



Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements 2018-2019

We trust that all participants will respect the intent of this championship for curling clubs to engage their members to participate and represent their curling club at the provincial / territorial championship and ultimately the national curling club championships.

The event was created for true club-based teams. The objective is to support the development of grassroots curling across Canada.

With this objective in mind, here are the eligibility requirements for events leading to the November 2019 national championships. Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of this event as it pertains to the rules below.

- 1) The curling club represented by each team, must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Association, in good standing and all applicable dues paid in full.
- 2) The players of any club team must be members in good standing of the affiliated curling club.
- 3) Any competitor **is not** required to be a Canadian citizen.
- 4) All four (4) members and any alternates **must be** bona fide residents within the geographic area of the Member Association they are intending to represent unless granted an exception by the Member Association.
- 5) Any player can be a member of more than one affiliated curling club, but must declare one "home club" for this competition.
- 6) Each Member Association reserves the right to limit the number of teams qualifying from each club based on capacity and scheduling limitations. **Curling NB** will allow up to two eligible teams per gender from each affiliated curling club. A club representative will be required to complete, sign and submit a Declaration of Eligibility for each team.

- 7) Teams must qualify under one of the following conditions:
 - (a) Regular league play, or;
 - (b) A club championship process, or;
 - (c) A designated Curling Club Championship within the club;
 - (d) In each or Rule 7) (a), (b), & (c), teams must have three (3) or more players who have played together in a sanctioned club league during the current curling season.
 - (e) Clubs that only have mixed or open leagues (i.e., no men's and / or women's set team leagues) **may be granted an exemption** to Rule (7d) by a written request to their provincial / territorial Member Association.

- 8) The use of the delivery stick by any or all four players (and any alternate) IS acceptable subject to the Curling Canada-Rules of Curling: Section 19: Curling With A Delivery Stick.

- 9) Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) replacement player from the club is allowed.

- 10) The replacement player **must play the lead position** (throwing & sweeping) and must be an active member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.

- 11) If the Member Association process includes a number of steps before declaring a champion, then the team may add a different spare at each level provided they play lead and are a member in good standing of the affiliated curling club.

- 12) Teams who play exclusively in a major / super league - where teams from more than one (a) club compete - **are ineligible** for the Curling Club Championships unless the team competes in another eligible league in an affiliated club.

- 13) **EXEMPTION:** Each four-person team will be allowed one (1) player:
 - (a) Who has played in any named Curling Canada event in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** (regardless of finish) **or**,
 - (b) Who has played in any provincial / territorial event leading to a Curling Canada event in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** (regardless of finish) **or**,
 - (c) Who has played in a Tier 1 Grand Slam event in **the current and the previous 2 seasons** (regardless of finish)

Example: Craig Savill plays in a Wednesday night league with three friends but he also represented Ontario last season at the Brier with his elite team. Craig and his Wednesday night team of friends are eligible for the Curling Club Championships.

However, the other three (3) team members of Craig's Wednesday team cannot have played in:

- (i) **Any** Tier 1 Grand Slam event in the current season and the past two (2) seasons, **or**;
- (ii) **Any** provincial / territorial championship leading to **any** Curling Canada event in the current season and the previous two (2) seasons, unless their final rank is within the Provincial/Territorial minimums.

NOTE: We have established levels of participation for all provinces & territories in events leading to a Curling Canada event. Curling NB guidelines are as follows:

Final rank minimum to disqualify is: Finished in the championship round at provincials or in the top three at an open provincial event.

Curling Canada events include: Mixed, Canada Cup, Under 21, Tournament of Hearts, Brier, Seniors, Mixed Doubles, University, College, Under 18.

- 14) Alternate players at the Brier, Tournament of Hearts or any Curling Canada event are considered as having **not** to have played in those events.
- 15) Players who competed in the previous season's National Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following year at any level.
- 16) Each team must be comprised of three (3) players that are a minimum of 19 years of age or over as of June 30th the year prior to the national championship. For example, a player must be 19 years of age on June 30th, 2019 for the November 2019 National Curling Club Championship.
- 17) Any team will be allowed one (1) player under the age of 19 years of age whom shall be considered a "minor" and must be accompanied by a legal guardian (or a chaperone identified by the legal guardian) for the duration of the event including departure from home and return to their home. A legal guardian can be a parent on the team. The team is responsible to cover all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.
- 18) Curling Canada has the sole authority to grant exceptions to these rules in extraordinary circumstances. Any request must be submitted by the Provincial / Territorial Member Association. Curling Canada will consult with the Provincial / Territorial Member Association and will notify them within five (5) business in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.

NOTE: Clubs are required to submit a Declaration of Eligibility for each team participating in the Provincial Championship, to Curling NB, on or before the NB Curling Club Championship registration deadline date.