



Ontario Curling Council

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Competition Guidelines

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Welcome Message

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Ontario Curling Council's Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials (Provincial Qualifier).

The Ontario Curling Council (OCC) is the recognized Provincial Sport Organization for amateur curling by the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Our members are Curl ON (Ontario Curling Association) and the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA). The OCC is responsible for delivery of all Province-wide programs and competitions when events do not lead to a Curling Canada National Championship with representation from both Curl ON and NOCA. The Ontario Curling Council is responsible for the Ontario Winter Games, ParaSport Winter Games and Canada Winter Games Events/Qualification Events.

The Ontario Curling Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the competition that will ultimately determine the men's and women's teams that will represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games to be held in Red Deer Alberta, Feb. 24 to March 3, 2019. The first stage of competition is the Pre-Trials (Provincial Qualifiers). One winner of each gender from each of the six Pre-Trials locations will move on to compete in the Canada Winter Games Trials, January 3-6, 2019 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Glossary of Terms:

CurlON – Ontario Curling Association

CWG – Canada Winter Games

NOCA – Northern Ontario Curling Associations

OCC – Ontario Curling Council

Pre-Trials – Canada Winter Games Provincial Qualifier (six sites)

Team Ontario – Multi-sport Agency governing all sports who will be competing for the Province of Ontario at the CWGs – this agency is working on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Trials – Canada Winter Games Provincials (eight teams – six from open qualifiers, two from last year's Ontario Winter Games)

About the Canada Winter Games

The Canada Winter Games were first held in 1967 in Quebec City as part of Canada's Centennial celebrations. These games are held every two years, alternating between Canada Winter Games and Canada Summer Games. Provincial level athletes from ages 12 to 18 qualify through a regional selection process conducted by the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs).

For many athletes, the Canada Winter Games are the high point of their athletic career and are often a stepping stone towards participating in Canada Games, Pan Am Games and the Olympic Games.

Featuring 19 sports, over 150 events and a major arts and cultural festival, the 2019 Canada Winter Games will welcome up to 3,600 athletes, managers and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors.



The 2019 Games will be the largest event ever hosted in Red Deer and central Alberta and one of the largest events to be hosted in Alberta in over three decades, since the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

Forecasted to generate a significant economic impact, the 2019 Games will provide a stage for Canada's next generation of national, international and Olympic champions to compete. The 2019 Canada Winter Games is the 27th edition of the Canada Games and the third time the Canada Games have been hosted in Alberta. Previously, Alberta hosted the Canada Games in 1975 (Lethbridge) and 1995 (Grande Prairie).

Supporting Ontario sporting events is part of Game ON - The Ontario Government's Sport Plan, which is encouraging as many people as possible to play organized sports, helping Ontario's high-performance athletes pursue excellence and promoting increased tourism and economic development.

Ontario Curling Council Contact

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Qualification Process for Canada Winter Games

The OCC will host six OPEN qualifiers to be known as "Pre-Trials". Teams may enter any ONE of the six qualifiers, entry fees payable to the OCC will apply. One winning team per gender from each of the six qualifiers will advance to the Canada Winter Games Trials.

In addition to the six Pre-Trials Winners, the winners of both genders of the Ontario Winter Games 2018, as well as the runners up of both genders from that event also advance to the Canada Winter Games Trials by virtue of their placing at Ontario Winter Games, 2018.

Pre-Trials Locations

	Location	Date	Address	Event Coordinator/ Chief Umpire
A	Renfrew Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	195 Xavier St, Renfrew, ON K7V 1L3	TBD
B	Oshawa Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	226 Bond St. East, Oshawa, ON, L1G 1B5	TBD
C	Orangeville Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	76 Fifth Ave., Orangeville, ON L9W 1G0	TBD
D	St. Catharines Golf and Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	70 Westchester Ave, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3P4	TBD
E	Kakabeka Falls Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	ON-17, Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0	Bryan Burgess/Marion Clark
F	Capreol Curling Club	December 7-9, 2018	1 Stull, Capreol, ON P0M 1H0	Bob Paquette/Debbie Fortin



Competition Common Rules

Age Eligibility

Athletes must be 17 or under as of June 30, 2018 (born on or after July 1, 2000). Verification of age may be required at any level of competition.

Residency

The Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents. The Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials are open to athletes who are members in good standing of CurlON or NOCA.

An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province of Ontario. An athlete can have only one domicile.

An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside of Ontario during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either for Ontario or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. Any athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside of Ontario, but who plan to play in the Ontario Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials – must make it known to Jennifer Ferris, Manager – Programs and Operations (by email – Jennifer@ontcurl.com) prior to the first game of the Pre-Trials.

To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.

An athlete who is training outside of Ontario may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:

i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season

- AND -

ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship,

- AND -

iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.

- OR -

iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.

Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.

Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.

Composition of Teams

Each athlete must be a member of an affiliated club and have paid dues to an OCC Member Association (CurlON or NOCA). Team members DO NOT have to be a member of the same club. Due to capacity issues at the Canada Winter Games (athlete quota) – fifth players will not be permitted in the CWGs, the CWG Trials or the CWG Pre-trials. Teams must declare their four players playing in the Pre-Trials/Trials and the same four players will advance to the CWGs should they be successful. In the event of illness/injury, teams will be permitted to play a game with three players. If a team is unable to field a minimum of three players, they will forfeit any



games until the time which they can field a team of three players. In the event of a catastrophic injury or extenuating circumstance where a player is unable to play in the Canada Winter Games or Canada Winter Games Trials, a substitution may be permitted however these circumstances will be managed on a case by case basis.

CWG Pre-Trials Coaching Qualifications

- Coaches must have a Criminal Record Check on file with NOCA or CurlION, **AND**
- Coaches must be at a minimum Certified Competition Coach

*No exemptions will be provided for the Pre-Trials.

CWG Trials Coaching Qualifications

- Coaches must have a Criminal Record Check on file with NOCA or CurlION, **AND**
- Coaches must be at a minimum Certified Competition Development Coach **OR** Certified Competition Coach* **AND**
- Certified Competition Coaches must take the Canada Winter Games Professional Development Module (online) and provided by the Ontario Curling Council. The module **MUST** be completed prior to December 30, 2018

*Coaches who are not Competition Development Certified and who are unable to take and complete the Canada Winter Games Module **BEFORE** the Trials (December 30, 2018) will be required to find and name a certified Competition Development Coach to accompany the team at the Trials and to the Canada Winter Games should they be successful at the Trials. **ONLY** Certified Competition Coach (or higher) with the CWG PD Module coaches are allowed to accompany Team Ontario to the Canada Winter Games per the Technical Specifications for the Canada Winter Games.

Code of Conduct

- a) The Team (athletes), Coaches and Parents are subject to the Ontario Curling Council's Code of Conduct Policies for Coaches, Athletes and Parents.
- b) The Team Coach will be held directly responsible for the Off-Ice Conduct of his/her team.
- c) The consumption or use of alcoholic beverages, banned drugs (including cannabis) and anabolic drugs by any player or coach at any time during the competition is strictly prohibited. All competitions are considered to have started twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first level of play or the scheduled pre-event practice. The competition is considered completed, one (1) hour after the final game is complete. This rule shall be administered on a no tolerance basis. Penalty: In the event of a violation of this rule, the offender will be suspended immediately for the balance of the competition and, depending on the circumstances of the violation, may face further suspension or disciplinary action as per the OCC's Discipline Policy.
- d) 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.



General Play

The Competition shall be played under the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play. The Five Rock rule will be in effect.

The Chief Umpire shall act as the Event Coordinator and representative of the Ontario Curling Council in each Pre-Trial Location. The Chief Umpire is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the Curling Canada Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, Ontario Curling Council policy or precedent. His/Her decision will be final, except in matters involving disciplinary action, in which case the OCC's Discipline Policy will be followed. In an emergency situation, the Chief Umpire may have to act immediately in areas outside of rules, policy or precedent. In these situations, the Chief Umpire is the final authority. In the event of a dispute regarding a decision made by the Chief Umpire, all disputes shall be immediately addressed by contacting OCC Manager, Programs and Operations, Jennifer Ferris.

Game Duration

Games will be eight (8) ends in duration. If the score is tied at the end of eight ends, teams will play a full extra end. Play shall be continuous.

A mandatory break of five (5) minutes shall take place at the conclusion of the fourth (4th) end. Coaches will be permitted to meet with their teams during this break. Snacks will be permitted on the back boards and will be limited to prepared fruit or other prepared food that does not pose a risk of soiling the playing environment or the club lounge. All food must be in non-breakable containers.

If an extra end is required, a mandatory three (3) minute break shall take place at the conclusion of the eighth (8th) end. Coaches will be permitted to meet with their teams during this break.

Pace of Play

Time clocks will NOT be used for Pre-Trials therefore the pace of play rule will be in effect. Players are expected to keep up a reasonable pace of play during competition (approximately 15 minutes per end)

Should any game fall behind the next slowest game by a full end, the game umpire shall inform both skips that they are behind the pace of play and are now subject to the "45 second rule" Under the 45 second rule, the game umpire will time each rock from when the skip takes control of the house to when the rock crosses the near t-line. Any rock that is delivered after the 45 second mark shall be removed from play.

Each team will be able to use their remaining allowed time-outs while the 45-second rule is in effect.

The 45 second rule shall be enforced until the game is back on pace.

Where games do not begin at the same time, it will be noted by the game umpire at what point games are starting their first end in relation to the other games already being played.

If the game concludes under the Pace of Play rule and an extra end is required, the Pace of Play rule will remain in effect.



Pre-Game Practice – Last Stone Draw

First practice will begin thirty (30) minutes prior to game time.

Each pre-game practice will be nine (9) minutes in length.

Where applicable before the first team practice, both teams will name two (2) players delivering one (1) Last Stone Draw each.

During the LSD only the four players are allowed on the ice surface. The coach may remain in the playing arena however must be off the ice and not directing the team in any manner.

Full sweeping is 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 199.60 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.

On or touching the button = 29.94 cm (when a one (1) foot button) **note:**
subject to change if the actual button diameter is more than one (1) foot
In or touching the four foot = 75.16 cm
In or touching the eight foot = 136.12 cm
In or touching the twelve foot = 197.08 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.

After each team's pre-game practice, the named players will deliver one (1) stone each to the button, which will be measured. The combined distance from the button from the two draws will be used to determine the LSD distance.

If last stone advantage has been determined by standings, the team with last stone advantage in the first end will practice first.

The team with first practice will deliver their Last Stone Draws (LSD) with a clockwise rotation and the team with second practice will deliver their last stone draws with the counter-clockwise rotation.

Ties in draw shot distance will be decided as follows: if the second team records the same two stone distance as their opposition, teams will alternate deliveries (using any player) until the tie is broken. Teams will use the same rotation in the tie breaking LSDs as was used in the original LSD.

Game umpires will conduct and record all measurements for Last Stone Draws. One player representative from the opposition may observe the measurement of the LSD.

A team is allowed to throw its own stones during practice and not those of the opposition.



Time Outs

Each team may call two (2) ninety (90) second time outs per game. 90 seconds includes travel time to the team. Each team may call one (1) ninety (90) second time out during any extra end.

Coach's Fair Play Time-Out

The purpose of the Coach's Fair Play Time-Out is to provide the coach with opportunity to diffuse a potentially negative situation regarding a player's on ice demeanor before the situation escalates or to counsel an athlete relative to adhering to the rules of the game. **A Fair Play Time-Out cannot be used to discuss strategy.** Each coach shall be provided the opportunity to request one (1 minute) fair play time-out per game. A coach's fair play time-out shall only be implemented with the approval of the Head Official. Only the coach who requested the fair play time-out may access the playing area accompanied by a game official. A game umpire may recommend a coach's fair play time-out.

Practice

Teams are not permitted to practice at Pre-Trials Sites within 24 hours of the start of the competition, unless they are a regular member of that Curling Centre with a regularly scheduled game during that 24-hour window.

Equipment

The current Curling Canada Rules for Officiated Play regarding sweeping and brushes will be in effect.

Competition Formats

Four or More Teams Entered – Modified Double Knockout

Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials with four or more teams entered will play modified double knockout formats. Teams will self-seed prior to the competition to determine playing brackets. Registered teams will be sent a link on Monday, November 26, 2018 to input their seeding estimates. Seeding responses must be returned by Friday, November 30, 2018 at 9:00am to be considered. Teams that make the traditional A final (no losses) will play the teams that make the traditional B side (single loss) final in a single knockout semi-final. A1 winner will play B2 winner in one semi-final and A2 winner will play B1 winner in the second semi-final. The winner of the semi-final games will advance to a final game with the winner of that game advancing to the Canada Winter Games Trials.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage - Pre-Playoff

Teams will conduct a coin toss to determine first or second practice in all games leading up to the playoffs. The winner of the coin toss may select choice of practice OR choice of stone colour.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage - Playoffs

In playoff games, last stone advantage and choice of rock colour will be awarded to the team with fewer losses prior to the start of playoffs.

In games where teams that have an identical record and either did not play against each other prior to playoffs or are tied in head to head record, a coin toss will be used to



determine choice of practice OR choice of stone colour. Both teams will throw a Last Stone Draw to determine hammer in the first end in the identical manner as in the pre-playoff games.

Three Teams Entered – Round Robin

Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials with three teams entered will play a double round robin with the top two teams advancing to a single knockout final. If there is a tie for second place at the conclusion of the round robin, the final standings will be determined by the head to head record between the tied teams.

If teams have split their round robin games, then a tie breaker game will be played to determine second place and advancement to the final. If there is a three way tie and seeding cannot be determined by head to head records, the cumulative LSD of all teams will be used to determine seeding for playoffs. The team with the lowest cumulative LSD will advance directly to the final and the remaining two teams will play in a tie breaking game with the winner advancing to the final. The winner of the final game will advance to the CWG Trials.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage - Pre-Playoff

First and second practice will be assigned in the event schedule for each round robin game. The team listed first in the schedule will play with the rock colour shown at the top of the scoreboard. The team listed second in the schedule will play with the stone colour shown at the bottom of the scoreboard. During the round robin, each player will deliver a minimum of four (4) stones to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage - Playoffs

The team with the better record in round robin play will be awarded last stone advantage **and** choice of stone colour in any playoff games. When the pre-playoff record of the two teams involved in a playoff game is the same, the team with the better head to head record during the round-robin shall have choice of either last stone advantage in the first end **or** stone handle colour. If the head to head record is tied then the team with the lower cumulative LSD will get choice of either last stone advantage in the first end or stone handle colour.

In playoff games where teams that have an identical record and are tied in head to head record the team with the lower cumulative LSD prior to playoffs will be given choice of first or second practice OR choice of stone colour. Both teams will throw a Last Stone Draw to determine hammer in the first end in the identical manner as in the pre-playoff games.

Two Teams Entered – Best 3 of 5

If a Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials event has 2 teams entered, the teams will play a best 3 out of 5 series of games. The first team to win 3 games will advance to the Canada Winter Games Trials.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage - Pre-Playoff

In events where a best 3 of 5 series is played, first and second practice and rock colour will be assigned in the first 2 games. In all subsequent games teams will conduct a coin toss



with the winner given the choice of first or second practice OR choice of stone colour. A LSD will be used to determine last stone advantage in the first end.

Stone Selection, Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Advantage – Playoffs

The declaration of last stone or stone handle colour shall be made within 15 minutes of being asked to do so by the official. All playoff games shall be played with the stones from the sheet assigned. Stone handles shall not be changed from one set of stones to another.

Immediately after the final playoff positions have been determined and prior to each playoff game, each team involved shall be asked by the Head Umpire to select their choice of stone handle colour if required. 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 game the same process shall be implemented again.

Team Meeting

At least one member of the team and coach shall attend the mandatory meeting with the Chief Umpire and 45 minutes before their first draw of the event. 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.

Late Team Arrivals

All members of a team participating in the event shall arrive at the club at the time scheduled by the OCC. Teams who do not arrive in time to start their games are subject to Curling Canada rule 16. (4) Game Duration and Postponement (Rules for Officiated Play). 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 OCC Manager of Programs and Operations). 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 199.6cm.

Dress Standards

Teams are not required to have matching uniforms for the Canada Winter Games Pre-Trials however, they will be required to have matching on-ice apparel for the Canada Winter Games Trials. These uniforms are to be worn any time teams are on the ice (including all practices, games and all ceremonies). Jackets may be removed after the pre-game ceremony and are to be placed neatly at the home end area.

All individuals who access the playing area are to ensure that their footwear is clean at all times and may be denied access to the playing area by the umpire if it footwear is not deemed appropriately clean.

Teams 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 Chief 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 Rules).

Social Media

Canada Winter Games are a celebration of athletics in Canada and in an effort to spread the word about the Games, participants in the playdowns are encouraged to follow and use the official social media platforms.

Team Ontario

- Hashtag #GoTeamO
- @GoTeamOntario is the user handle

2019 Canada Games

- English hashtags are #cwg2019 and #thisismoment / French hashtags are #jdc2019 and #cestnotmoment
- @2019CanadaGames is the user handle across most platforms

Participants in the playdowns leading to Canada Winter Games should exercise caution regarding their online presence. The social media effort is directed at celebrating the Games and their influence on Canadian society. Issues and complaints regarding any aspect of the games should be dealt with directly with game umpires/event coordinators rather than in a public platform. Competitors are asked to use their best judgment before posting possibly contentious thoughts online.

Anti-Doping

Competitions at the Canada Winter Games are run under the rules that govern anti-doping in Canada. Athletes that compete to advance to the Canada Winter Games are subject to those rules.

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) is the custodian of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP); the set of rules that govern anti-doping in Canada. The CADP consists of several components such as in- and out-of-competition testing, education, medical exemptions, and the consequences of doping violations. The CADP is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and all international standards.

The Canada Games Council has adopted the CADP which means that you can be confident that you are part of a world-class anti-doping program that is designed to protect athletes' rights and ensure a level playing field. The [Canada Games Council's anti-doping policy](#) reflects and supports the CADP.

Additional Resources and Information

- The CCES [AthleteZone](#) is a hub of resources and information for athletes and their support personnel.
- The [Global DRO](#) provides athletes and support personnel with information about the prohibited status of specific substances based on the current WADA Prohibited List.
- Physicians and medical personnel are encouraged to use the CCES [DocZone](#) for targeted medical information.
- Read more about the [Canadian Anti-Doping program](#).



- The [World Anti-Doping Agency](#) works towards a vision of a world where all athletes compete in a doping-free sporting environment.
- The CCES is a proud and active member of the [True Sport Movement](#) - a movement that is based on the simple idea that good sport can make a great difference.

For additional resources and more about anti-doping, please contact the CCES:

- Email: info@cces.ca
- Call toll-free: 1-800-672-7775
- Online: www.cces.ca/athletezone

