA web site under the Guidelines & Forms tab. **NOTE:** Deadline to apply for Free Agent status is a minimum 30 days prior to the NBCA event deadline date. Deadline for all other residency exemption requests is a minimum of 21 days prior to the NBCA event deadline date.
- **5-Rock Free Guard Zone Rule Change:** The World Curling Federation has approved the implementation of this rule change as of September 1, 2018. Curling Canada will implement on May 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:

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NOTE: Notice for Consideration regarding the NB Seniors Championship Format Review can be found on the following page.



2017 SAGM Notice of Motion

Submitted by: NBCA Board of Directors

Notice for Consideration: NBCA Provincial Seniors Format

Be it resolved that the format approved at the 2016 AGM for the NBCA Provincial Seniors Championship be amended as follows:

- Remove both the existing "Under 5 Teams" and "5 Teams" and replace with the following :
"Under 6 Teams": --Single Round Robin
 - Top three advance to playoff round
 - Tiebreakers for 3rd place, if necessary
 - 1st place team advances directly to final game
- The existing "6-8 Teams" and "9+Teams" remain as is.

PROPOSED AMENDED FORMAT:

- An open Championship event with the format for both the Women's and Men's divisions dependant upon the number of teams entered in each division, as shown below:
 - **Under 6 Teams:**--Single Round Robin
 - Top three teams advance to playoff round
 - Tiebreaker for 3rd place, if necessary
 - 1st place team advances directly to final game
 - **6-8 Teams:**
 - Single Round Robin
 - Top three teams advance to playoff round
 - Tiebreaker for 3rd place, if necessary
 - 1st place team advances directly to final game
 - **9 +Teams:**
 - Triple Knock Out
 - Team winning A, B & C sections is declared the winner
 - If three different section winners, team who played in most qualifying games advances to the final game with the other two advancing to the semi-final.
If a tie, the team who qualified earliest gets a bye to the final while the other two play the semi-final.
 - **NOTE:** It is possible that teams MAY be required to play more than two games in one day.

Rationale: The motion that was approved at the 2016 AGM carried a requirement that the "new" format be reviewed following the 2016-17 NB Seniors Championships. A request to amend the "new" format was forwarded to the NBCA Board of Directors through the NB Players' Committee. The request to amend was reviewed by the Board along with consultation with NBCA Umpires and the NBCA Drawmaster. The above Notice of Motion is based on the request to amend and resulting review and consultation.

