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Please review the Rules Supplement for additional rules and information. The Rules Supplement is common to all competitions.

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U18 REGIONAL PLAYDOWNS:

This event is open to all male and female competitors who are a maximum of seventeen (17) years of age as of June 30, 2019.

Your team has decided to participate in one (1) of the six (6) Regional playdowns being held Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2020 for Regions 1, 2 and 3 OR Feb. 7 – 9, 2020, for Regions 4, 5 and 6.

The entry fee is \$360. This includes a Curling Canada fee of \$40/team.

Qualifying Criteria:

- The number of teams (of each gender) playing at provincials will be 8 teams.
- Each existing region will qualify 1 team.
- If a region does not have the required number of teams participating they will compete with the next geographically closest region. The additional spot will be awarded to the region with the most entries. *If spots cannot be allocated fairly then an additional spot will be given to the qualifier held in the area (either west or east) that had the highest original number of entries.*
- After the regional playdowns two qualifiers will be held, one east, and one west, with each qualifier advancing one team of each gender to the Provincial championship.
- Teams or players that played but did not qualify through Region playdowns are eligible to enter either of the two qualifiers (one east and one west). If a team decides to play in the East or West Qualifier after playing in their region, the fee will be \$300, but they must retain at least 3 of the original team. If 3 members of the original team are not entered this will be considered to be a new team and the entry fee will be \$360. (\$320. Incl. HST + \$40/team Curling Canada Team Fee)

NOTE: If any other situations occur that are not covered above, the decision regarding allocation of spots will be made by the Competitions Committee.

The Qualifiers will be held February 21 – 23, 2020. The East Qualifier will be held at the Cochrane Curling Club in Cochrane, and the West Qualifier will be held at the Fort William Curling club in Thunder Bay.

U18 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

The qualifiers from each Region, as well as the Qualifiers, will advance to the U18 Provincial Championships, March 4 – 8, 2020 at the Community First Curling Club in Sault Ste. Marie.

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COMPETITION FORMAT:

The 2020 Region format for U18 (both male and female) will be:

Two teams – Best Three out of Five

Three to Four teams – Double Round Robin

Five to Eight teams – Single Round Robin

In round robin draws when one team is advancing to provincials no playoff is required as the team with the top record will advance. Tie-breakers will be utilized to break any ties to declare a region winner.

In round robin draws when two or three teams are advancing to provincials, no playoff is required. Tie-breakers will be utilized to break any ties to declare the qualifiers.

STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – ROUND ROBIN DRAWS

In each draw the team listed first shall have top of the scoreboard color and practice first for nine (9) minutes, beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to the posted draw time. The team listed second, shall have bottom of the scoreboard color and practice immediately following the first team's draw to the button for last stone advantage.

A team is allowed to throw its own stones during practice and not those of the opposition.

Last Stone Advantage:

Last stone advantage in the first end (hammer) will be decided by a draw to the button following each team's nine (9) minute pre-game practice. Two different players from each team will each deliver a stone (full sweeping allowed, one player must hold the target broom) and the better total distance of the two draws between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end. Each player has a maximum of one minute to throw the draw shot after the pre-game practice and the Umpire's announcement. Stones not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire will be assigned a distance of 185.40 cm (the stone must reach the nearer tee line before time expires).

The team practicing first will deliver the clockwise turn. The team practicing second will deliver the counter clockwise turn. Failure to throw the correct turn on any draw will result in a distance of 185.4 cm being assigned. Teams must notify the Umpire prior to the first practice of the names of the players delivering stones. Failure to do so will result in a distance of 370.80 cm being assigned to the team(s).

Once the first team has thrown its' two stones, the team shall leave the ice and the second team will practice. If the second team registers the same two-stone distance as the team with first practice, the teams will alternate players delivering one (1) stone with the same rotation as in practice until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stone including the players who delivered the first two stones, until the hammer is decided.

NOTE: Total Draw Distance is the cumulative total of all draw distances for last stone advantage (hammer), in each game, for each team (excluding tie-breakers and playoff games). Only the combined distance of the first two draw attempts for last stone advantage will be recorded for the Total Draw Distance required at the end of round robins to break unsolvable ties. The

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highest two draws will NOT be counted in the Total Draw Distance.

Each lead, second, third and skip on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage during the event (unless there are only two teams then a minimum of one draw shot). The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end. A team utilizing a fifth player must have a minimum of four (4) team members throw the draw for hammer during the event.

Umpires will assume that every team that wins the last stone draw will want the last stone in the first end. If there is any time that a team does not want the last stone if they win the last stone draw, then they must inform the Umpire before the start of their practice.

Opposing teams must remain behind the glass during their opponent's pre-game practice. If that is not feasible, then the opposition must stand as far behind the sheet as possible, so as not to distract or intimidate the other team.

A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by a team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

- In or touching the button = 15.24 cm (subject to change if the bottom diameter is more than one (1) foot)
- In or touching the four foot = 60.96 cm
- In or touching the eight foot = 121.91 cm
- In or touching the twelve foot = 182.88 cm

If a member of the non-delivering team or an external force moves a stationary stone or causes it to be moved before the Umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to as close to its original position by the delivering team.

STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – TIE-BREAKERS

No playoff is required. If there are teams tied for either first place (one team advancing) or second place (two teams advancing) or third place (three teams advancing), then tie-breaker(s) will take place. Teams that complete the round robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. Teams tied for a qualifying position shall only be eliminated by playing a tie-breaker game(s).

The Chief Umpire will make all decisions with regard to the administration of tie-breakers. Additional information relative to tie-breakers and sheet assignments will be discussed by the Chief Umpire with the teams involved after the last game of the round robin. (see NOCA Tie Breaker Review Document)

Tie-Breaking Process

When teams are tied for a qualifying position, the win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in any tie-breaker game(s).

If a complete ranking of the tied teams cannot be established by a single comparison of the win/loss record of all tied teams, and ties still remain, a second comparison for ranking shall be made utilizing the win/loss records of only the remaining tied teams.

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When ranking of tied teams eligible for tie-breaker(s) cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records, i.e. unsolvable ties, only those teams that remain tied after such comparisons shall be ranked by implementing the ranking based on the Total Draw Distance of pre-game draw shots to the button for last stone advantage (the highest two draw shots will NOT be counted). The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking until the ranking has been completed (this will also apply to any teams that split their round robin games, after a double round robin).

In any tiebreaker game, the team that won the game between the two during the round robin shall have choice of either last stone **OR** stone colour **UNLESS** their ranking has been determined by the Total Draw Distance, then those results shall provide **choice of color OR second practice**, and teams will draw to the button for last stone advantage.

When last stone has not been determined by a draw to the button, the team delivering the last stone in the first end will practice first.

All tiebreakers shall be played with the stones from the sheet assigned. Stone handles shall not be changed from one set of stones to another.

SCHEDULE & LOCATION FOR EVENT:

The schedule and location of this event will be posted on the NOCA website.

NOTE: If the NOCA deems that due to circumstances that have developed that it is in the best interest of the competition to change the hosting venue, then the venue may be changed.