



## CURLING CLUB ELIGIBILITY FOR 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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**Goal:** All curling clubs will respect the intent of the spirit of the Curling Club Championships by engaging their members to participate and to represent their curling club in any process leading to the provincial / territorial championships and ultimately, leading to the Canadian Curling Club Championships.

Eligibility requirements for events leading to the national Curling Club Championship. Curling Canada reserves the right to exclude any team that violates the spirit and intent of the event as it pertains to the rules below:

- Participating curling clubs must be affiliated with its Provincial / Territorial Curling Association.
- They must be in good standing with all applicable dues to the Association paid in full.

### **Minimum Requirements for Team Composition:**

**A.** A team must register for the first stage of the competition with minimum 4 curlers.

**B.** All team members must be an affiliated member of their Provincial / Territorial Curling Association and registered member of the **same curling club**, paying a full league fee and playing regularly in a league. These qualifications may be verified by Provincial / Territorial Curling Association. It is the responsibility of the home club to provide an accurate verification if requested by Provincial / Territorial Curling Association. Clarity regarding definition of “league” can be received from each Provincial / Territorial Association.

**C.** Players now **WILL NOT** be required to curl on the same team **unless outlined as required by the Member Association.**

### **Additional Rules:**

All four (4) competitors and any 5th or spare player must be bona fide residents within the geographical area of the Member Association they are intending to represent (unless granted an exception by the Member Association).

A competitor can participate for only one affiliated curling club in one season. If you lose out while playing for one club, you cannot then play for another club unless the Member Association accepts the competitor as an 5th player or spare player.

Each Member Association reserves the right to determine the number of teams qualifying from each club.

The use of the delivery stick by any competitor (and any 5th player or spare) is acceptable, subject to the Curling Canada rules.

A 5th player may compete at any level of competition including the Canadian Championships. Any 5th player costs will be the responsibility of the team.



Once a four-person team enters the club championships playdowns, a maximum of one (1) spare from the club is allowed at any level of competition. A team can use an eligible spare for any game played assuming the spare is eligible. A spare may be a different player each game.

A team with a registered 5th player **may not** add a spare or replacement player.

**Competitive Athlete Exemption:**

Each four-person team is allowed to have one (1) player who, during the previous three (3) plus current curling seasons, that has participated in the following events, Canadian Championships or any provincial / territorial event leading to these events:



- Canadian U-20 Four-Person
- Canadian Colleges Association Curling Championships
- Canadian USPORTS Curling Championships
- Canadian Mixed Doubles National Championships
- Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials
- Tournament of Hearts
- Brier
- Canadian Curling Pre-Trials
- Canadian Curling Trials
- The Grand Slam of Curling Tier 1 or Tier 2
- Pan-Continental Curling Championships

**Definition of the curling seasons is defined as follows:**

- Canadian Championship to be competed November 2025
- The events noted above include the previous three (3) seasons being 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021-2022
- Competitive seasons defined as August 1 to July 31

**Note:** any player can have played in any of these events from 2020-2021 and further back in time (regardless of finish) and not affect their eligibility for the Curling Club Championships.

**Threshold:** Therefore, if you are not the ‘one’ player using the competitive athlete exemption, you and/or the other three players and any 5<sup>th</sup> players and any spares may have competed in any provincial / territorial championship and still be allowed to play in the Curling Club Championships, as long as you don’t match or surpass the thresholds set by your province (see chart below).



<b>Member Association</b>	<b>You remain ineligible if.....</b>
Alberta	You qualified for the playoffs in the men's, women's, junior, senior, or mixed doubles provincial championships. This does not include the U21 mixed doubles
British Columbia	You finish 4th or better at the provincial championship in U20, Women's, Men's or Mixed Doubles
Manitoba	You finish 8th or better in The Men's Championship.  OR  You finish 4th or better at the following championships (Junior Championships, Women's Championship)  Competitors who competed in the previous season's National Championship are ineligible.
New Brunswick	You finish in the championship round at provincials.  OR  You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or better at open provincial events.
Newfoundland & Labrador	You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or better at provincials
Northern Ontario	You finish 2 <sup>nd</sup> or better at provincials
Northwest Territories	You win a territorial championship
Nova Scotia	You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or better at provincials
Nunavut	You win a territorial championship
Ontario	You finish 8 <sup>th</sup> or better at any provincial
Prince Edward Island	You win a provincial championship
Quebec	You finish 3 <sup>rd</sup> or better at provincials
Saskatchewan	See CurlSASK information for details
Yukon	You win a territorial championship

Registered 5th players at any of the above championships are considered as not to have played in those events.

Competitors (as individuals or as a team) who competed in the previous season's national Curling Club Championships are ineligible to compete the following season at any level including as 5th players or spares.

A minimum of three (3) players must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years of age or over as of June 30<sup>th</sup> immediately prior to the national championships.

The one player under nineteen (19) years of age whom shall be considered a "minor". They 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 for all costs associated with legal guardian who is not a team member.



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 days in writing of any decision. The Curling Canada decision may not be appealed.