



2017 Ramada Hotel U18 Provincial Championship presented by the Optimist Clubs of Saskatchewan



March 23 - 26, 2017
Moose Jaw Curling Club, Moose Jaw

Competitor Guide

CURLSASK

This Guide provides an overview of information for the
competition.

Please refer to www.curlsask.ca and the Curling Canada Rules
of Officiated Play (September 2014-2018) for additional
guidelines and rule information.

U18 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HOST INFORMATION PAGE

KEY CONTACTS:

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TEAM ACCOMMODATION:

Ramada Moose Jaw – Block of rooms set aside under U18 Curling at a discounted rate + Hotel is contributing \$10/room to Curl Moose Jaw for each booking made in advance.
Ph: 306-693-3050 or ramadamoosejaw@gmail.com (Block code CGCURL)

Suburban Extended Stay Hotel – Block of rooms set aside under U18 Provincial Curling at a discounted rate.

Ph: 306-972-7829 or gm.cn998@choicehotels.com (Group #2745136)

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: Thursday 7:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies – Thursday 6:30 PM

Banquet tickets are provided for curlers. Extra tickets are available at registration for family and friends.

Luncheon will be held at

Extra Luncheon Tickets - \$___/person

Extra tickets are limited. Deadline for extra tickets is

TICKET INFORMATION:

Admittance for curlers, members of CURLSASK and media will be provided at registration.

Day Pass - \$ per draw

Event Pass - \$

Available at the Door

Game Results are available on www.curlsask.ca

OFFICIATING PROCEDURES

This event has a **PARTIAL** Officiated System that includes the following officials.

1. Head Official/Alternate Head Official:
 - The Head Official has the general supervision of and shall govern any competition to which he/she is assigned.
 - Responsible for total officiating program and will handle any necessary enforcement of rules that are required during a game.
 - Head Official/Alternate Head Official will attend to all measurements; (members of both teams, except vice-skips who may observe, must stay outside the house during the measurement).
 - The rules pertaining to on-ice violations cannot be appealed beyond the Head or Alternate Head Official.
 - The Head or Alternate Head Official may directly intervene at any time in any game and give such directions concerning conduct of the game and adherence to the rules as he/she considers proper.
 - The Head Official shall hear and determine appeals of decisions made by on-ice officials and supervisors. His/her decision is final.
 - The Head Official is authorized to make decisions on matters not covered by the rules and shall do so in accordance with equity.
 - The Head or Alternate Head Official may recommend expulsion or suspension of any player or coach to the official curling body having jurisdiction. The expulsion or suspension may involve the championship at hand or future championships governed by the curling body having jurisdiction.
 - The Head or Alternate Head Official may expel a player or coach from the game or competition area for what he/she considers to be abusive or unacceptable behavior as per the CURLSASK Code of Conduct Policy, including refusal to comply with the rules and direction provided by an official. This includes swearing.
2. Alternate Head Official:
Acts in the Head Official's capacity when required.
3. Game Timers:
Time clocks will be used for all games. Game timers are responsible for the operation of the time clock on the sheet to which they are assigned.

CURLSASK Head Official – Al Empey

CURLSASK Alternate Head Official – Ron Kidd and Darcey Huyghebaert

CURLSASK Chief Official – Mike McClelland –nipawinmike@yahoo.ca – 862-2802 or 862-6888

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Competition Format

- This event has three divisions:
 - Men's Division – must have four male players
 - Women's Division – must have four female players
 - Open Recreational – can have any combination of male and/or female players

Teams can enter only one division and must declare which division at time of registration.

Men & Women Division

- **8 team true triple knockout, teams playing in A, B and C events. Playoffs only required if different teams win each event.**

Open Division

- **8 Team, Two Pool of Four Teams**
- The top two teams after round robin/tie breakers from each pool will advance to the Page-System Playoff. The number one ranked team in each pool will meet in a playoff game, with the winner advancing to the FINAL and the losing team advancing to the SEMI-FINAL. The number two ranked team in each pool will meet in a playoff game with the winner advancing to the SEMI-FINAL and the losing team being eliminated from further play.

Pre-Competition Practice:

- None

Pre-Game Practice:

- Teams are allowed 8 minutes for a maximum of two rocks per player thrown to the away end and back to the home end.
- First practice is 20 minutes prior to game time. Second practice starts after the first team's practice and LSD has been completed.
- Teams practice time will be determined through a coin toss conducted a minimum of 35 minutes prior to game time, with the winner of the toss having the choice of rock color OR first or second pre-game practice time, but not both.
- If the winner of the toss chooses a practice time, the other team has choice of rocks and will practice at the practice time not chosen.
- If the winner of the toss chooses rock color, the other team will have the choice of first or second practice with the opposite rock color chosen.
- Pre-game practice is not mandatory, but teams must be in attendance for LSD (Last Stone Draw)

Rock Color Assignment & Last Rock Advantage:

- A coin toss will be conducted a minimum of 35 minutes prior to game time, with the winner of the toss has the choice of rock color OR first or second pre-game practice time, but not both.
- If the winner of the toss chooses rock color, the other team will have the choice of first or second practice with the opposite rock color.
- If the winner of the toss chooses a practice time, the other team has choice of rocks and will practice at the practice time not chosen.
- If a team fails to be present for agreed upon time for the coin toss or the 35 minutes prior to game time for the coin toss, then the non-offending team will have practice time and color.
- If a team is not present for the coin toss 35 minutes prior to the game time, the non-offending team will be given last rock advantage in the first end, choice of color and choice of practice time. Both teams will be required to complete the LSD at the end of pre-game practice for calculations of Skill Based Team Ranking Process.
- Note - The team practicing first will also have **choice of rotation** to be thrown for the Last Stone Draw (See procedure below).
- Last Stone Draw (LSD) will be completed for all pre playoff and round robin pool games to determine last rock advantage.
 - At the conclusion of each of the team's pre-game practice, one player per team delivers one stone to the tee toward the home end with brushing. The official will measure and record the distance from the tee. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the tee shall be assigned a distance of 0. Stones that are located outside the 6 foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 185.4cm.

- The team with the lesser LSD will have last rock advantage in the first end of play.
- Stones finishing in the house are measured. If the measure can be inserted, the stone is measurable. If the stone is so close to the tee centre that the tape does not register a number, the stone is assigned one half of the first number that the tape displays; i.e. If the first number is 0.1 cm, the stone will be assigned a score of 0.05 cm.
- The team practicing first will choose the clockwise or counter clockwise turn for their LSD. They shall notify the opposition and official before practice begins. The team practicing second will deliver the opposite turn for their LSD.
- If the team with first practice records a distance of 0 or 185.4cm, another player from that team (different from 1st player) shall throw one more stone using the same turn to record a second distance to be used if ties occur. If the second player to deliver records a distance of 0 or 185.4cm, the team will leave the ice and the other team will practice.
- If following the second's team practice, that team matches the first team in distance over two stones, another player from the first practice team will alternate throwing with the second practice team until last rock in the first end is decided.
- Any team in the process of completing their LSD commits a rule infraction as observed by the Head Official (ex. Touched running stone, hogline violation) will record a distance of 185.4cm. If it is the team with first practice, another player from that team shall throw one more stone to record a second distance to be used if ties occur.
- If an LSD draw that has come to a stop is moved by a team member prior to the measure by the official, the LSD will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button. Original position was:
 - o On or biting the button – assigned 15.2cm
 - o On or biting the four-foot – assigned 61.0cm
 - o On or biting the eight-foot – assigned 121.9cm
 - o On or biting the twelve-foot – assigned 182.9cm
- Any team that is not present for the LSD or significantly delays the process will forfeit last rock advantage in the first end for that game and will record a distance of 185.4cm. The Head Official will make the decision on forfeiture of last rock advantage in the first end and his/her decision will be final.
- The opposing team must remain in the viewing area behind the glass during the opponent's last stone draws.
- Coaches must remain off the ice surface and NO COACHING is allowed during the team's LSD.

Open Division Team Ranking & Tiebreaking

- The following criteria (in order) will be used to rank the teams at the completion of the round robin pool play:
 1. In each pool, teams will be ranked according to their win/loss record;
 2. If two teams are tied, the team that won their round robin game will be ranked higher;
 3. Where three or more teams are tied, the record of the games between the tied teams shall provide the ranking (Should this procedure provide a ranking for some teams but not all, then the record of the games between the remaining teams that are still tied shall determine the ranking);
 4. For all remaining teams whose ranking cannot be determined by 1. or 2. or 3., ranking is determined by the Skill Based Team Ranking System (SBTRS).
- The SBTRS will include the cumulative distance of all of the pre-game Draw Shots to the tee for last stone advantage in the first end of all round robin games.
- When teams are tied for a playoff position they shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tiebreaker game(s).
- The Competition Liaison shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of tiebreakers.

Playoff Rock Selection & Last Rock Advantage & Pre-Game Practice Times

- For all tiebreaker and/or playoff games the rocks from the sheet assigned will be used.
- Men and Women Division
 - If one team wins two events, for the first playoff game they will have first choice of handle color, last rock advantage in the first end and will practice first in the Pre-Game Practice. If a second playoff game is required, they will have first choice of handle color OR last rock advantage in the first end, but not both. The team that has last rock advantage in the first end will practice first in the Pre-Game Practice.

- If each event is won by a different team, the B winner will have first choice of handle color for the semi-final and practice first in the Pre-Game Practice. The A winner will have first choice of handle color for the final and practice first in the Pre-Game Practice. Last Stone Draw will be used to determine last rock advantage in all playoff games in this scenario.
- Open Division
 - Same as pre-playoff games.
- The Competition Liaison shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of the playoffs.
- **The Semi-Final and Final may occur on the same sheet of ice.**

Team Meeting, Ceremonies and Sponsored Functions

- It is mandatory that all teams have representation at the CURLSASK Officials/Team meeting unless permission is granted by the Competition Liaison. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting last rock in the first end for the entire competition, **including playoffs.**
- It is mandatory that all team members and coaches will attend the opening ceremonies, official banquet/luncheon and other sponsored functions unless permission is granted by the Competition Liaison. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting last rock in the first end for the entire competition, including playoffs.

TEAM DEFINITION AND SUBSTITUTE/REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

- A team shall include a minimum of two players from the original registered team and one substitute, one replacement, or player(s) from the players pool if the rules of the competition so provide.
- A team may play with three players, with the first two players each delivering three stones in each end. Under no circumstances may a team play with less than three players delivering stones.
- Alternate players/5th players are not recognized in CURLSASK competitions at any level, but may attend championship to be used as substitute/replacement players as per CURLSASK guidelines. Alternate players who attend championships do so at their own expense. Alternate players are not given ice access, do not march in ceremonies, are not recognized with the team at any functions, and do not receive any awards from the provincial sponsor or the Curling Canada.

SUBSTITUTION

- Following the registration of their four players by the entry deadline and, at any level of the competition, should a player be unable to play due to extenuating circumstances (as approved by CURLSASK Chief Official or the Event Competition Liaison), the team will be permitted one eligible substitute or the option of continuing with the remaining three players.
Exception:
 - In Mixed competition four players are required to commence and conclude a game, therefore two substitutes would be allowed.
 - When CURLSASK or Curling Canada Competition dates conflict, the team will be allowed to select a maximum of 2 substitutes. If a substitute becomes a replacement and that member is unable to play, the team will be allowed another substitute.

The following are criteria for all substitutes at all CURLSASK competitions:

- a) The substitute is a temporary player who may play the position of the indisposed player or lower.
- b) The substitute must be a member of an affiliated CURLSASK Club. The substitute is subject to the eligibility rules regarding gender, age, and any specific substitution rules of the U18 competition.
For Provincials, a substitute may come from anywhere in the province, not be a registered member of a team competing in the provincial event but could be from a registered team who has been eliminated from the U18 competition in any division.
- c) A substitute can substitute for multiple teams as long as that substitute meets the eligibility criteria of the specific competition.
- d) The team requiring the substitute must indicate if substitute is required for one game, multiple games, or the entire competition.
- e) Is committed to the team he/she substitutes until being released. He/she may then substitute for another team at that level.
- f) The substitute is not required to pay the Curling Canada participant fee.
- g) The Competition Liaison and Head Official involved must be advised of any substitution.
- h) At CURLSASK Provincial Competitions, the host club shall provide a pool of substitutes. Should a team require a substitute, they may select an eligible substitute as per the rules of competition OR a player from the substitute pool. The substitute pool is for use of emergency substitute situations and will only be available for selection during the competition.

REPLACEMENT

- Following the registration of their four players by the entry deadline should a team decide to permanently replace a player, meaning the new player becomes a registered member of the team, the original player being replaced shall be disqualified from further play in that and any subsequent levels of play in the Province in that competition for that year.

The following are criteria for all replacements for all CURLSASK competitions:

- a) At all times a team must have at least two (2) original registered members.
- b) The replacement must be a member of an affiliated CURLSASK Club. The substitute is subject to the eligibility rules regarding gender and age of that competition
- c) The replacement is required to pay Curling Canada's participant fee.

d) The Competition Liaison and Head Official involved must be advised of any substitution.

In special circumstances, a replaced player may apply to CURLSASK Chief Official for reinstatement of eligibility in order to enter the competition with another team. Application must be made in writing (e-mail is sufficient) to CURLSASK Chief Official at least 3 days prior to wanting to compete with any other team at any level of the competition. A player may only request to be reinstated once for each competition.

- A substitute or player from the player's pool who joins a team prior to the start of a game may deliver stones in the indisposed player's position or lower. A replacement in this situation may deliver stones in any position. The team shall re-declare their delivery rotation at this time if required.
Position of indisposed player is determined as follows:
 - If the substitute is required for the first game, at the first level of the competition, line-up will be as indicated on the playdown registration form.
 - If the substitute is required for first game, at subsequent levels of competition, the line-up will be as indicated on the competition winning form submitted to the CURLSASK office.
 - If the substitute is required for any other games in the competition, the line up will be determined by the previous game line-up.
- If a substitute or player from the player's pool is activated prior to the start of a game, the original player requiring the substitute will not be allowed to rejoin the team until the next game or subsequent games.
- A substitute or player from the player's pool who joins a team between ends may deliver stones in the indisposed player's position or lower. Players may move up or down the delivery rotation only as required to position the substitute or player from the player's pool and the team shall re-declare their delivery rotation at this time.
- A substitute or player from the player's pool who joins a team during an end in play, because a player(s) is unable to complete the delivery rotation declared by the team at the start of the game, would replace the sidelined player(s) in the team's delivery rotation. At the beginning of the next end the team may re-declare their delivery rotation subject to the above point. The substitute, pool player or replacement may only enter a game during an end if they deliver a stone(s) within the end. The sidelined player shall not rejoin the team until the next game unless the team loses subsequent player(s) and is therefore placed in a default position.
- A team that commences a game with three players and expects the fourth player to join the team during the game, must establish the team's four player delivery rotation prior to commencing the game.
- A player who is late for a game may enter the game between ends or may enter an end in progress provided he/she is able to deliver a stone(s) within the team's established delivery rotation.
- A player who has left the game may re-enter the game between ends or during an end in progress providing he/she is able to deliver a stones(s) within the team's established delivery rotation. If an eligible substitute has been activated, the sidelined player shall not rejoin the team until the next game unless the team loses subsequent player(s) and is therefore placed in a default position.

RULES OF PLAY & GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rules of Curling for Officiated Play will be followed – pages 22 to 52 of The Rules of Curling, published September, 2014.

No warnings will be issued –violations will be dealt with according to the rules.

1. Game Duration and Conceding:

- All games will be 8 ends of play, with ties being broken by extra end(s)
- Teams may concede the game to their opponent at any time during the game. Leave the rocks where they are.

2. Timing:

- Thinking Time allotted to each team shall be thirty (30) minutes.
- Thinking Time allotted for each team in an extra end shall be four (4) minutes, thirty (30) seconds.
- Thinking Time:
 - o Both teams are off clock at the start of the game. If the team throwing the first stone in the first end significantly delays the start of the game, the Head Official has the authority to start that team's clock.
 - o Once all stones have come to rest in play or crossed the backline, the sweepers & player who just delivered has moved to the side of the sheet and the delivering team as relinquished control of the house, the clock of the delivering team begins to run.
 - o The delivering team's clock will continue to run until their delivered stone reaches the nearer t-line.
- Breaks:
 - o At the conclusion of an end, when the score is determined and all rocks are cleared from the house and placed behind the back line, the team delivering first will have 30 seconds to commence delivery of the next stone. If a measure is required, the 30 seconds will start after the measure. If the player to deliver first does not deliver their stone by the time the 30 seconds elapses, their team clock shall be started, but would be stopped when the stone reaches the nearer tee line.
 - o Five (5) minute break after 4 ends is mandatory. The ice will be cleaned.
 - o An optional 3-minute break between conclusion of the 8th end and start of the first extra end (if both teams agree, play can continue). A 30 second break will be allowed between additional extra ends.
- Delay of the game for any reason excluding accident or illness shall be at the discretion of the Head Official.

3. Time- Outs:

- **Each team will be ALLOWED to call two (2) time-outs per game and one (1) time-out for each extra end**
- Each time-out will last **90 seconds** which includes travel time for the coach.
- Coaches running or jogging during the time-out will not be tolerated. The team will lose the time-out if this occurs.
- Time-outs may only be requested from the playing surface by a player of the team that is in control of the house. **Players are encouraged to use the "T" signal with their hands above their head to ensure time-out is observed by officials.** Coaches may physically signal a request for a time-out to their players on the ice.
- The coach is allowed to communicate with the team during time-outs and breaks as determined by the Head Official.
- Coaches may call a Fair Play Timeout as required. (see Coach Information section in this guide for more information)

4. Game Starts:

- Teams will be allowed a one (1) minute on-ice warm-up, timed by the time clock.
- Each game shall start at the time designated by the CURLSASK. If a team is unable to commence play at the designated time, the following takes place:
 - a) if the delay of the start of play is 10 - 19 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one point, and will have last stone in the first end of actual play, one end is considered completed
 - b) if the delay of the start of play is 20 - 29 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one additional point, and will have last stone in the first end of actual play, two ends are considered played
 - c) if play starts, the playing time allotted to each team is reduced by 4 minutes for each end considered played.
 - d) if play has not started after 30 minutes, then the non-offending team is declared the winner by forfeit. A forfeited game is recorded as 1 point in the first end, 1 point in the second end and the third end is marked with X's. The final score is 2 - 0.

5. Free Guard Zone:

- In cases where there is a FGZ infraction, let the rock finish its course before action is taken.
- After delivery of each of the first three stones of an end it is the responsibility of the throwing team to ensure agreement with the opposing skip whether or not the stone is in the FGZ.
- If they cannot agree – ask for the Head Official.

6. Hogline Violation:

- In the delivery of a stone, the stone shall be released before the stone has reached the nearer hogline.
- No hogline officials are in place at this competition.
- If teams have concerns about potential violations, please discuss with the Head Official.
- The Head Official has the authority to watch the hogline and call infractions without the confirm system

7. Position and Movement:

- Be aware of – especially when the opposition is delivering.
- Only the skip and vice-skip of the non-delivering team may stand behind the backline when the delivering team is in control of the house.
- Single file and to the extreme side of the sheet when moving.
- Members of the non-delivering team between the hoglines or if you are the next player to deliver you may take a position by the backboard to the side of the sheet, remaining silent and motionless.
- Team discussions outside the house

8. Measurements:

- All measurements will be attended to by the Head Official or Alternate Head Official. We ask that both teams stay outside the house at this time, except the Vice-Skips, who may observe.

9. Line-up:

- If there is a change in your playing line-up advise the Head Official prior to the game beginning. If there is a substitution notify the Competition Liaison and the Head Official.

10. Playoffs/Rock Selection:

- At least one team member and/or certified coach will meet with the Head and/or Alternate Head Official and CURLSASK Competition Liaison immediately after the last draw prior to playoffs starting

11. Unsportsmanlike conduct/foul language:

- Will not be tolerated – the Head Official has the authority to eject or suspend a player from any game.

12. Prohibited Substances:

- Smoking, chewing tobacco or drinking alcoholic beverages by a player or coach on or in proximity to the ice surface is prohibited.
- As per CURLSASK Code of Conduct, competitors/coaches attending playdowns for Junior Competitions shall not be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs at any time during any level of play. The curling club licensed area shall be off-limits to all competitors/coaches.

13. Broom, Broom Bags, Club Bags and Cell Phones:

- Curling Canada Brush Moratorium & Penalties will be enforced in the Men's and Women's competition.
- All players and coaches must conform to these rules.
- Brooms must be brought to the team meeting for inspection and marking by the officials. A CURLSASK Official or representative will mark all brooms and may request to inspect and mark broom heads before or during a draw.
- Practice is considered part of the game, therefore once brooms are used at practice they are to remain in play area until conclusion of the game
- Broom bags are not allowed in the field of play. Any club bags are subject to inspection.
- On-ice equipment such as throwing brooms, grippers, throwing device, etc. should be kept on the side walkways or back boards, off the ice surface.
- Cell phones and electronic communicating devices that send and receive signals are prohibited in the field of play for both players and coaches.

14. Dress Code:

- Visible advertising on team apparel will be permitted as long as there is no conflict with Provincial and/or National sponsors. The CURLSASK retains the right of refusal.
- Caps are to be worn peak forward.
- Shirts must be of appropriate length so as to not expose bare skin or undergarments.
- Players and coaches are not required to wear coordinating jackets but it is recommended. If the team chooses to wear non-traditional curling pants, the players and coach should have identical pants.
- **Coaches must be in appropriate curling attire and footwear to access the playing area. NO JEANS.**

15. Prizes:

- Will be displayed when event finals are played.

16. Media:

- The media can be a valuable tool in the marketing of curling events and competitions and should be used fully where possible.
- The media will be in attendance at the competition. We ask that you accommodate them with interviews.

17. R/F Microphones

The use of radio frequency (RF) microphones on players will only be allowed for CURLSASK competitions where there is an approved webcasting, television or media partner. The use of RF microphones for training purposes for coaching are not allowed in CURLSASK competitions.

EXPULSION OF PLAYER/COACH (from CURLSASK Code of Conduct)

If a player/coach is expelled from a game by the Head/Alternate Official for on-ice conduct, the following shall apply:

1. The player/coach must leave the ice surface immediately. If the player/coach refuses to leave the ice surface, the team will then forfeit the game.
2. For the remainder of the game, the player/coach may not be in the viewing area of the facility or on the ice surface.
3. Once a player/coach has been expelled by the Head/Alternate, further suspension for the remainder of the competition will be determined as per the CURLSASK Code of Conduct.
4. An expelled player will not be allowed a substitute for the remainder of that game. In Mixed play, where four players are mandatory, the team will automatically forfeit the game.
5. In competitions where a coach is mandatory, and the coach is expelled, the team will be allowed a temporary coach for the remainder of that game.
6. A team will be allowed a substitute/replacement player or substitute certified coach if further suspension is carried out. The substitute/replacement player must follow the rules of substitution for that competition. The substitute certified coach must have the proper qualifications as per CURLSASK guidelines.

COACHES INFORMATION

COACHES REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

The coach is directly responsible for the actions of his/her team.

The coach must be at least 21 years of age.

The coach must be minimum NCCP Club Coach Trained in the sport of curling or NCCP equivalent to coach at the Provincial Competition. For events where coaches are mandatory, the coach must be present at the start of a game for the team to begin play. If extenuating circumstances occur, the team must have someone appointed to be in charge of the team prior to play commencing.

CURLSASK requires that coaches in curling participating in CURLSASK sanctioned events have completed the Respect in Sport (RiS) certification. Certification can be completed on-line at <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com>

COACHES SEATING

Seating will be reserved for coaches and they must access the ice from the reserved seating during timeouts or fifth end breaks. When a time-out is called, the official will look to this area for the coaches. The official will not give extra time if the coach is not in the designated area.

RECORDING DEVICES & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Coaches will be allowed to have recording devices and/or electronic devices for statistical analysis in their reserved seating area for the purpose of game recording and statistical analysis. If the reserved coaches seating is in the playing area, all devices must have their 'send and receive' functions disabled.

TIME-OUTS

Time-outs may only be called from the playing surface by a player of the team that is in control of the house. Coaches may physically signal a request for a time-out to their players on the ice.

Each team will be ALLOWED to call two (2) time-outs per game and one (1) time-out for each extra end.

Each time-out will last **90 seconds** which includes travel time for the coach. Coaches running or jogging during the time-out will not be tolerated. The team will lose the timeout if this occurs.

Time-out ends for both teams when the coach of the calling team leaves the playing surface.

Coaches Fair Play Time Out (Junior/U18 only)

The purpose of the Coaches Fair Play Time Out is to provide the coach with the opportunity to diffuse a 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.

1. Each coach shall be provided the opportunity to request a one minute fair play time out per game.
2. A coaches' fair play time out shall be implemented with the approval of the official.
3. Only the coach who requested the fair play time out may access the playing area accompanied by the official. The Official will monitor the time out to ensure it is used for the purpose it is intended (no strategy discussion).
4. A coach's fair play time out may be recommended by an official.

ICE ACCESS

Practices (Pre-Competition, Pre-Game, Playoff Practice)

- Coaches are allowed access on the ice surface during all practices with appropriate curling footwear.
- Coaches are not allowed to deliver stones or brush stones in any practice session.

Time-outs

- The team that called the time-out can communicate with their coach at either end of the sheet as long as getting to the away end (in the Head Official's view) does not distract other players or disrupt other games.
- The team that did not call the time-out will meet with their coach at the home end.
- If there is an open sheet adjacent to the game sheet, the coach calling the time-out can access the area adjacent to the house at either end. Coaches must have appropriate footwear to be allowed on the adjacent sheet of ice.
- If both discussions are at the same end and it is congested, the Head Official may allow the team calling the time-out to conduct their discussions on the ice behind the backline.
- Because each rink is different, the Head Official will have to decide what he/she will allow when they do the pre-competition inspection.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Unquestionably, the landscape has changed in terms of the ways that players, fans and the media interact, and it's recognized that the various forms of social media represent a valuable opportunity for communication. Competitors are encouraged to embrace these social media, as they present avenues to promote the game of curling as well as their own teams. But there must be certain responsibilities attached to the use of these social media outlets, particularly when competitors are participating in CURLSASK sanctioned and provincial championship events and visibility is at its highest.

With that in mind, here are some guidelines:

- Be aware of the fact that as competitors in a provincial event you are in the spotlight, and competitors are always representing not only themselves, but their teams, teammates, families and CURLSASK as participants in all CURLSASK events. There is no on-off switch when it comes to this responsibility.
- There is no such thing as “off the record” when it comes to communication via social media. Hitting the “return” button on a Tweet makes it part of the public record, and it can be distributed to thousands of people in just a few seconds. Avoid using social media when angry or consuming alcohol. Also, during events it's recommended to avoid reading Twitter responses or Facebook posts to your team. It's a fact of life that there will be naysayers who take pleasure in trying to bring competitors and/or their teammates down. Responding to them achieves nothing. Avoiding them is the best idea. Ideally, have someone external to the team filtering the responses to prevent negative messages getting through.
- Be smart about what is presented as a message. There's never anything wrong with taking the high road when it comes to discussing events, officials or opponents. Competitors help their sport and their team by presenting a positive, respectful image to those who read your message. Thanking fans and praising teammates and opponents are good ways to do this.
- Competitors hurt the sport and hurt their teammates by sending out negative messages of their own, or by sharing/retweeting negative messages from other people. These can consist of criticism of opponents, teammates, officials, events, sponsors, facilities and playing conditions, or sexist, racist or homophobic slurs. This is a year-round consideration, but be aware that if it happens during a CURLSASK event, **competitors will be held accountable as per the CURLSASK Code of Conduct** for anything that CURLSASK decides is bringing the sport, an event, or an event official into “disrepute”. The following is an excerpt from CURLSASK's Code of Conduct:
 - As it relates to discussion on any social media, all athletes/coaches agree not to use any obscene or offensive language, place any material that is libelous, abusive, or hateful, constitutes unauthorized advertising, invades anyone's privacy, or encourages conduct that would constitute a criminal offense. This includes, but is not limited to, under-age drinking. If athletes/coaches post about a CurlSask event, you are responsible for ensuring that any material posted (text, images, or other multimedia content) does not violate or infringe upon the copyright, patent, trademark or any other personal or proprietary rights of any third party. All postings will be respectful of CurlSask Rules and Canadian Curling Association Rules for General Play, and all other individuals/parties discussed.
- During CURLSASK events, competitors should be conscious of sponsors. It is a given that the CURLSASK partnerships with companies are responsible for the successful operation of CURLSASK events. CURLSASK would ask competitors to respect those partnerships by not: A) distributing messages that may be seen as critical of the sponsors; and B) distributing messages praising direct competitors of our sponsors. This applies specifically during provincial events. CURLSASK acknowledges that some teams have partnerships with competing sponsors. The fact is, there are more than 340 days in a year to praise team sponsors who may be in conflict.
- During championship events, out of respect for the integrity of the game, players, and coaches who are on the field of play will be prohibited from using any form of social media from 15 minutes prior to games until the completion of the game. Teams can, however, appoint someone sitting in the stands or watching on television to send messages via social media so long as there is no direct contact with the players and/or coaches in the field of play.

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- **Jiffy Lube**

Please be advised that the above are presently committed, to the sponsorship of curling and the utmost effort must be taken to utilize their products and/or services in the ensuing year.

CURLSASK requires all team players to visibly display any CURLSASK sponsor crests provided to the team on their on-ice attire for all on-ice activities.