



2016-17 Competitions Information:

Men:

The top two teams in the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) as posted by Curling Canada *at midnight December 20th* will automatically earn berths in the Travelers 2017 NOCA Men's Provincial.

U18:

The Bantam events will now be named U18 (Under 18) and will lead to a national championship. The age eligibility for this event is now 17 year of age or under as of June 30, 2016. The winners of the U18 provincials (male and female teams) will advance to the U18 Canadian Curling Championships in Moncton, NB, April 17-22, 2017.

The funding formula for this event is different than other national events: teams advancing to the national will receive a travel allowance from Curling Canada based on a travel pool of \$60,000. This funding will be divided based on the distance the teams have to travel to get to Moncton. There is no additional funding provided for the teams (accommodation etc.).

U21:

The Junior events will now be called U21 to align with the Long Term Athlete Development Plan, to ensure consistency across the entire province of Ontario, and to comply with the Sport Recognition Policy.

The dates for the U21 Provincial events have been changed by one day from December 28-31 to Tuesday December 27th to Friday December 30th. This change was made in order to secure host clubs.

Seniors:

The date of eligibility for Seniors was changed in a motion at Curling Canada's AGM in June. Players entering Senior Competitions must be a minimum of fifty (50) years of age as of June 30, 2016.

Curling Canada Sweeping Moratorium:

The World Curling Federation (WCF) Sweeping Summit held May 24 – 26, 2016 confirmed that directional sweeping behaviours can be observed for a range of brooms that were commercially available during the 2015-16 curling season. This has resulted in Curling Canada adopting a Sweeping Moratorium. Information about the moratorium and Summit results can be found at the links below.

[National Research Council Summary](#)

[Curling Canada Moratorium](#)

NOCA will be releasing a statement regarding brush heads approved for various levels of NOCA competitions in the near future.

Competition Schedule:

Most host sites have been secured. The competitions schedule can be found at this link.

[2016-17 Competitions Schedule](#)

Porter Airlines Partnership:

Porter Airlines will provide a discount code for teams and families travelling to our provincial and qualifier events. The codes will be posted shortly under each event on the NOCA website.

Competitor Guides:

These will be posted on the website in the near future.