

MARITIME STICK CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATIONS AND RULES OF PLAY

1. The Maritime Stick Curling Championship [MSCC] shall be held annually in mid-March. The Host Directors may arrange the dates and the playing schedule to accommodate the needs of the host club. All MSCC Directors shall be notified of the event dates prior to January 15th.
2. The parameters for the Maritime Champions are as follows:
 - The event shall be completed within 4 days which allows for a practice day in advance of the championship
 - two days of round-robin (or cross-over) play
 - a separate day for the quarter, semi and finals
 - practice rounds may be booked in advance of the Championships
3. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of four games in round robin play (a 15 game round robin draw is included at Appendix I), although a host club with more than four sheets of ice may use a five-game cross-over draw for the round-robin play. There will be no tie-breaking games (see article 15).
4. The Host Club must have a minimum of four sheets of ice and has to guarantee their ability to schedule night games or partner with another club to facilitate the fifteen draws required over two days.
5. The 3 Divisions (Men's, Women's, Mixed) will be comprised of 9 or 10 teams in each division: 3 teams each from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. An additional team from the host province may be included to balance the draw. No participant may play in more than one division.
6. Generally, the top three finishing teams from each provincial play downs shall constitute that Province's three divisional entries, but each province reserves the right to choose their own method for selecting any of their entries to the event.
7. Team eligibility:
 - Women's division- Two person teams of female gender
 - Men's division – Two person teams of male gender
 - Mixed division- Two person teams of one male and one female
 - Wheelchair teams must be accompanied by an assistant, to help with the delivery process.
8. Draw creation
 - The host province will create a draw that reflects the number of teams entered and a balance of teams from each province.

For a draw with 10 teams per division the preferred alignment will be:

Section A NB #1 and #3, NS #2, PE # 1 and host #4

Section B NB #2, NS #1 and #3, PE #2 and #3

For a draw with 9 teams per division, the preferred alignment will be:

Men- Section A NS #1 and #3, NB #2, PE #1 and #3

Section B NS # 2, NB #1 and #3, PE #2

Women Section A NS #1 and #3 NB #1 and #3, PE #2

Section B NS #2, NB #2, PE #1 and #3

Mixed Section A NS #1 and #3, NB #1 and #3, PE # 2

Section B NS #2, NB #2, PE #1 and #3

9. Event hosting shall be on a three-year rotating basis, (e.g.) 2024– PEI, 2025 NB, 2026 NS, etc. The Host Club must have at least four sheets of ice available for play.
10. The upcoming Host Club shall communicate with the MSCC Directors at least 45 days prior to the event and provide all the necessary information needed for the competing teams.
11. The event will be played under The Canadian Stick Curling rules.
12. Opponents will practice together in all games and will throw four (4) stones up and back. Choice of holding or relinquishing the hammer in the first end will be determined by a draw to the button during the practice. Should both stones stop touching the button, or miss the rings, then the winner of the coin toss will have the choice of holding or relinquishing the hammer. Teammates must alternate drawing to the button and the delivering player's name will be recorded at Coin Toss by the Official in Charge. The stone to be measured will be determined by which player is throwing the draw. If the player drawing to the button is throwing stones towards the home end (glass), then the stone to be measured will be the eighth practice stone delivered by that team; if the player drawing to the button is throwing towards the end boards, then the stone to be measured will be his/her fourth practice stone of the game. Distance from the button will be recorded (see rule 14).
13. A team shall not be scheduled to play more than three (3) games per day and will not be scheduled to play more than two games within a 4-hour period in round robin play.
14. All extra ends will be played toward the home end (glass). Play will be in accordance with the established rules of Stick Curling Canada Playing Rules. (e.g.) three stones each player.
15. A qualifying team from a province can replace 1 member of that team with another player before the championship begins. If they are unable to find a spare from their home province, they can request a spare from the host province. There must be at least one original player from the qualifying team playing in the championship. Once the event begins, spares must be drawn from the host spare list. The host spare list can include players from another province. Spares must be drawn from the spare pool in the order that they are on the list. The Host Club shall provide a Spare Pool of at least three men and at least three women.
16. Tie-Breaking Format: When two teams are tied for a playoff position, the head-to-head winner in round-robin play prevails. When more than two teams are tied and the position cannot be determined, then the position(s) will be decided by the final rankings of the cumulative draw-to-the-button distances recorded during round robin play.
17. ALL PLAYOFFS shall be single knockout. The top two (2) teams from each Section will advance to the playoffs. The higher-ranked team will have choice of either Last Stone (Hammer) or Handle Color in the playoffs. Team rankings will be based first on their position finished in their pool and then the cumulative draw to the button distances recorded during round robin play.

18. Playing rules, formats, schedules, playoffs shall be maintained each year. Changes will normally require a majority vote at the annual meeting. In situations where decisions need to be made on a timelier basis, a vote of the MSCC executive will suffice until it can be ratified at an AGM.
19. An annual meeting of MSCC shall be held at the end of either the first day of practice or the first day of play in conjunction with a social function, as arranged by the host Club. The meeting shall be chaired by one of the Directors of the host Province. When a province's use of "filler teams" causes their representation to exceed their prescribed number of competitors, that Province's votes shall be capped at the maximum number of prescribed competitors. e.g. If for a given year, the maximum number of competitors is 18 per province, the maximum number of votes per province will be capped at 18.
20. The Maritime Stick Curling Championship banner shall be passed along to the next years host Province prior to the conclusion of the competition.
21. Divisional trophies will be awarded on an annual basis. The winning team is responsible for having their names engraved on the trophy and returning it for the next year's competition.

22. The current MSCC Directors are:

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21. This six-person MSCC Directors Committee shall constitute the governing body of the Maritime Stick Curling Championship until changes are made at any subsequent annual meeting of the MSCC.

As approved at the AGM, March 14, 2025