



2018-19 Competitions Information: updated November 8th

Men:

The top two teams in the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) as posted by Curling Canada at midnight Tuesday December 11th will automatically earn berths in the 2019 NOCA Men's Provincial.

The deadline for both the East and West Qualifier is December 7th. This is being done so that the number of teams earning a spot to provincials can be equitably distributed. If a team enters both but then earns a spot from the East Qualifier they will receive a full refund for the West Qualifier entry.

There will be a second deadline (Dec. 27th) for the West Qualifier but it is only for teams who have played in the East Qualifier. No completely new teams will be allowed to enter. If a team enters with less than 3 of the players from the team in the East Qualifier they will pay the full registration fee plus Curling Canada Competitor Card fees. If the team enters with 3 or more of the original team they will receive a discount of \$100.

Regardless of any additional entries in the West Qualifier after the East Qualifier, the number of teams advancing to the Provincials will not change. Those numbers will be established following the December 7th deadline.

Men's and Women's Provincials:

We are pleased to announce that this year the Men's and Women's Provincial will be hosted at the same time: January 30 - February 3, 2019, by the Nipigon Curling Club, in the Nipigon Arena. (Note – pre-competition practice may start January 29th depending on the number of teams entered in both divisions).

U21:

This event will have two qualifiers (East and West) with teams advancing to an 8 team (per gender) provincial. The number of teams advancing out of each Qualifier to the Provincial will be determined by the formula posted in the U21 Qualifier Competitor Guide.

Seniors:

The age eligibility for Seniors has changed. Starting this season, a player must be 50 years of age by June 30th of the year of the Canadian Championship. This means that players must be 50 by June 30, 2019 so anyone 49 years old, turning 50 before June 30, 2019 is eligible to compete.

This event will have two qualifiers (East and West) with teams advancing to an 8 team (per gender) provincial. The number of teams advancing out of each Qualifier to the Provincial will be determined by the formula posted in the Senior Qualifier Competitor Guide.

Curling Canada Sweeping Moratorium:

Curling Canada's Sweeping Moratorium on Brush Head Technology is still in effect. Information can be found at [Curling Canada Moratorium](#)

NOCA Brushing Statement:

NOCA will require that **all** teams competing in events operated directly by NOCA i.e. Region events, Qualifiers, and Provincial Championships, to comply with the moratorium. NO EXCEPTIONS. [NOCA Statement on Brushing](#)

Competition Schedule:

All host sites have been secured. The competitions schedule can be found at this link. [2018-19 Competitions Schedule](#)

Porter Airlines Partnership:

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

Competitor Guides:

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

Competition Entry:

There is a modified process (simpler than last year) to enter all competitions. Before registering, please read [How to Register a Team this Season](#).

Curling Club Championship:

We are pleased to announce that NOCA will be part of a pilot project this year which will allow clubs to send as many teams as they want to the Region playdown as long as all team members meet the eligibility requirements. A clarification was added to the Eligibility to include Stick curlers in this event.

More information is available here:

[Curling Club Championship information](#)

[2019 Eligibility Requirements](#)

5 rock rule:

The 5 rock rule will be adopted for all NOCA competitions. Information about the 5 Rock Rule can be found in the [Rules of Play for General Play](#) under Free Guard Zone.

Rule Books:

The new Rule Book (2018-2022) (containing both the Rules for General Play and Rules for Officiated Play) is available for purchase by calling/emailing the NOCA office.