U SPORTS / Curling Canada UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS



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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, in good standing, and 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 18 years of age and no older than 25 years of age on the December 31st, 2024.** Note: This only applies to individuals representing Canada at the FISU Games. Studentathletes at the U SPORTS / Curling Canada University Championships 26 years or older as of December 31, 2024, 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.

2.0 ENTRY

The 2024 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 three (3) teams.
- Atlantic three (3) teams (two (2) plus the host UNB).

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

The entry fee will be **\$460.00** 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 **\$35,000** to be distributed among all

teams traveling to **Fredericton** (except the host teams). The formula will be based on the total distance travelled combined with air travel costs at that time.

3.0 <u>COMPETITION</u>

- 3.1. **Format:** Each gender will play a full round robin of seven (7) games from Tuesday night to Friday. The playoffs will be held Saturday. 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 semifinals. 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 semifinal 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 Fredericton no later than 9:00 am, Tuesday, March 12th. Illness, accident, or extenuating circumstance will not be considered unless enough 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 Tuesday, March 12th at the <u>Atkin</u> <u>University Centre and the Capital Winter Club</u>. The first practice session will begin at 11:45 am. Each team will practice for 30 minutes at the arena and 30 minutes at the curling club on the sheet where they will play their first game at that venue.
- 3.4. Practice & Stone Colour: In all round robin games, the team listed first on the draw will practice first and will throw the stones with the red handles. The team listed second on the draw 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 assigned 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. Pre-Game Practice and Last Stone Draw (LSD) Round Robins:
 - 3.5.2.1. Teams will 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 399.20 cm.
 - 3.5.2.2. Umpires will assume that every team that wins the Last Stone Draw will want the last stone in the first end. If 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.
 - 3.5.2.3. Coaches may NOT deliver stones in the pre-game practice.
 - 3.5.2.4. Speed traps are NOT allowed in the pre-game practice.
 - 3.5.2.5. The teams listed on the top / first in the draw will practice first and will be assigned dark handled stones. The team throwing light-handled stones will have the same period of practice starting immediately following the dark handled stone draws for last stone advantage.
 - 3.5.2.6. Teams will be allowed up to one minute of sliding time immediately prior to their pre-game practice.
 - 3.5.2.7. Each team's pre-game practice will be nine minutes.
 - 3.5.2.8. First practice will commence thirty minutes prior to the posted draw time.
 - 3.5.2.9. Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass or be positioned behind the scoreboard if in an arena setting, if space permits, for pregame practice and Last Stone Draw(s).
 - 3.5.2.10. Last stone advantage will be determined by the Last Stone Draws before each round robin game and will be completed immediately following each team's pre-game practice.
 - 3.5.2.11. The Last Stone Draw distance is calculated using the Curl Distance last stone draw measuring tool app. The distance is measured either from the centre of the house to the nearest point of the stone or, if the stone covers the centre, from two points 61 cm away from the centre using Triangulation. The app calculates the real distance from the centre to the centre of the stone in both cases, using the official formula from the World Curling Federation WCF.
 - 3.5.2.12. Triangulation: any stone covering the tee (centre pin), will be measured from two separate points 61 cm from the tee and 90

degrees apart. These distances will be used to calculate the distance from the tee to the centre of the curling stone.

- 3.5.2.13. The better (lower) distance of the total of the two draws between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end.
- 3.5.2.14. The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.
- 3.5.2.15. Only the named 'game' players are allowed on the ice surface for the Last Stone Draw. Full sweeping is allowed; however, one of the players must hold the target broom.
- 3.5.2.16. Following each team's pre-game practice, the two different previously named players from the team will each throw a stone. There will be an announcement to deliver each Last Stone Draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counterclockwise rotation.
- 3.5.2.17. A stone delivered after the practice time has elapsed and prior to the announcement, or not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire (the stone must reach the near tee-line before the time expires), will be assigned 199.6 cm.
- 3.5.2.18. Should the team with first practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button (Clockwise rotation). If the third player records 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm, a fourth player, different from the first three throwers, will deliver (Counter-Clockwise rotation) and so on until a number other than 0.0 cm or 199.6 cm is registered.
- 3.5.2.19. If the second team registers the same two-stone distance as the team with first practice (other than 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm) the individual LSD stones are compared, and the lowest non-equal LSD has the choice of delivering first or second stone 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.
- 3.5.2.20. Should the team with second practice record a cumulative distance of 0.0 cm or 399.2 cm, a third player, different from the first two throwers, from the team will deliver a draw to the button

(Clockwise rotation). The team with second practice 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.

- 3.5.2.21. Stones moved by the delivery team before being measured will be assigned the distance of the next defined circle away from the button (the stone measurement is taken as the inside edge of the stone is at the inner edge of the circle measured to the centre of the stone).
 - 3.5.2.21.1. On or touching the button = 29.4 cm (when a onefoot button) note: subject to change if the actual button diameter is more than one foot.
 - 3.5.2.21.2. In or touching the four foot = 75.1 cm.
 - 3.5.2.21.3. In or touching the eight foot = 136.1 cm
 - 3.5.2.21.4. In or touching the twelve foot = 197.1 cm
- 3.5.2.22. 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 its original position by the delivering team.
- 3.5.2.23. Only the first two stones delivered will be registered for the accumulated distance.
- 3.5.2.24. At the conclusion of the round robin, the two highest individual recorded distances will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance.
- 3.5.2.25. 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.
- 3.5.2.26. 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.

- 3.5.3. 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, direction of play for the extra end(s) shall be remain continuous.

3.8. Playoffs:

- 3.8.1. Last stone advantage in the first end **and** choice of stones 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 victories. If teams have the same record, the result of the round robin match will determine who will **have choice of colour and second practice**. Teams will then draw for Last Stone Advantage.
- 3.8.2. 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 15, Equipment, from the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, reflecting the original intent of the rule.
- 3.12. Rules: Curling Canada rules apply including the current <u>Sweeping Moratorium</u>.
- 3.13. Dress Standards: Each team will be required to always wear their matching on-ice outfits 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 Fredericton. 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 casual.

4.0 TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMMODATIONS

Each team is responsible for their transportation to and from Fredericton. Each team is also responsible for their accommodation costs. Quote "university / college". **Teams must stay at the host hotel(s)**.

Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton

225 Woodstock Road Fredericton, New Brunswick 506.451.7912 https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yfcdf-delta-hotels-fredericton/overview/

- 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). 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 on-ice access. Curling Canada's new U25 Coaching Rules (Pilot year) will be in effect. (see attached document)
- **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 & SPIRIT AWARDS:** Curling Canada shall select the 1st and 2nd All-Canadian teams based on the highest shooting percentages for the seven (7) round robin games. Please note, ties will be broken based on plus/minus.

The Spirit Awards will be presented to the player (one for each gender) who best combines the high ideals of being a good sport, 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 Spirit Award Winners will take place at the Victory Banquet. **All teams are required to be in attendance respecting the business casual dress code at the Victory Banquet**.

- **9.0 PRE-COMPETITION TEAM MEETING:** There will not be a formal team meeting for this event. It will be replaced by a Team Meeting Document sent from the Chief Umpire to the teams two (2) weeks prior to the event.
- **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 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 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/her decision will be final except in matters involving disciplinary action. U SPORTS / Curling Canada shall be responsible for all matters involving disciplinary action and such matters should be referred to 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. One (1) Game Statistician is assigned to each sheet of ice and is responsible for scoring each game.
- 12.0 SUSPENSIONS: The rule book has several different sections. You should take note of the section titled Rules of Curling for Officiated Play (page 61). The Chief Umpire is empowered to suspend a player from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes any verbal abuse directed at <u>ANY</u> 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 (AUS): February 8-11, 2024 Montague Curling Club, Montague PE
 Helen Radford 902-497-6655 <u>helen.radford@curling.ca</u>
- 13.2. Ontario (OUA): February 2-4,2024 Guelph Curling Club, Guelph, ON Kauri LaFontaine 905-635-5510 ext. 204 <u>kauri.lafontaine@oua.ca</u>

- 13.3. Canada West: January 19-21 Saville Community Sports Centre, Edmonton, AB Dr. Ian Reade – 780-492-8273 – <u>ian.reade@ualberta.ca</u>
- **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 12 to 16, 2024

Tuesday, March 12th

	Teams arrive and check in at the host hotel
11:45 am	Practices begin
5:00 pm	Draw #1 (College Women & University Women)
9:00 pm	Draw #2 (College Men & University Men)

Wednesday, March 13th

8:30 am	Draw #3 (College Women & University Women)
12:30 pm	Draw #4 (College Men & University Men)
4:30 pm	Draw #5 (College Women & University Women)
8:30 pm	Draw #6 (College Men & University Women)

Thursday, March 14th

8:30 am	Draw #7 (College Women & University Women)
12:30 pm	Draw #8 (College Men & University Men)
4:30 pm	Draw #9 (College Women & University Women)
8:30 pm	Draw #10 (College Men & University Women)

Friday, March 15th8:30 amDraw #11 (College Women & University Women)12:30 pmDraw #12 (College Men & University Men)4:30 pmDraw #13 (College Women & University Women)8:30 pmDraw #14 (College Men & University Women)

Saturday, March 16th

9:30 am	Semi Finals
2:30 pm	Gold & Bronze Medal Games
7:00 pm	Victory Banquet & Awards Night

17.0 MEETINGS: Curling Canada COACHES / TECHNICAL MEETING: The Technical meeting will be held Saturday, March 16th at 12h30 at the arena.

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. THE 5TH PLAYER WILL BE AFTER THE LEAD AND BEFORE THE COACH. ALL ATHLETES AND THE COACH MUST BE IN UNIFORM WITH A



CLEAN BACKGROUND. PLEASE ONLY A MAXIMUM OF SIX PEOPLE IN THE PHOTO!!

E-MAIL TO robyn.mattie@curling.ca

17.0 Draw Schedule

		Atkins Center Arena					Capita	al Winte	r Club
		Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н
MARCH 12th 12th Tuesday 9:00 pm		1 vs 8	1 vs 2	2 vs 7	8 vs 3	6 vs 3	5 vs 4	7 vs 6	4 vs 5
		1 vs 8	2 vs 8	3 vs 7	1 vs 3	2 vs 6	4 vs 5	4 vs 6	5 vs 7

	Wednesday 8:30 am	2 vs 6	3 vs 4	6 vs 1	4 vs 8	2 vs 7
MARCH	Wednesday 12:30 pm	3 vs 2	3 vs 5	6 vs 2	5 vs 8	8 vs 4
13th	Wednesday 4:30 pm	5 vs 6	8 vs 6	4 vs 7	3 vs 1	4 vs 2
	Wednesday 8:30 pm	7 vs 6	8 vs 2	5 vs 4	6 vs 1	5 vs 3

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5 vs 4	7 vs 6	4 vs 5
4 vs 5	4 vs 6	5 vs 7
7 vs 3	5 vs 8	5 vs 1

7 vs 5

7 vs 4

8 vs 1

1 vs 2

3 vs 2

3 vs 8

	Thursday 8:30 am	1 vs 4	1 vs 2	6 vs 5	2 vs 5	6 vs 3
MARCH	Thursday 12:30 pm	2 vs 5	1 vs 3	2 vs 4	8 vs 7	6 vs 3
14th	Thursday 4:30 pm	5 vs 3	4 vs 7	3 vs 5	7 vs 1	4 vs 8
	Thursday 8:30 pm	4 vs 6	5 vs 7	3 vs 7	4 vs 2	5 vs 1

7 vs 8	3 vs 4	8 vs 7
4 vs 1	6 vs 5	8 vs 7
2 vs 8	6 vs 1	2 vs 6
3 vs 8	2 vs 1	8 vs 6

MARCH 15th	Friday 8:30 am	3 vs 4	1 vs 6	8 vs 6	3 vs 4	7 vs 1
	Friday 12:30 pm	3 vs 7	8 vs 6	8 vs 3	2 vs 5	7 vs 1
	Friday 4:30 pm	1 vs 8	7 vs 4	1 vs 5	7 vs 2	8 vs 4
	Friday 8:30 pm	8 vs 2	5 vs 7	1 vs 4	7 vs 6	8 vs 5

7 vs 2	5 vs 8	5 vs 2
<mark>5 vs 1</mark>	4 vs 2	4 vs 6
6 vs 5	2 vs 3	6 vs 3
<mark>6 vs 4</mark>	1 vs 3	3 vs 2

	Saturday 9:30 am	University/College Semi Finals
MARCH 16th	Saturday 2:30 pm	University/College Medal Games
	Saturday 7:00 pm	University/College Banquet

University/College Semi Finals
University/College Medal Games
University/College Banquet

APPLICATION FORM

Important** Student-Athletes have a maximum of five (5) years of 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.

		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
SKIP		
THIRD		
SECOND		
LEAD		
5th player (if applicable)		
		Certification Level
СОАСН		
PRIMARY COI	лтаст	
ADDRESS		
СІТҮ	PROV POSTAL CODE	
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WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY (approved by school Athletic Director or designate)

The _______(insert school name) confirms the abovementioned student/athletes are fully eligible under the eligibility regulations to participate in the 2024 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 Competition Coach Certification (competition introduction).

Signature:	
Name:	
Title:	

ENTRY

Please send completed forms with entry fee cheque of \$460.00 (payable to "Curling Canada") by the due date established by your regional playdown.

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