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U18 PROVINCIALS:

Congratulations! Your team has qualified for the U18 Provincial Championship to be held at the North Bay Granite Club in North Bay January 11 – 15, 2023.

CANADIAN U18 CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

The winning U18 Boys' and U18 Girls' teams as well as the runner-up teams in each division shall advance to the Canadian U18 Curling Championship February 5 – 11, 2023 in Timmins, Ontario.

The winning teams shall be the Northern Ontario teams, and the runner-up teams shall be the Host teams at the Canadian Championship.

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COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Northern Ontario Provincial Championship U18 will be an 8 team round robin for the girls followed by a Page Playoff, and a 5 team round robin for the boys followed possibly by playoffs (depending on the records after the round robin) to declare a NOCA champion as well as two representatives at the Canadian U18 championship. (see section on Tiebreakers and Playoffs).

STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – Round Robin

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 (hammer) in the first end 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 towards the home end (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. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation and the second player will deliver the counterclockwise rotation. A stone delivered after the practice time has elapsed and prior to the announcement, or thrown with the incorrect turn, or not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire (the stone must reach the nearer tee line before the time expires) will be assigned 199.6 cm. Only the four 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface during the determination of hammer.

Teams must name the players delivering the last stone draws, including which turns, before the start of the first team practice. Failure to do so will result in an assigned distance of 399.2 cm being assigned to the team.

Should the team with first practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, will deliver a draw to the button with a clockwise rotation. If the third player records 0.0 or 199.6 cm, a fourth player different from the first three throwers, will deliver a draw with a counterclockwise rotation, and so on, until a number other than 0.0 or 199.6 cm is registered.

The team shall then 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 (other than 0.0 or 399.2 cm) the individual LSD distances are compared, and the lowest non-equal LSD has last stone advantage in the first end. When both teams have the same individual LSD stone distances, the teams will alternate delivering one stone each with their designated rotation until the tie is broken. Any player on the team can deliver the third and any subsequent stones including the players who delivered the first two stones.

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Should the team with second practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, will deliver a draw to the button with a clockwise rotation. The team will continue to throw (different throwers, alternating rotations) until a different comparable distance is achieved with the first team's distance thrown in the same order.

If an alternate player is used, they may deliver LSD(s) for the player they are replacing. Teams may use an Alternate player's LSD(s) for only one player.

# of Round Robin Games	Minimum for each player
3	1 stone
4-6	2 stones, minimum 1 clockwise + minimum 1 counterclockwise
7	3 stones, minimum 1 clockwise + minimum 1 counterclockwise

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 = 29.4 (subject to change if the bottom diameter is more than one (1) foot)
- In or touching the four foot = 75.1 cm
- In or touching the eight foot = 136.1 cm
- In or touching the twelve foot = 197.1 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.

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

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STONE SELECTION, PRACTICE & LAST STONE ADVANTAGE – Tiebreakers and Playoffs

The Chief Umpire will make all decisions with regard to the administration of tiebreakers and playoff games. Additional information relative to tiebreakers and sheet assignments will be discussed by the Chief Umpire with the teams involved after the last game of the round robin.

Immediately after any playoff positions have been determined and prior to each game, each team involved in the next scheduled playoff game shall be asked by the Chief Umpire to select their choice of stone handle color. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to make its selection. Failure to comply shall result in a set of stones being assigned. Upon the conclusion of each playoff draw, the same process shall be implemented again. In all playoff games a complete set of rocks from any sheet must be chosen.

GIRLS :

Following the conclusion of the round robin competition the top four (4) teams will advance to the PAGE PLAYOFF round. First and second place teams will playoff, as well as the third and fourth place teams. The winner of the 1-2 game will advance directly to the championship game. The loser of the 1-2 game will play the winner of the 3-4 game with the winner then advancing to the championship game. Teams that complete the round robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. Note ** There will be ONLY ONE Tiebreaker game if necessary to determine the four teams in the page playoff.

In the 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4 game, and semi-final games , a team finishing ahead of another team (according to win/loss record) will gain last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone colour.

When the round robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in the 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4 game, semi-final game or tiebreaker game(s) is the same, 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 **AND** second practice, and teams will draw to the button for last shot advantage.

In the Championship game: If the second ranked team defeats the top ranked team in the 1 vs 2 game, the second ranked team will have the choice of either last stone **OR** choice of stone colour. If either of the two top ranked teams face the third or fourth ranked team, the higher ranked team will have both last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone colour.

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.

The first place team's access to practice ice will be at the discretion of the Chief Umpire. All practice sessions will be supervised and the length of the practice will be at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.

The winner of the championship final game will be the NOCA provincial champion and the NOCA team at the Canadian U18, with the runner-up being the Host team at the Canadian U18.

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BOYS :

The top two teams will advance to the playoff round. Teams that complete the round robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. Teams tied for a playoff position shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tiebreaker game(s).

If the top two teams are clear of the field, then they will both advance to the Canadian U18 and will playoff for the NOCA championship.

If the first place team is clear of the field, and there are ties for second place, tiebreaker game(s) will take place. The first place team, and second place team once determined, will be awarded the two spots at the Canadian U18, and will playoff for the NOCA championship.

If there is no first place team outright after the round robin and 3 or more teams are tied for first place, then the teams will be ranked. The teams ranked 1st and 2nd will playoff with the winner advancing to the championship final game, as well as being awarded one of the two spots to the Canadian U18. The loser of the 1-2 game will then playoff against the 3rd place team for the second of the two spots to the Canadian U18, and will advance to the championship final game.

In all cases the NOCA provincial champion will be the NOCA team at the Canadian U18, with the runner-up being the Host team at the Canadian U18.

In all playoff games a team finishing ahead of another team (according to win/loss record) will gain last stone advantage **AND** choice of stone colour.

When the round robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in playoff games or tiebreaker game(s) is the same, 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 **AND** second practice, and teams will draw to the button for last shot advantage.

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Tiebreaking Process

When teams are tied for a playoff 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 the playoff draw or tiebreaker 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 the playoffs 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.

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.

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