

COMPETITOR'S GUIDE

2023

WHEELCHAIR

CHAMPIONSHIP



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NOCA WHEELCHAIR PROVINCIALS:

This event is open to all wheelchair competitors with no age restriction. Each team **MUST** have at least one female player.

Your team has decided to participate in the 2023 NOCA Wheelchair Provincials. This event will be held January 19 – 22, 2023 at the Fort Frances Curling Club in Fort Frances.

This Championship will declare one Northern Ontario Champion to advance to the 2023 Canadian Wheelchair Championship February 20 - 25 in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.

The entry fee is \$529.40 including HST, which includes a \$25 Curling Canada Competitor Card fee for four players. Additional players must also pay the \$25 Curling Canada competitor Fee.

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COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Northern Ontario Provincial Wheelchair Championship format will be:

Two teams – Double Round Robin (i.e. Best two out of three)

Three to Six teams – Single Round Robin followed by a Final

Seven or Eight teams – Single Round Robin followed by a Semi-Final and Final

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 ten (10) 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.

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.

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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.

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

TWO teams – Best two out of three games - If the third game is needed, it will be treated as a Championship FINAL game.

THREE to SIX teams - Following the conclusion of the single round robin competition the top two (2) teams will participate in a Championship FINAL game.

SEVEN or EIGHT teams – Following the conclusion of the single round robin competition the top three (3) teams will advance to the playoff round. The teams that finished second and third will participate in a SEMI-FINAL with the winner advancing to play the first place team in the FINAL championship game.

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NEW** Teams that complete the round robin with identical win/loss records are considered to be tied. There will only be **ONE** tiebreaker scheduled when there are teams tied with a qualifying record after the double round or single round robin. If more than two teams are tied, then teams will be ranked using the procedures in the NOCA Tiebreaking Review document. Teams tied for a qualifying position may be eliminated by their win/loss record against tied teams or by Total Draw Distance.

The Chief Umpire will make all decisions with regard to the administration of the tiebreaker. Additional information relative to the tiebreaker and sheet assignments will be discussed by the Chief Umpire with the teams involved after the last game of the round robin. (see NOCA Tiebreaker Review Document) Immediately after the two or three playoff positions have been determined and prior to each playoff game, each team involved 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. 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 color.

When the round robin win/loss record of the two teams involved in a playoff or tiebreaker game 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 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.

When a semi-final and final are scheduled, 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.

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.

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.

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 draw shot will NOT be counted unless there are only two or

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three teams in the event). The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking until the ranking has been completed.

The tiebreaker 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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