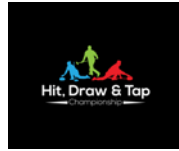


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A Message from the Northern Ontario Curling Association's HDT Coordinator...

The Northern Ontario Curling Association is so excited to provide its member clubs and youth curlers a premier youth skills competition for the first time. Nothing will be more exciting for me than seeing the smiles on the faces of the kids competing at this year's varying events.

This year will be a year to get the rocks moving! We want to get many clubs enrolled, so that many kids can compete and have a positive introduction to competition. Hit, Draw and Tap is fun, inclusive, age and stage appropriate, easy to administer and affordable for clubs and participants.

The format makes it easy for clubs and families. We will utilize technology to help us with score-keeping, playing and the registration process. Thunder Bay, the host site of the Men's Provincial Championship is ready to welcome some of these future champions. The HDT Northern Ontario Provincial Championship will be held during the Men's Provincial Curling Championships at Fort William Curling Club on February 12, 2017.

Contact your club's Youth Curling Coordinator for details about your club's plans to host a HDT championship, and clubs should contact the NOCA to register their event!

I look forward to seeing the finalists in 2017!

Good Curling!

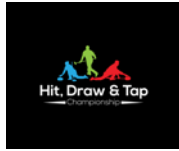
Larry Rathje
HDT Coordinator



OCA HDT Participant poses with the HDT Trophy.



OCA Executive Director, Steve Chenier (far right) oversees photo op of 2015-2016 HDT Provincial Finalists with Tankard Curler, John Epping

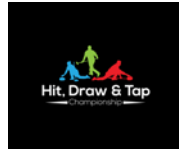


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1. About Hit, Draw and Tap

The Northern Ontario Curling Association is launching “Hit, Draw and Tap” in the 2016-2017 season. In the OCA it was an instant success – over 450 youth participated in the first year! “Hit Draw and Tap” is modelled after the NFL’s Punt Kick Pass or Golf’s – Drive, Chip, Putt.

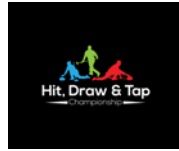
Hit, Draw & Tap or “HDT,” as we like to call it is a youth skills competition where kids age 6-17 compete as individuals. HDT will group kids into four different age categories, and perform three different shots – a “Hit,” a “Draw” and a “Tap.” The difficulty of the skills is modified based on the age of the participant.

Curling clubs in Northern Ontario are encouraged to host a HDT competition at their convenience – you can run it as a recruitment event during an OPEN HOUSE week, or you can build it into your Youth Curling Programs – practicing the skills as part of their regular programming, whatever works for your club is OK with us – as long as all competition results are received by February 1, 2017.

Participants will compete within their local club – and repeat each skill 5 times for a total score that will be compared against others in Northern Ontario on a “Leader Board” – the TOP 5 curlers in each age group + ties will qualify for the Hit – Draw – Tap Championship to be held in Thunder Bay on February 12, 2017 as part of the Northern Ontario Men’s Provincial Championship. Winners who are not able to travel to Thunder Bay would perform the skills again and be recorded on video. Results of their performance would be kept secret until the Men’s Provincials. Winners who are able to attend the Provincials would do so and compete live instead of being recorded on video. All others would have their performance shown on video.

The \$50 club registration fee would be used to secure great giveaways, ribbons, medals, trophies, etc. for the participants.

If you’re already a curler, bring a friend, they don’t have to be a curler or member of a club to compete in the championship!



2. General Eligibility:

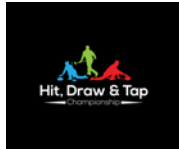
1. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 6-13. Boys and girls compete against each other, but in their appropriate age categories.
2. The three age classifications are based upon the child's age as of December 31st, 2016.
3. All participants may be asked to show proof of age at the Provincial Level of competition.
4. Participants may enter a club competition as many times as they wish, club registration rules apply for each entry
5. All participants' guardians must complete a NOCA Participant Agreement.
6. Entry fee is paid to the host club on the day of the competition (if applicable)

2016 -2017 Age Categories (as of December 31, 2016)

If you were born in:	You're in Group:
2010, 2009, 2008	Age 6-8
2007, 2006, 2005	Age 9-11
2004, 2003, 2002	Age 12-14
2001, 2000, 1999	Age 15 - 17

3. Rules

1. No brushing is allowed during the competition.
2. Regulation curling rocks (i.e. no Little Rocks or Lite Rocks) are to be used by all age categories.
3. Full sheet length (unless otherwise indicated) is to be used.
4. Someone (parent, volunteer or other curler) can hold the broom for the thrower.
5. All participants **must** wear head protection deemed appropriate by club organizers, clean running shoes or curling shoes.



6. All participants' guardians must sign the Registration/Release of Liability before participating in any Hit, Draw & Tap competition.
7. Each participant is allowed two practice shots (participant can choose whether they practice draws or hits) prior to their shots being scored.
8. Provincial Finalists will be given access to the ice for a 10 minute open practice session/age category.
9. Scores are cumulative for all skills, with each participant repeating each skill five times.
10. Ties at the club and provincial level will be broken to determine 1st, 2nd and 3^d with a "sudden death" draw to the button – draw is repeated until winner is determined. Officials at Provincial Championship will measure the distance from the pin to determine the winner.
11. If at any point a decision cannot be made as to the score of a shot, the decision shall always favour the participant.

4. Club Registration

Curling clubs are to register their event with the Northern Ontario Curling Association at curlnoca.ca/hit-draw-tap-club-registration/

Registration should be made by the person who will be responsible for the event.

Club Participation Cost: \$50.00*

*Clubs may choose to charge an entry fee, build an entry fee into their registration fee, to recover the \$50.00

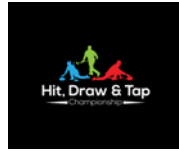
Clubs will receive a Championship Kit – these will be shipped to all registered clubs by the first week of December.

Championship Kit will include:

- Medals for winners of each division (4)
- Ribbons for second and third place of each division (8)

5. Club Hosting Resources (all will be available for download or viewing on the NOCA website):

- Promotional Poster
- Participant Certificates
- Access to a Promotional Video
- Event page on NOCA website



6. Hit, Draw and Tap Championship Skills and Scoring

Pre Competition Practice:

It is recommended that each participant be permitted a maximum of two practice shots or an open practice time – whichever best suits the club. An open practice of 10 minutes will be permitted at the provincial finals.

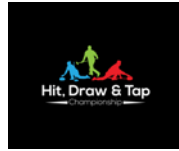
Scoring

Each athlete will have five attempts at each shot. The score is cumulative. In all situations, if a score cannot be clearly determined, the decision shall be made in the favour of the participant (ie round up to the higher of the two scores).

Game Modification

6-8 year olds shall throw from the hack to the near/"throwing" house in a "short game" format.

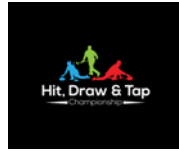




The “Hit”

Goal: Hit the positioned rock and stay in the rings.

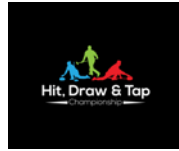
Age Group	6-8	9-11, 12-14, 15-17
Modification	Short Game	None
Special Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right handed thrower uses left hack) - Contact with the set-up stone must be made for any points to count, the stone does not have to be removed from play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact with the set-up stone must be made for any points to count, the stone does not have to be removed from play
Set-up	Rock to be hit, is set up just behind the button.	
Scoring	<p>Points are assigned by where the shooter rolls to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 points if it touches the button - 4 points if it rolls but touches the four foot - 3 points if it rolls touches the eight foot - 2 point if it rolls touches the 12 foot - 1 point if the rock is removed from play and the shooter rolls out of the rings. <p>**Contact with the set stone must be made for any points to count. Stone does not have to be removed from play.</p>	
Diagram		



The “Draw”

Goal: Draw as close to the pin as possible.

Age Group	6-8	9-11, 12-14, 15-17
Modification	Short Game	None
Special Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right handed thrower uses left hack) 	
Set-up	None	
Scoring	Points are assigned by where the shooter stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 points if it covers the pin - 4 points if it touches the button - 3 points if it touches the four foot - 2 point if it touches the eight foot - 1 point if the touches the 12 foot 	Points are assigned by where the shooter stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 points if it touches the button - 4 points if it touches the four foot - 3 points if it touches the eight foot - 2 point if it touches the twelve foot - 1 point if the rock stops in the free guard zone
Diagram		



The “Tap”

Goal: is to promote a rock from the 12’ to the button.

Age Group	6-8	9-11, 12-14, 15-17
Modification	Short Game	None
Special Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right handed thrower uses left hack) 	
Set-up	Rock is positioned bisecting the centre line, at the top of the rings.	
Scoring	<p>Points are assigned by where the tapped rock stops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 points if it touches the button - 4 points if it touches the four foot - 3 points if it touches the eight foot - 2 point if it touches the twelve foot - 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings 	<p>Points are assigned by where the shooter stops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 points if it touches the button - 4 points if it touches the four foot - 3 points if it touches the eight foot - 2 point if it touches the twelve foot - 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings
Diagram	<p>The diagram shows a target with a central button and concentric rings. A red dot is positioned at the bottom edge of the target, and a red arrow points upwards from this dot towards the center of the target.</p>	<p>The diagram shows a target with a central button and concentric rings. A red dot is positioned at the top edge of the target, and a red arrow points downwards from this dot towards the center of the target.</p>



7. Recording Data

It is recommended that club coordinators have each participant's parent/guardian complete a club registration form, and mandatory that they complete a NOCA Youth Participant Agreement.

All scoring can be done "off line" – so you don't need to have cell or Wi-fi service on the ice.

Manual Recording

A Manual record form will be provided to all clubs.



8. Prizes and Advancement

Club Prizes

- 1) Each HDT Participant in the club will receive a Participant Certificate.
 - These are to be downloaded and printed by the club.
- 2) Winners of each age division (6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17) will receive a HDT Medal
- 3) 1st and 2nd runners up of each age division will receive a ribbon.

Advancement to Provincials:

- Top 5 participants from Northern Ontario (based on total score) + ties in each division will advance to the HDT Provincial Championships to be hosted at the Fort William Curling Club, at the Men's Provincial Championships – on February 12, 2017 – times To Be Announced.
- Participants are responsible for all travel costs to get to and from the event
- If a Top 5 provincial participant cannot attend the provincials, their video performance will be used at the Men's Provincial Championship

Provincial Championship – parents of participants who have qualified for provincials will receive an email communication on or around February 1st to confirm your child's attendance at the provincials.

- All Provincial Participants will receive
 - o Tickets for themselves and two guests to watch the afternoon play off draw on February 12, 2017
 - o Photo with all award winners (will be emailed post-event)
 - o Meet and greet opportunity with Men's Provincial curlers

9. Questions/Contact

Questions about Hit, Draw and Tap should be sent to Larry Rathje – HDT Coordinator at drathje@tbaytel.net or 807-475-4499.

Keep an eye on the NOCA website for the most up to date information.

Thank you for your participation – Have fun!!!