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1.0 CHAMPIONSHIP'S ROSTER

1.1. **Teams:** A team shall be comprised of a minimum of four (4) players to a maximum of five (5) players and one (1) certified coach. Games cannot be played with two (2) or less players. **There will not be a pool of alternate players.**

1.2. Eligibility:

1.2.1. **Academic:** Be a student who is officially registered and in good standing, pursuing a full-time course of study at a U SPORTS member university. Full-time status must be confirmed on the entry form by signature by the athletic director of the institution. (Full-time as defined in U SPORTS policies 40.10.3.2 and 40.10.3.3)

1.2.2. **Athletic:** Be a member of the recognized university curling team, as approved by signature of the athletic director of the institution.

1.2.3. **Citizenship:** Be a Canadian citizen. Be at least 17 and less than 28 on January 1, 2018. Or with a birth date between January 1st, 1990 and December 31, 2000 inclusive. Note: This only applies to individuals representing Canada at the FISU Games. Student-athletes at the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships born before January 1st, 1990, must meet 1.2.1 above to participate in the championship.

1.2.4. **Maximum Years:** A student will have a maximum of five (5) years of eligibility. Prior to the 2011-2012 season, a year of eligibility was considered to have been used if the student participated in the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships. However, from the 2011-2012 season forward, participation in regional playdowns leading to the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships, is also considered to count as year of eligibility.

2.0 ENTRY

The 2017 U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships will be comprised of eight (8) men's teams and eight (8) women's teams. Participating teams per gender are as follows:

- Canada West - two (2) teams;
- Ontario – two (2) teams;
- Quebec – zero (0) teams;

- Atlantic – two (2) teams;
- One (1) team from the host, **Lakehead University Thunderwolves**

The respective areas will be responsible for determining their teams. If they cannot agree, Curling Canada will decide.

The 8th team for both genders will be awarded to the region with the majority of entries. Should a region be unable to field a team, the OUA region will receive the invitation.

The entry fee will be **\$400.00** per team per gender and is non-refundable. The entry fee will include a maximum of six (6) tickets to the closing banquet and six (6) tickets to the opening reception. Curling Canada will provide a travel pool of **\$28,000** to be distributed among all teams traveling to **Thunder Bay**. The formula will be based on the total distance travelled by 14 of the 16 teams (Lakehead is excluded from the 2017 travel pool).

3.0 COMPETITION

3.1. Format: Each gender will play a full round robin of seven (7) games from Saturday night to Tuesday night. The playoffs will be held Wednesday. There will not be any tiebreaker games played. Ties will be broken by who beat who and failing that, by the accumulated draw shot distance from round robin play.

At the conclusion of the individual round robins, the top four teams in each pool will advance to the championship semi finals. The first place team will play the fourth place team while the team finishing second will play the third place team. The winners of these semi-final games will advance to the championship final and the losers will play in the bronze medal game. All games will be ten (10) ends in length.

3.2. **Arrival:** All members of a team participating in the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships shall arrive in **Thunder Bay** no later than **11:00am, Saturday, March 18th**. Illness, accident, or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless a sufficient number of teams are involved, thus making it difficult for the competition to commence or continue (this decision will be made by Curling Canada). If a team does not arrive at the site of the championships in time to play its first or any subsequent games in the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships, the team involved will forfeit the game.

- 3.3. **Pre-Competition Practice:** Will take place **Saturday, March 18th** at the **Fort William Curling Club**. The first practice session will begin at 11:00am and the second will begin at 1:00pm. Each team will have access to the ice for 60 minutes. The mandatory Team Meeting will be held the same day at 6:15pm. (see 9.0)
- 3.4. **Practice & Stone Colour:** In all round robin games, the first team named on the draw **will practice first and will throw the stones with the red handles**. The second named team will practice second and will throw the yellow handles.
- 3.5. **Stone Selection, Practice & Last Stone Advantage – Round Robin**
- 3.5.1. During the round robin portion, each team will be assigned red stones three (3) times and yellow stones four (4) times **OR** stones with red handles four (4) times and yellow stones three (3) times. The team throwing red will have pre-game practice ice available for exactly nine (9) minutes, commencing thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the round robin draw. The yellow team will have the same period of practice ice available commencing immediately following the red team's draw to the button for last stone advantage.
- 3.5.2. Last stone advantage in the first end (hammer) will be decided by two (2) draws to the button following each team's pre-game practice. Within two (2) minutes of the completion of the pre-game practice, two players from the team will each throw a stone (full sweeping allowed). The red team will deliver the clockwise rotation while the yellow team will deliver the counter-clockwise rotation. **During the round robin portion of this event, each player on each team will deliver a minimum of two (2) draw shots for last stone advantage. The two (2) draw shots can be taken anytime during the round robin but not in the same game.** The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.
- 3.5.3. Should the yellow team record the same two-stone distance as their opposition, any player from the red team will draw to the button followed by any player from the yellow team. And so on until last stone has been decided. The first two stones delivered will be the distance that counts for the accumulated distance. 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, they must inform the Umpire before the start of their practice.

3.5.4. Other key points:

3.5.4.1. Opposing teams must remain in the **viewing area behind the glass** during their opponent's pre-game practice.

3.5.4.2. Stones not delivered within the two minutes will be assigned each a distance of 185.40 cm (the stone must reach the nearer tee-line before time expires).

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

3.5.4.4. Teams will declare which two (2) players will deliver the last stone draws for last stone advantage prior to the start of the first practice. Failure to do so will result in an assigned distance of 370.80.

3.5.5. **Team Ranking:** A team's rank for tiebreaker scenarios will be based on the best 12 of 14 pre-game draw shots to the button for last stone advantage. The least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until ranking is completed. **Tiebreaker games will not be played.**

3.6. **All games are scheduled for ten (10) ends.** All round robin games and playoff games at the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships can be conceded after a minimum of eight (8) ends.

3.7. If the score is tied at the conclusion of regulation, play shall remain continuous. The 11th end will be played away from the glass.

3.8. **Playoffs:**

3.8.1. First end last stone advantage **and** choice of stones in playoff games shall be awarded to the higher ranked team following the round robin competition, however, the higher ranked team **must** be clearly ahead in terms of round robin wins and losses. If teams have the same record, the result of the

round robin match will determine who will have choice of colour **OR** last stone advantage.

3.8.2. Unless otherwise permitted by the Chief Umpire, all playoff games shall be played with the stones from the sheet assigned. Stone handles shall not be changed from one set of stones to another.

3.8.3. When the ranking of three (3) or more tied teams eligible for playoffs cannot be established by successive comparisons of win/loss records, the total draw distance for last stone advantage in the first end shall rank those teams during the round robin.

3.9. **Time Clocks**

3.9.1. The game time allotted to each team to complete a 10 end game shall be thirty-eight (38) minutes. The game time allotted to each team to complete each extra end shall be four (4) minutes and thirty (30) seconds.

3.9.2. Each team will be allowed two (2) ninety (90) second timeouts per 10 end game and one (1) ninety (90) second timeouts in each extra end. Full details on the implementation of timeouts will be explained at the team meeting. There will be a mandatory five (5) minute break at the conclusion of the fifth end.

3.10. **Substitution:** The alternate player shall only enter the competition as provided for in Special Rules for the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships & Rules of Curling for Officiated Play Rule (5).

3.11. **Equipment:** Please note Rule 16, Equipment, from the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, reflecting the original intent of the rule and parallels Rule 15, Equipment, from the Rules of Curling for General Play.

3.12. **Rules:** Curling Canada rules apply including the current **Sweeping Moratorium**.
www.curling.ca/championships/sweeping-moratorium-statement/

3.13. **Dress Standards:** Each team will be required to wear their matching on-ice outfits at all times when they are entering the ice area, including the opening and closing ceremonies, pre-competition practice, pre-game practice and evening practices.

Teams must wear matching on-ice uniforms that correspond with their school colours. Sponsorship cresting on uniforms must be cleared with the U SPORTS / Curling Canada prior to arriving in **Thunder Bay**. Each team is allowed six (6) cresting positions on their jacket/shirt no larger than 6" x 6" or 36 square inches. Each team is also allowed one (1) cresting position on the pants no larger than 4" x 4" or 16 square inches. **The opening reception will be casual with a game shirt (jeans are acceptable). The banquet will be business formal.**

4.0 TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMMODATIONS

Each team is responsible for their transportation to and from Thunder Bay. Each team is also responsible for their accommodation costs and **is required by U SPORTS regulations to stay in the designated hotel.** The Lakehead Thunderwolves teams are exempt from 4.0.

HOST HOTEL is the Airplane Hotel & Conference Centre www.airplanehotel.com.

Rooms have been secured at **\$105.00** per night. Please contact the hotel as soon as possible to make your reservation at **1.800.465.5003** or reservations@airplanehotel.com

5.0 COACHES: Each team **must** be accompanied by one (1) certified coach at least 21 years in age (coaches will be approved by Curling Canada). Coaches will only be allowed to coach one (1) team during the championships. **Coaches must be Certified "Competition Coach" (Competition-Introduction) or Certified Level 2.** Reserved seating behind each sheet of ice will be provided during each game of the championships. Uncertified coaches, assistant coaches, team psychologists and trainers will **not** receive official recognition or status in terms of ice access.

6.0 MEDIA RELATIONS: Each athlete, alternate player and coach will cooperate with the media by granting interviews and answering questions when requested.

7.0 STATISTICAL RECORDS: Games in the championships will be scored and calculated by computer. Statistics will be tabulated and made available by e-mail to each team at the end of the day.

8.0 ALL-CANADIAN & SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: Curling Canada shall select the 1st and 2nd All-Canadian teams based on the following criteria: each player's final shooting percentage for the seven round robin games will be multiplied by 0.86. Then each plus in

the +/- stat recorded by the athlete will be awarded an additional 2.00 points (to a maximum of 14.00). The total of these two numbers will establish the first and second teams for the All Canadian Awards.

The Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the player (one for each gender) who best combines the high ideals of sportsmanship, observance of rules and exemplary conduct on and off the ice. Each competitor makes the selection by secret ballot, which shall be returned to Curling Canada. The Game Umpires and Chief Umpire will also submit ballots.

The announcement of the All-Canadian Teams and the Sportsmanship Award Winners will take place at the Victory Banquet. **All teams are required to be in attendance respecting the business dress code at the Victory Banquet.**

9.0 PRE-COMPETITION TEAM MEETING: Only **two (2) team members: the coach and one other player** shall attend the meeting with the Chief Umpire and Competition Director before play commences. At that time, any questions a team may have relative to officiating or rule interpretation will be discussed. Failure to attend will result in the team forfeiting last stone advantage for all games. **The team meeting is scheduled for 6:15pm on Saturday, March 18th at the Fort William Curling Club.**

10.0 CODE OF CONDUCT: Curling is based on a code of ethics, good sportsmanship, and personal integrity. You are expected to follow this tradition and the rules of the game throughout the competition. **Alcohol will not be available** at the curling venue for any student/athlete or coach until the completion of their final game of the day **OR** until the team has completed the competition. The Chief Umpire shall suspend student/athletes or any coach contravening Rule 10.0 immediately and for the duration of the event.

11.0 OFFICIALS: The Chief Umpire, **Bill Rourke**, is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas covered by the *Rules of Curling for Officiated Play*, U SPORTS policy or precedent. His decision will be final except in matters involving disciplinary action. The U SPORTS / Curling Canada shall be responsible for all matters involving disciplinary action and such matters should be referred to the U SPORTS via the Chief Umpire. In emergency situations, the Chief Umpire may have to act immediately in areas outside of rules, policy, or precedent. In these situations, the Chief Umpire is the final authority.

- 11.1. Game Umpire – Game Umpires shall be positioned at each end of the playing area and for the most part are the immediate line of communication between the Chief Umpire and the players.
- 11.2. One (1) Time Clock Operator is assigned to each sheet of ice and is responsible for timing each game.
- 11.3. (1) One Game Statistician is assigned to each sheet of ice and is responsible for scoring each game.

12.0 **SUSPENSIONS:** The rule book has a number of different sections. You should take note of the section titled Rules of Curling for Officiated Play (page 26). The Chief Umpire is empowered to suspend a player from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes any verbal abuse directed at ANY umpire. Every rule has an enforcement procedure that will be followed. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO WARNINGS FOR ANY INFRACTION UNLESS IT IS STATED IN THE RULE BOOK OR BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION BY THE CHIEF UMPIRE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE COMPETITION! One-game suspensions and judgment calls made by an official cannot be appealed.

13.0 **REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

- 13.1. **Atlantic Canada:** February 9-12 – Truro Curling Club
Helen Radford – 902.497.6655 - helen.radford@curling.ca
- 13.2. **Ontario:** February 16-20 – Oshawa Golf & Curling Club
Jenelle Herbert - jenelle.herbert@oua.ca
- 13.3. **Western Canada:** March 3-5 - Saville Community Sports Centre, Edmonton
Karla Ishida - 780.492.5519 - karla.ishida@ualberta.ca
- 13.4. **Quebec** – none

14.0 **DOPING CONTROL:** Up to and including the final championship games, student-athletes will adhere to U SPORTS doping policy.

15.0 **CONDUCT AND ENFORCEMENT**

- 15.1. Equity and Equality Policy (see U SPORTS policy #90.10)
- 15.2. Harassment and Discrimination Policy (see U SPORTS policy #90.30)

- 15.3. Complaints, Investigation and Discipline Policy (see U SPORTS policy #90.40)
- 15.4. Appeals Policy (see U SPORTS policy #90.50)
- 15.5. Alternative Dispute Resolution (see U SPORTS policy 90.60)
- 15.6. Curling Canada technical appeals process will be in force.

16.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - March 18-24

Friday, March 17th		
All day	-	Teams arrive and check in at the host hotel
Saturday, March 18th		
Morning	-	Teams arrive and check in at the host hotel
11h00	-	Pre-Competition Practice #1
13h00	-	Pre-Competition Practice #2
18h15	-	Coaches Pre-Event Meeting
19h00	-	Opening Ceremonies
20h00	-	Draw # 1
22h30	-	Opening Reception
Sunday, March 19th		
14h00	-	Draw # 2
19h00	-	Draw # 3
Monday, March 20th		
14h00	-	Draw # 4
19h00	-	Draw # 5
Tuesday, March 21st		
11h30	-	Coaches Technical Meeting
14h00	-	Draw # 6
19h00	-	Draw # 7
Wednesday, March 22nd		
09h00	-	Semi Finals
14h00	-	Gold & Bronze Medal Games
19h00	-	Victory Banquet & Awards Night

17.0 MEETINGS: Curling Canada COACHES / TECHNICAL MEETING: The Technical meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21st at 11h30 at the hotel.

18.0 Photos: PLEASE SEND A HIGH RESOLUTION DIGITAL PHOTO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR REGIONAL VICTORY. THE PHOTO SHOULD SHOW THE SKIP ON THE LEFT (person calling the game) TO THE COACH ON THE FAR RIGHT. ATHLETES AND COACH MUST BE IN UNIFORM WITH A CLEAN BACKGROUND. PLEASE ONLY A MAXIMUM OF SIX PEOPLE IN THE PHOTO!! E-MAIL TO danny@curling.ca



APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

UNIVERSITY

SKIP

Date of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

THIRD

SECOND

LEAD

ALTERNATE
(if applicable)

COACH

Certification Level

PRIMARY CONTACT

ADDRESS

CITY **PROV** **POSTAL CODE**

TELEPHONE (Home) **(Cell)**

E-MAIL

Important** Student-Athletes have a maximum of five (5) years of eligibility. Prior to the 2011-2012 season, a year of eligibility was considered to have been used if the student participated in the U SPORTS / Curling Canada National University Championships. However, from the 2011-2012 season forward, participation in regional playdowns leading to the U SPORTS / Curling Canada National University Championships, is also considered to count as year of eligibility. Please confirm each player's eligibility. If you choose not to provide your date of birth, a school official must sign a declaration that the student/athletes meet the age eligibility requirements.

WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY (approved by school Athletic Director or designate)

The _____ (school name) confirms the abovementioned student/athletes are fully eligible under the eligibility regulations to participate in the 2017 U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships process. The student/athletes are also in academic good standing with our institution.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

COACH - I confirm that I have the minimum of Level 2 or Competition Coach Certification.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ENTRY

Please send completed forms with entry fee cheque of \$400.00 (payable to "Curling Canada") by the due date established by your regional playdown.

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c/o Curling Canada
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Cumberland, ON, K4A 4J4

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Curling Canada - **Danny Lamoureux** at **613.878.3682** or danny@curling.ca
Host Committee - **Bill Charlebois** at billcharleboisnl@tbaytel.net or **807-667-8684**

20. Draw

2017 U Sports / Curling Canada University Curling Championships – March 18-22 – Thunder Bay, ON								
Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Saturday 8:00pm	West1 ATL2	West1 TBA	ATL2 Lakehead	ATL1 TBA	West2 OUA1	Lakehead OUA1	ATL1 OUA2	West2 OUA2
Sunday 2:00pm	ATL2 OUA1	ATL1 OUA1	West1 OUA2	West1 OUA2	West2 ATL2	ATL1 TBA	Lakehead TBA	West2 Lakehead
Sunday 7:00pm	West2 Lakehead	ATL1 West2	TBA OUA1	ATL2 OUA1	OUA2 Lakehead	OUA2 TBA	West1 ATL2	West1 ATL1
Monday 2:00pm	OUA1 TBA	OUA1 Lakehead	West2 West1	Lakehead ATL1	ATL1 West1	ATL2 West2	OUA2 ATL2	OUA2 TBA
Monday 7:00pm	West2 West1	Lakehead West1	TBA ATL2	Lakehead TBA	OUA1 OUA2	OUA1 OUA2	ATL1 West2	ATL2 ATL1
Tuesday 2:00pm	Lakehead ATL1	TBA West2	OUA2 Lakehead	OUA2 West2	TBA ATL2	ATL2 ATL1	OUA1 West1	OUA1 West1
Tuesday 7:00pm	OUA2 ATL1	OUA2 ATL2	OUA1 West2	OUA1 ATL1	TBA West1	Lakehead West1	TBA West2	ATL2 Lakehead
Wednesday 9:00am			Semi Finals WOMEN	Semi Finals WOMEN	Semi Finals MEN	Semi Finals MEN		
Wednesday 2:00pm			Bronze MEN	Gold MEN	Gold WOMEN	Bronze WOMEN		