

OFSAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Events and/or Classification:

There shall be a Boys' Championship and a Girls' Championship conducted in Open classifications.

2. Championship Structure and Procedures:

- a. Competition shall take place over two (2), three (3) or four (4) days. Teams shall be divided into pools for preliminary play and each pool shall play a round robin series against the other teams in the pool. The number of pools and the number of teams in each pool shall vary according to the number of entries in the Championship.
- b. **Playoffs:**
 - i. If there are two (2) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool shall advance to semi-final play.
 - ii. If there are three (3) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool and the top two (2) third place teams with the next best record shall advance to the quarter-final play.
 - iii. If there are four (4) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool shall advance to quarter-final play.
 - iv. In the quarter finals, Pool A #1 shall meet Pool B #2 (Game A). Pool B #1 shall meet Pool A #2 (Game B), Pool #1 seed shall have hammer and practice 2nd. Pool B #1 shall meet Pool A #2 (Game B), Pool #1 seeds shall have hammer and practice 2nd. The #2 seeds shall have rock choice and practice first.
 - v. In the Semi Finals the winner of Game A will play the Winner of Game D and the winner of Game B will play the winner of Game C. Winners of the Semi-Finals shall play in the Gold Medal Game. Losers of the semi shall play in the Bronze Medal Game. A minimum of (thirty) 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each semi-final, bronze medal and gold medal games the opposing vices will meet behind the glass of their designated sheets to toss for choice of rock colour. **The winner of the toss will choose colour and practice second. The loser of the toss will practice first.** Any member of the team will throw a draw to the button rock following the procedure as outlined in Rules and Officials section e to determine last rock.
 - vi. In the quarter finals for 3 pools the top teams in each pool will be seeded 1-3 according to their pool results, the second place teams in each pool will be seeded 4-6 according to their pool results; the two best third place teams be seeded 7-8 according to their pool results. Any ties in standing will be broken by the draw to the button measurement. Seed 1 will play seed 8, seed 2 will play seed 7, seed 3 will play seed 6, seed 4 will play seed 5. Games will be adjusted if necessary so that teams from the same pool will not play against each other in the quarter finals. **The**

highest-ranking seed shall retain hammer and practice second, the lower ranking seed shall practice first and choose rock colour.

- vii. In the semi-finals for 3 pools the highest remaining seed from the quarter finals will play the lowest remaining seed from the quarter finals; the second highest seed remaining from the quarter finals will play the third highest seed remaining from the quarter finals. Winners of the semi-finals shall play in the Gold Medal Game. Losers of the semi-finals shall play in the Bronze Medal Game Last rock practice and colour of rocks is the same as outlined in section Playoffs (v).
- c. Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of all forms and documents as outlined on the OFSAA Curling Championships' website.
- d. The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

3. Entry:

- a. Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- b. Entries must be received by the deadline date as indicated in the coaches' information on the respective OFSAA Curling website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and an additional entry fee shall be charged.
- c. A team may consist of five (5) players any four (4) of whom may be designated to play in a game. All five (5) curlers must be listed on the entry form. Every team must have four (4) players available to start the competition. Teams may attend the championship with 3 people based on an appeal to the SAC committee. Appeals can be made under special circumstances outlined in the appeal.
- d. Additional entries to be determined by the OFSAA office.
- e. Each team may register a maximum of **seven (7)** participants, which includes players and team personnel. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend championship activities.
- f. Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.

4. Expenses:

- a. Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their entry fee, their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- b. All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school

principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

5. Eligibility:

a. Team/School Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

- i. Conduct a 'bona fide' school curling program consisting of a minimum of eight (8) weekly practices/games, during the current school season [December – March] under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- ii. Participate in the Association Championship or 3 bonspiels.
- iii. Consist of at least three (3) of the original team members who competed in the Association Championship/qualifying event.
- iv. Use only eligible players in any competition during the school year or the school forfeits the right to participate in the OFSAA Championship.
- v. In accordance with Rowan's Law, have all coaches and trainers confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided, that they have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA Concussion Code of Conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.

b. Individual Student Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- i. Be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs.
- ii. Be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
- iii. Meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- iv. Be in Grades 9-12.
- v. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy.
- vi. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9.
- vii. Have signed the Rules of Behaviour Policy signature form for the competition.
- viii. Have participated as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above and attended the majority of practices and competitions.
- ix. In accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided, that they and their parent/guardian (if student is under 18 years of age) have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA Concussion Code of Conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.
- x. Not participate in both the OFSAA Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day.

6. Rules and Officials:

- a. The rules governing play shall be that of the Canadian Curling Association with the following exceptions:

Substitution:

- i. The host Association shall be responsible for providing a pool of curlers available for substitution.
 - ii. During the competition if a team has only four (4) players and one player is unable to continue play because of illness or injury, they MAY select randomly from the host pool of curlers. The new curler may play in the position of the injured player or lead. If the original player is able to play again they may re-enter the competition at the beginning of a game.
 - iii. Substitution will be allowed at the start of any end in the game. Once a substitution is made, that player must stay in the game unless an injury or illness occurs.
- b. All games including playoffs shall be eight (8) ends. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a game, an extra end towards the home end shall be played until such time as a winner is declared. If the game goes into extra ends, there shall be a three (3) minute break for consultation between the coach and curlers at the end of the eighth end. Each team may call one 60-second time-out during each extra end. Time-outs shall not be carried forward to the extra end(s) or from one extra end to another.
- c. **Tie Breaking Procedures:**
- i. If two (2) teams are tied for a playoff position the winner of the game in pool play between the tied teams shall receive the position.
 - ii. If three (3) teams are tied and one team has defeated all other tied teams during pool play, it shall receive the position.
 - iii. To determine the additional playoff positions the measurements from the first four round robin games draw to the button shall be used with the lowest score(s) receiving the position(s).
 - iv. Draw to the Button Measurement
Each team's draw to the button for the first four round robin games will be measured in cm. A rock covering the button will be measured as zero (0) cm. Rocks that are not in the house receive a measurement of 185 cm. The sum in cm of all of a team's draws to the button will be used for tie-breaking procedure in c (iii).
 - v. In the event a tie in the draw to the button distances occurs and the distances are required to determine a playoff position, a draw to the button shootout will take place simultaneously on neutral sheets of ice. Each team will be allowed a 5 minute warm up on separate sheets of ice. Then each player will throw 1 rock. Rocks will be measured as in (c) (iv).
- d. **Timeouts**
- i. A maximum of five (5) minutes consultation between the coach and curlers be allowed on the ice only, at the completion of the fourth end.
 - ii. In addition, two (2) one-minute time outs (i.e. one time out of one minute) may be called at any time while your team is in control of the house. The team that called the time out may access the playing surface.
 - iii. Coaches must wear appropriate footwear to access the ice surface.
 - iv. The team that did not call the time out may confer with the coach, but may not access the playing surface.

- v. The Fair Play timeout rule shall be in effect.
- e. **Practice time**, to a maximum of seven (7) minutes per team shall be made available to each team. At the end of each practice within sixty (60) seconds of the end of said practice one player on each team throws one draw towards the home end with sweeping. That draw will be measured and the closest to the button shall have last rock for the first end.

Four different curlers must throw the draw rock in the first four round robin games. If there are less than four round robin games three different curlers shall throw draw rock for each round robin game.

If both draw rocks are on the button or are outside the rings, then the two throwers will toss a coin to determine hammer.

- f. No high school students shall be used as on-ice officials.
- g. Permanent hog-line judges shall not be introduced part way through a competition.
- h. The team listed first in the schedule will use the top of the board coloured rocks and practice first, and the second team listed in the schedule will use the bottom of the board coloured rocks and practice second.
- i. All curlers are expected to observe the courtesy rules that are part of the tradition of curling.

7. **Uniforms and Equipment:**

All requirements outlined in the OFSAA General Uniform Policy must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

Sport Specific:

- a. Brooms:
 - i. No hard inserts or foil
 - ii. No exchanging of brooms
 - iii. No corn hair brooms except for delivery
- b. Delivery sticks will be allowed for athletes who are unable to use the hacks for physical or safety reasons. It will be the responsibility of the student athlete to provide the delivery stick for use.

8. **Awards:**

- a. Gold, silver, bronze and antique bronze medallions seven (7) shall be presented to members of the top four (4) teams in each Championship.
- b. The schools represented by the Championship teams shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the school.

9. Supervision:

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- a. For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- b. For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

10. Deportment:

- a. Definitions
 - i. A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
 - ii. A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- b. Codes of Behaviour
 - i. All participants are expected to abide by the, Rules of Behaviour Policy for Participants to OFSAA Championships.
 - ii. Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
 - iii. Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy.
 - iv. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics Policy for Coaches to OFSAA Championships.
 - v. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Recruitment Policy.
 - vi. Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour Policy for Spectators.
 - vii. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Return to Play Policy.
 - viii. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements.
- c. No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

11. Social:

- a. If a social event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- b. Participants are expected to wear "dress casual" attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.

- c. Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.

12. Medical:

Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids, ice packs) for their athletes.

13. Protest Committee:

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Umpire may be asked to serve on the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.
- b. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee. (refundable if protest is upheld).
- c. A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- d. The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - i. Officials' decisions
 - ii. Eligibility of transfer students
- e. Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- f. The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- g. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Committee, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES**1. Championship Structure and Procedure:**

- a. Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- b. A team shall play a maximum of three (3) games in one day.
 - i. If 10, 12 or 14 teams participate, there shall be two (2) pools.
 - ii. If more than fourteen (14) Associations enter then there shall be three (3) pools of six (6) teams.
 - iii. If there are more than eighteen (18) teams then there shall be four (4) pools of five (5) teams. If additional teams are required to facilitate the draw, they will be supplied as determined by the OFSAA office.
- c. Teams may be piped in for the opening of the Championships. Before and after each game all curlers shall shake hands with their opponents.

2. Seeding:

- a. To balance pools, four (4) to eight (8) teams shall be seeded.
- b. Teams from the same Association shall not be placed in the same pool.
- c. The following criteria will be considered to determine a team's seed position - Overall Record, League Record, Common Opponents, Strength of Schedule, Previous Association Results, Association Strength, Strength of Roster, and Coach Assessment of appropriate seed.
- d. The Convenor shall choose a committee for the purpose of seeding teams in consultation with the OFSAA liaison responsible for the event. Final approval shall be given by the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee before publishing the final seeding order.

3. Officials:

- a. The Convenor shall be responsible for having an umpire present at all games of the Championship.
- b. The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the first game, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

4. Medical:

- a. Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate policy on hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases.

- b. Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s).

All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking and non-vaping events.

This includes the use of all tobacco and vaping related products.

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.

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