



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

The Northern Ontario Curling Association is so excited to provide its member clubs and youth curlers a premier youth skills competition again for 2020. The highlight for any coach is to watch one of their athletes succeed in their sport and compete in events like this!

2019 was a great year with a record number of curlers competing! I hope that 2020 will be a year to share your experiences with returning curlers and new curlers alike. I have heard many good things from last years in club competitions and from the curlers at the finals in Kakabeka. Quick thanks to the Kakabeka Club for the free use of their facilities!

Some great news, Hit Draw Tap now has a sponsor for the event! **Tim Hortons** has joined the competition as a National Sponsor!

In 2020 we want to get many clubs enrolled, so share the word about how your youth curlers enjoyed the program. We would love to share this program across Northern Ontario so spread the word! Hit, Draw, 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 use an online score tracker, just like the big leagues, to help us with score-keeping, and the registration process.

NOCA is planning to host the HDT Northern Ontario Provincial Championship at the NOCA Provincial U18 Curling Championships this year in Sault Ste Marie March 7, 2020.

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



I look forward to seeing the finalists in 2020!



Good Curling!
Mark Mannisto
HDT Coordinator





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Please contact the NOCA office for those documents

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1. About Hit, Draw and Tap

The Northern Ontario Curling Association is launching, for a 4th year, “Hit, Draw, Tap” in the 2019-2020 season. 2017 was an instant success – over 184 youth participated in the first year! “Hit, Draw, 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 youth ages 6-13 compete as individuals. HDT will group youth into three 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 10, 2020.

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 Provincial Championship March 7, 2020 during the NOCA U18 Provincial Championships.

Winners who are not able to travel to Sault Ste. Marie would perform the skills again and be recorded on video. Results of their performance would be kept secret until the Northern Ontario Provincials. Winners who are able to attend the Provincials would do so and compete live instead of being recorded on video. All others will 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, 2019.
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 [Participant Form and Waiver](#) (Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement)
6. Entry fee is paid to the host club on the day of the competition (if applicable)

2019-2020 Age Categories (as of December 31, 2019)

If you were born in:	You're in Group:
2013, 2012, 2011	Age 6-8
2010, 2009	Age 9-10
2008, 2007, 2006	Age 11-13



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 [Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement](#) before participating in any Hit, Draw, Tap competition.
7. Each participant is allowed 2 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 3rd 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 here: [Register here](#)

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

Club Participation Cost: \$50.00 plus HST*

*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 middle of November.

Championship Kit will include:

- Medals for winners of each division (4)
- Ribbons for second and third place of each division (8)
- Participation Certificates (Also available for download at [HDT Certificate](#))



5. Club Hosting Resources:

[Promotional Poster - 1](#) **

[Promotional Poster - 2](#) **

[Participation Certificates](#) **

[HDT T-shirt graphic](#) **

** Posters, Participation Certificate, and T-Shirt graphic also available in French.
Contact the NOCA Office for those documents.

Curl ON Promotional Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBdc-3ow4R4>

Event Website: <http://curlnoc.ca/hit-draw-tap/>. Or www.hitdrawtap.ca

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 (i.e. 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	9-10, 11-13
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 and touches the four foot - 3 points if it rolls and touches the eight foot - 2 points if it rolls and 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	<p>A diagram of a curling target with four vertical lines representing the feet. A red arrow points upwards from the bottom center towards the button (the center of the target).</p>	<p>A diagram of a curling target with four vertical lines representing the feet. A red arrow points downwards from the top center towards the button (the center of the target).</p>



The “Draw”

Goal: Draw as close to the pin as possible.

Age Group	6-8	9-10, 11-13
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	<p>Points are assigned by where the shooter stops:</p> <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 points if it touches the eight foot - 1 point if it the touches the 12 foot 	<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 points 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	9-10, 11-13
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	Points are assigned by where the tapped rock 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 points if it touches the twelve foot - 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings 	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 points if it touches the twelve foot - 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings
Diagram		



7. Recording Data

It is recommended that club coordinators have each participant's parent/guardian complete a [Participant Registration and Waiver](#).

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

Manual Recording

A Manual record form can be found [here](#).

8. Prizes and Advancement

Club Prizes

- 1) Each HDT Participant in the club will receive a [Participation Certificate](#).
 - These will be provided by NOCA but are to be completed by the Club HDT coordinator.
- 2) Winners of each age division (6-8, 9-10, 11-13) 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 The HDT Northern Ontario Provincial Championship will be held during the NOCA U-18 Provincial Curling Championships at the Community First Curling Centre in Sault Ste. Marie March 7, 2020.
- 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 U-18 Provincial Championship.

Provincial Championship – parents of participants who have qualified for provincials will receive an email communication on or around February 13th to confirm your child's attendance at the provincials.

- All Provincial Participants will receive
 - Certificate with specific placing at Provincial Finals
 - Meet and greet opportunity with Provincial U-18 curlers
 - A NOCA Hit Draw Tap Hoodie



9. Questions/Contact

Questions about Hit, Draw, Tap should be sent to
Mark Mannisto — HDT Coordinator at mark.mannisto@curlno.ca or 807 854-6784.

Keep an eye on Curlno.ca/hdt and www.hitdrawtap.ca for the most up to date information.

Thank you for your participation – Have fun!!!

