

OFSAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Date:

The OFSAA Boys' and Girls' Curling Championships shall be held during the first or second week following the Ministry March break unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Championships shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championships.

3. Championship Structure and Procedures:

(a) Competition shall take place over two (2), three (3) or four (4) days. Teams shall be divided into pools for preliminary play and each pool shall play a round robin series against the other teams in the pool. The number of pools and the number of teams in each pool shall vary according to the number of entries in the Championship.

- (i) if 10, 12 or 14 teams participate, there shall be two (2) pools;
- (ii) if more than fourteen (14) Associations enter then there shall be three (3) pools of six (6) teams;
- (iii) if there are more than eighteen (18) teams then there shall be four (4) pools of five (5) teams. If additional teams are required to facilitate the draw, they will be supplied according to Regulation 4(d), "Entry".
- (iv) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.

(b) **Playoffs:**

- (i) if there are two (2) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool shall advance to semi-final play;
- (ii) if there are three (3) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool and the two (2) teams with the next best records shall advance to the quarter-final play;
- (iii) if there are four (4) pools, the top two (2) teams in each pool shall advance to quarter-final play.

In the quarter finals Pool A #1 shall meet Pool B #2 (Game A). Pool B #1 shall meet Pool A #2 (Game B) Pool C #1 shall meet Pool D #2(Game C). Pool D #1 shall meet Pool C #2 (Game D).

In the Semi Finals the winner of Game A will play the Winner of Game D and the winner of Game B will play the winner of Game C. Winners of the Semi-Finals shall play in the Gold Medal Game. Losers of the semi shall play in the Bronze Medal Game.

(c) **Seeding:**

- (i) to balance pools, four (4) to eight (8) teams shall be seeded;
- (ii) teams from the same Association shall not be placed in the same pool;
- (iii) seeds shall be determined by the OFSAA Convenor in consultation with the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee.
- (iv) **Shoot-out For Possible Tie Breaker** - All teams will participate in a shoot-out (as outlined in Regulation 7(c)(i) immediately following their first game.

(d) A team shall play a maximum of three (3) games in one day.

(e) Teams may be piped in for the opening of the Championships. Before and after each game all curlers shall shake hands with their opponents.

4. Entry:

(a) Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.

(b) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES BELOW SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.** However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted.

(c) Each Association may enter one (1) team in each Championship with the exception of the TDSSAA which may enter two (2) teams in each Championship. The host Association may have an additional entry at the discretion of the host Association.

(d) To facilitate the draw a maximum of three (3) additional entries in that Championship may be accepted on the following basis:

- (i) an additional entry from the host Association (as determined by the Association);
- (ii) an additional entry from the Association of the previous year's OFSAA Champions;
- (iii) an additional entry from the Association of the previous year's OFSAA finalists;
- (iv) an additional entry from the Association of the previous year's bronze medallion winners;
- (v) an additional entry from the Association of the previous year's antique bronze medallion winners.

To further facilitate the draws, entries may be awarded to the Association medalists from two years prior, provided that the additional entries to the previous year's Association medalists have been exhausted. Additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:

- (i) the gold medal Association of two years prior;
- (ii) the silver medal Association of two years prior;
- (iii) the bronze medal Association of two years prior;
- (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of two years prior;

- (e) A team may consist of five (5) players any four (4) of whom may be designated to play in a game. All five (5) curlers must be listed on the entry form. Every team must have four (4) players available to start the competition.
- (f) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.
- (g) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convener, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Championship Play Begins	Entry Deadline
Monday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm
Tuesday	The preceding Wednesday @ 11:59 pm
Wednesday	The preceding Thursday @ 11:59 pm
Thursday	The preceding Saturday @ 11:59 pm
Friday	The preceding Monday @ 11:59 pm
Saturday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm

5. Expenses:

An entry fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the bonspiels. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event

6. Eligibility:

- (a) To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:
 - (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
 - (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
 - (iii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
 - (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
 - (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy. (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
 - (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into

Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));

- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition.
 - (viii) any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal. A bona fide school curling program consists of eight (8) weekly practice/games minimum, under the supervision of a teacher-coach.
- (b) To be eligible for OFSAA competition, a team must consist of at least three (3) of the original team members who competed in the Association Championship.

7. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The rules governing the play shall be that of the Canadian Curling Association. The exceptions to the rule book include:

(a) Substitution:

The host Association shall be responsible for providing a pool of curlers available for substitution.

- (i) During the competition if a team has only four (4) players and one player is unable to continue play because of illness or injury, they **must** select randomly from the host pool of curlers and that player shall play lead; if the original player is able to play again he/she may re-enter the competition at the beginning of a game.
 - (ii) Once a player is selected from the host pool, he/she must remain that team's substitute until such time as the original player (or alternate) can return.
- (b) All games including playoffs shall be eight (8) ends. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a game, an extra end towards the home end shall be played until such time as a winner is declared. If the game goes into extra ends, there shall be a 60-second break for consultation between the coach and curlers at the end of the eighth end. Each team may call one 60-second time-out during each extra end. Time-outs shall not be carried forward to the extra end(s) or from one extra end to another.

(c) Tie Breaking Procedures:

- i) If two (2) teams are tied for a playoff position the winner of the game in pool play between the tied teams shall receive the position;
- ii) if three(3) teams are tied and one team has defeated all other tied teams during pool play, it shall receive the position;
- iii) To determine additional playoff positions, the team score established in the shoot-out shall be used, with the highest score(s) receiving the position(s).
- iv) **Shoot-out Procedure**

- Shall take place immediately following a team's first game.
 - Shall take place on the same sheet of ice as the team played with the same four curlers shooting towards the glass with the same colour rocks as the team played during the game.
 - Each team member in any order, will deliver one rock. Sweeping shall be allowed. A player must hold the broom for each shot at the playing end. Teams shall alternate shots during the shoot-out.
 - The rock will be removed after each shot is scored.
 - Points shall be awarded as follows: Full button – 8; Full four foot - 6; any part of the four-foot - 5; full eight-foot - 4; any part of the eight-foot - 3; full twelve-foot - 2; any part of the twelve-foot - 1.
 - The accumulated total score shall be the team's tiebreaking score if required.
- v) In the event that a tie in shoot-out scores occurs and the scores are required to determine a playoff position, another shoot-out shall take place on a neutral sheet of ice following the above procedure. Each team shall be allowed two(2) rocks each for practice.

(d) **Timeouts**

A maximum of three (3) minutes consultation between the coach and curlers shall be allowed on the ice only, at the completion of the fourth end. In addition, two (2) one-minute time outs (i.e. one time out of one minute) may be called at any time while your team is in control of the house. The team that called the time out may access the playing surface. Coaches must wear appropriate footwear to access the ice surface. The team that did not call the time out may confer with the coach, but may not access the playing surface. The Fair Play timeout rule shall be in effect.

- (e) Practice time, to a maximum of seven (7) minutes per team, shall be made available before each game if time permits. The team with the hammer in the first end shall practise first.
- (f) No high school students shall be used as on-ice officials.
- (g) Permanent hog-line judges shall not be introduced part way through a competition.
- (h) A minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time, the opposing vices will meet behind the glass of their designated sheets to toss for choice of last rock or rock colour. The team with last rock will have first practice.

All curlers are expected to observe the courtesy rules that are part of the tradition of curling.

The Convenor shall be responsible for having an umpire present at all games of the Championship. If possible, time clocks may be used for all games if qualified operators are available.

8. Uniforms:

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the

integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h).

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

9. Awards:

Members of the Championship teams shall receive gold OFSAA medallions (6). The schools represented by the Championship teams shall receive banners to be retained by the schools.

Members of the runner-up teams shall receive silver OFSAA medallions (6).

Members of the winning teams in the bronze medal matches shall receive bronze OFSAA medallions (6).

Members of the losing teams in the bronze medal matches shall receive antique bronze OFSAA medallions (6).

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

OFSAA Participation Certificates may be provided by the Bonspiel Committee.

10. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

(a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.

(b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).

(c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex

as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

11. **Registration:**

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form and photo forms.

12. **Department:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

13. **Social:**

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with

the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

14. Medical:

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.

15. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Curling Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

16. Competition Committee:

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Curling Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
 - (i) Eligibility;
 - (ii) Deportment;
 - (iii) Supervision and registration;
 - (iv) Social;
 - (v) Medical personnel;
 - (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be

addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.
Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.***