

## **POLICY FOR RESIDENCY** **2014 – 2015 CURLING SEASON**

All national curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full time residents within the geographic area of each Member Association. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, a policy has been established that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for playdown purposes.

**It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the playdown process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national event. These include Masters, Juveniles, The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year’s group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example – the 2015 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2014 will be considered a part of the 2013/14 Championship season for residency purposes.)**

**An individual must provide a minimum of three of the following four items to the Member Association (if requested) whose playdown structure he or she wish to enter:**

- \*\* Current Drivers License (or valid travel picture ID) from that province/territory**
- \*\* Current Health Care Card from that province/territory**
- \*\* Letter from employer confirming employment within the province/territory**
- \*\* Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within the province/territory – a copy of a property tax invoice for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

Traditional, on-campus, full time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school’s Registrar’s Office confirming full time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution which the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.

For Canadian Men’s and Canadian Women’s Championships, individuals **MUST** be permanent residents of the province/territory in which they wish to enter playdowns prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the championship season (for example – Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of 2014 for the 2014/15 championship season). This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:

- Transfer due to employment
- School attendance
- Military service and transfer

Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if granted by two Member Associations where:

- Individuals live within a short distance of a provincial/territorial boundary
- Part-time students
- An individual is based in two provinces/territories due to an employment situation

**(The individual must provide positive proof that their predominant employment from September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, of the curling season the exemption is being requested for, will be located with the geographical area of the Member Association they wish to participate in\*).**

### **Process for Exemption Requests**

- Exemption requests must be received by the CCA and applicable Member Associations a minimum of 30 days prior to the Member Association's entry deadline.
- Detailed information will be required with the exemption request
- The respective Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:
  - CEO of the CCA
  - Director, High Performance of the CCA
  - Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council
- (\*) Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Associations and the Director of High Performance of the CCA.

For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allow a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These will be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).

Any individual who has provided proof of residency or has been granted an exemption will also provide a signed waiver that will agree to a one year suspension from any CCA sanctioned championship OR championships coordinated by Member Associations in the event it is discovered that any information has been provided in a fraudulent manner.

### **Process for Challenges**

It is understood that this policy will be a national policy and, in the event the policy is challenged, the CCA will assist in the defense of any challenge at the MA level and/or protect the CCA's interest and its costs, as the Associations mutually deem appropriate.

# Member Associations of the Canadian Curling Association

## Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements for Championships

Use this form if you are residing in one province/territory and are requesting an exemption to participate in another province/territory based on one of the following circumstances:

- You are living within a short distance of a provincial/territorial border
- You are a part-time student wishing to compete in the province/territory where you are attending school versus your province/territory of your permanent residence.
- You are based in two locations due to your employment situation

**Applications must be received by the Provincial/Territorial Member Association office the applicant is wishing to compete in, a minimum of 30 days prior to the entry deadline of the competition(s) the applicant wishes to compete in.**

**Please note: Traditional, on-campus, full-time students will be allowed to establish residency by providing a confirmation letter from their school's Registrar's Office confirming full-time status and class enrollment for the academic year. This policy defers to the institution which the student attends in terms of defining full-time student status.**

**Member Associations will review all information and approve or deny the application. If Member Associations cannot agree on a decision, a committee that includes the following three individuals will make the decision and their ruling will be considered final:**

- CEO of the CCA
- Director, High Performance, of the CCA
- Chair or Vice-Chair of the Operations (ED) Council

Athlete to complete sections 1 to 3

### 1. Athlete Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Exemption Request:

Competition Season requesting for: 20\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Requesting exemption to compete in which Province/Territory:

\_\_\_\_\_

Competition(s) wishing to compete in:

\_\_\_\_\_

Reason requesting exemption(check one) and attach appropriate documentation:

- I live within a short distance of the provincial/territorial border.**
  - Attach additional information on specific reasons for wanting to compete in another province/territory
- I am a full-time or part-time student wishing to compete in the province/territory where I am attending school**
  - Attach confirmation letter from school Registrar Office indicating status and academic year
- I am based in two locations due to my employment situation**
  - Attach additional information on specific reasons for wanting to compete in another province/territory. You will need a letter from employer confirming employment within province/territory. You must provide positive proof that your predominant employment from September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the curling season the exemption is being requested for will be located within the geographical area of the Member Association you wish to participate in. Individuals who have employment in two curling jurisdictions may be required to participate in a

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formal interview that will include the identified employer, a representative of the Member Association and the Director of High Performance of the CCA.

### 3. Statement of Accuracy and Relevance:

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements. I understand that this application ONLY applies to Residency Requirements and all other Provincial/Territorial eligibility requirements must be met. I acknowledge and understand that if this Application for Exemption of Residency Requirements is approved that I am eligible to compete for the Province/Territory in the approved season only and that I relinquish competing in my Province/Territory of residence. I further understand that the submission of false information may result in a one-year suspension from competing in CCA sanctioned championships OR championships coordinated by Member Associations. Any challenges to decisions made through this policy must be brought to the Canadian Curling Association.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

This application must be signed by a parent or guardian if the athlete is under the legal age of majority.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Member Associations to complete sections 4 to 6

### 4. Application Received:

The application was received by the \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Association  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### 5. Member Association (Province/Territory) of Athlete's Current Residence

Approved Not Approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Member Association Representative Authorizing Release

### 6. Member Association (Province/Territory) of Athlete's Request to Compete In

Approved Not Approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Member Association Representative Authorizing Release

## **Member Associations of the Canadian Curling Association Proof of Residency Requirements**

Use this form if:

- You have been requested to show proof of residency by a Provincial/Territorial Member Association.
- You are requesting residency to compete in Men's or Women's playdowns in a Province/Territory and you have not been a permanent resident of that province/territory by the September 1 deadline

Background from the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) Policy on Residency Requirements to Compete in a National Championship:

- All national curling championships involve the participation of teams that are made up of individuals who are full-time residents within the geographic area of each Member Association. To ensure that all individuals are treated equally a policy has been agreed to that clearly outlines what an individual must be able to provide to be considered a resident for playdown purposes.
- It is understood that an individual can only participate in one province/territory in any championship season. (Explanation – an individual may only participate in the playdown process in one Member Association in one championship year – this includes all championships that lead to a national. These include Masters, Juveniles, and The Travelers Club Championship, etc. It is understood that the Canadian Mixed, held in November, will be part of the previous year's group of competitions even though it is dated in the following year. For example, the 2015 Canadian Mixed held in November of 2014 will be considered a part of the 2013/14 Championship season for residency purposes.
- For Canadian Men's and Canadian Women's Championships, individuals MUST be a permanent resident of the province/territory in which they wish to enter playdowns prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the championship season. This time frame may be shortened in the following circumstances:
  - Transfer due to employment
  - School attendance
  - Military service and transfer
- For Canadian championships that do not lead to World Championships, there may be unique circumstances that allow a curler to be residing outside of Canada and still be eligible to compete. These will be approved by the respective Member Association (for example – Point Roberts, Washington residents may be eligible to compete in Curl BC events leading to Canadian Juvenile, Master and Travelers competitions if granted an exemption by Curl BC).

### **1. Athlete Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days/months/years at present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Canadian Citizen? (Please circle Yes or No)

(Canadian Citizenship is required for participating in the Canadian Men's & Women's only)

## **Member Associations of the Canadian Curling Association Proof of Residency Requirements**

### **2. Proof of Residency**

Competition Season: 20\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_\_

As per the CCA policy, an individual must provide a minimum of three of the following four items to the Member Association whose playdown structure they wish to enter. Please indicate which three items you have included as proof of residency:

- Current driver's license from province/territory (or valid picture ID if you do not have a valid driver's license)**
- Current health care card from province/territory**
- Letter from employer confirming employment within province/territory**
- Statement from landlord (if renting) or bank (if owned) confirming residency within province/territory – a copy of a property tax invoice/payment for non-mortgaged property is also adequate. Recommend a statutory declaration be obtained.**

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### **3. Statement of Accuracy and Relevance:**

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information provided with this Proof of Residency. I understand that this application ONLY applies to Residency Requirements and all other Provincial/Territorial eligibility requirements must be met. I acknowledge and understand that if Proof of Residency is confirmed that I am eligible to compete for the Province/Territory which residency has been established only and that I relinquish competing in any other Province/Territory until such time as I move and establish residency in another Province/Territory. I further understand that the submission of false information may result in a one-year suspension from competing in CCA sanctioned championships OR championships coordinated by Member Associations.

Print Name-Athlete	Signature	Date
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This application must be signed by a parent or guardian if the athlete is under the legal age of majority.

Print Name-Parent/Guardian	Signature	Date
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### **4. To be complete by Member Association**

Confirmed

Not Confirmed

Comments:

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Print Name Member Association Representative	Signature	Date
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