



TECHNICAL PACKAGE

Technical packages are a critical part of the Saskatchewan Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the organizing committee by detailing tournament formats and scoring procedures, assist the Districts and Provincial Sport Governing Bodies (PSGB) in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coaching certification by stating minimum requirements and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each PSGBs version of developing young amateur athletes.

Every Saskatchewan Games' coach, manager, host sport directors, District sport contacts and District sport councils has an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Failure to do so could cost an athlete his or her eligibility for the Games and could affect final standings or the conduct of the competition. If someone does not understand an aspect of a Technical Package, he or she is to seek clarification from the Saskatchewan Games Council or the respective PSGB.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by PSGBs, following principles, guidelines and requirements of the Saskatchewan Games Council. As the overall governing body of the Games, the Council has the ultimate authority for Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the PSGB concerned.

Changes initiated by the PSGB must be directed to the Saskatchewan Games Council for approval. The proposed changes must have solid rational for enhancing the sport technical requirements. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements and team sizes or staff compliments after 18 months prior to the games will not be considered.

Saskatchewan Games Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games shall be open to Saskatchewan residents who are Canadian citizens or who have landed immigrant status for a minimum period of one year prior to the Games.
2. Each District team shall be comprised of eligible athletes whose Saskatchewan domicile or actual residence for at least six months prior to the Games, was located within the recognized boundaries of the District they are representing. In the event an athlete moves from one District to another, less than six months prior to the start of the Games, a special request may be made to the Saskatchewan Games Council to determine eligibility.
3. Students enrolled and attending secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis outside their District residence may elect to compete in a District play down in either their home District or academic resident District, but not both.

Students attending a secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of 60% of the eligible credits to be considered a full-time student.

Students attending a post-secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent 3 full time classes per year to be considered a full-time student.

4. First Nation athletes who reside and attend school in one District but are members of a First Nation Reserve in another District may elect to participate in either District, but not both. If they try out for one District and are not selected for that team, they are not permitted to try out for that sport in another District.
5. Athletes who have shared custody in a split marriage must participate in the District in which they currently attend school. If an athlete is transferring schools to live with the other parent or guardian in another District in the year of the Games, then the school that the athlete previously attended will be the District they participate in.
6. Athletes residing outside Saskatchewan:

Individual Sports:

Athletes residing at an address outside Saskatchewan are eligible to participate in the Saskatchewan Games if they meet the following conditions:

- They reside near the Saskatchewan boundary and attend school on a full-time basis in a recognized Saskatchewan education system;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Sport Governing Body and shall not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSGB in Saskatchewan.

Team Sports:

If a team has members from outside the Province of Saskatchewan, the team will be eligible if these criteria are met:

- The majority of the team resides in Saskatchewan or attends school on a full-time basis in a Saskatchewan based education system, and the others live within reasonable commuting distance;

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Sport Governing Body and shall not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSGB in Saskatchewan.

7. District Team Eligibility

Sports using Club Team selection

When a team roster is comprised of athletes residing in different Districts, the following criteria will determine which District the team will represent:

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Sport Governing Body;
 - Where a team has members from two or more Saskatchewan Games Districts, and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the District where the majority of the players reside. Teams in this position may have members living in adjacent Districts within reasonable commuting distance.
8. The Games shall be open only to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSGB.
 9. For each Games an athlete may participate in one sport only in each half, however an athlete may elect to try out for different sports in the District team selection process. Upon acceptance of selection to a District team in that half the athlete must remain with that team until the completion of the Games and is not eligible to try out for another sport.
 10. Coaches, managers and athletes may participate in more than one sport. However, they may only participate in one sport in each half of the Games.
 11. The age classification for participation in the Saskatchewan Games is based on the LTAD model for each sport. Recognizing the multi—sport environment that athletes are exposed to at the Games, each sport shall consider the maturity level of the athlete when establishing its age classification.
 12. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSGB in each respective sport technical package.
 13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules shall be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games the eligibility shall be determined by the Games Jury.
 14. Coaches, managers and athletes of the District team must stay in the athletes' village during the Games.

CURLING TECHNICAL PACKAGE

**2023 Saskatchewan Winter Games
February 19 – 22, 2023
Regina, Saskatchewan**

1.0 SPORT

- 1.1 Competition Site: Caledonian CC - 4 Person; Highland CC - Mixed Doubles
 - 1.2 Competition Dates:
Male (4 person), Female (4 person) and Mixed Doubles: February 19 – 22, 2023
 - 1.3 Sanction: CURLSASK
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2.0 PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 4 Male and 4 Female (4 person); 1 Male and 1 Female (Mixed Doubles)
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 1 Coach and 1 Manager*

Note: *Managers are ONLY required when the coach for the men's team is female, or the coach for the female's team is male; then a team manager of the same gender will be appointed to the team in question. In the case of Mixed Doubles - we will not require a manager for each team - one or more coaches will be appointed as managers for teams having the opposite gendered coach. In the event all coaches are of the same gender - one manager will be appointed responsible for all teams.

- One certified coach per team.
 - Coach and manager must be at least 21 years of age.
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3.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 Year of Birth (4 person): Competitors shall be a minimum of 11 years of age and a maximum of 17 years of age on June 30, 2022.

Year of Birth (Mixed Doubles): Competitors shall be a minimum of 11 years of age and a maximum of 19 years of age on June 30, 2022.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Athletes: All athletes on the team must be members of an affiliated CURLSASK curling club in the same Saskatchewan Games District. Players may be members of more than one club but shall participate in the competition in one club only.

Four Person: A minimum of 3 athletes on the team must reside or attend school within the same Saskatchewan Games District they plan to represent.

Mixed Doubles: If both players reside or go to school in different SWG Districts - a District Declaration form must be filled out and approved in advance of District playdown entry deadlines, allowing a Mixed Doubles team to play out of one District of one of the athletes comprising the two person team.

- 4.2 Coaches:

- At the District level, coaches must be a minimum Competition Coach Trained in the sport of curling.
- At the Provincial Games, coaches must be Competition Coach Certified in the sport of curling.
- Teams securing a spot in the Provincial Games without a qualified coach will be asked to find a qualified coach.
- Managers require no certification.

As a coach or manager of a District team you will be volunteering with children, who are vulnerable members of our society. As per the policy of the Saskatchewan Games Council, all coaches and managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the "Respect in Sport" online training program and Safe Sport Module must be taken by all coaches. It is required that managers take one of either Respect In Sport or Safe Sport online training to ensure that as youth leaders they recognize, understand and respond to issues of abuse, bullying and harassment.

- 4.3 Exclusions: None

- 4.4 Team Definition and Alterations:

Generic:

- Following the registration of a team's four players, should a player be unable to play due to extenuating circumstances (injury, illness, employment, etc.), the team may use a substitute or replacement player.
- A substitute is a temporary player who may play the position of the indisposed player or lower.
- A replacement player is a permanent player who becomes a registered member of the team and may play any position.

- A team shall include a minimum of two players from the original registered team and one substitute, one replacement, or player(s) from the players pool at the provincial level.
- A team may have the option of playing with three players, with the first two players each delivering three stones in each end. Under no circumstances may a team play with less than three players delivering stones.

Mixed Doubles – A team shall include a minimum of one player from the original registered team and one substitute or replacement, or player(s) from the players pool at the provincial level.

District Level:

- The substitute or replacement must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in section 4.1 of this package.

Provincial Level:

- Prior to the opening of the Games, the registered team players cannot be changed (replacement player) except for illness, discipline or injury supported by a medical certificate.
- In the event that after the start of the Games, one or two players are unable to play due to injury, illness, etc, a substitute player(s) may be selected from the player's pool. A different substitute may be selected for each game. Players in the player's pool must be members of the host club. **Note:** Teams will not be permitted an alternate/fifth player.
- The host committee/curling club is required to provide the player's pool for the Men and Women's Provincial Games. The pool shall consist of a minimum of three (3) players. The player's pool will practice at a time selected by the Host committee for viewing by coaches.
- In the event greater than half a team (applicable to both 4 Person and MD's) competing in the SWG cannot attend the competition or arrives late due to Curling Canada National Championship scheduling, Curlsask reserves the right to determine age eligible replacement players and / or appoint a replacement team from the same District. The sub pool will be utilized if half or less of a team is not able to initially attend the SWG.

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

CURLSASK
 613 Park Street
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Note: Teams must enter the District Playdown through the CURLSASK On-Line Registration system.

6.0 PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL LIAISON

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7.0 COMPETITION

7.1 Type of Competition:

- Teams will either be placed in 2 pools playing a round robin in each pool (8 teams in both Men's and Ladies 4 person and 8 teams in Mixed Doubles) or placed into a bracket draw (9 Teams in one or both 4 person disciplines and 9 teams in the Mixed Doubles).
- POOLS: Both Pool A and Pool B will consist of 4 teams. Seeding in each pool is based on Coaches self-seed, with the highest and lowest seed discarded to tabulate rankings. In the event of ties with the self-seeding rankings - seeding will follow Curlsask seeding protocol.
- In the event bracket draws are used (9 teams in any one or both 4 person disciplines or 9 teams in Mixed Doubles), the same self-seeding ranking method to determine the initial draw will be used with final medal and placement games built into the double knockout draw to determine our medallists and all final team placings. The bracket draws and all scheduling can be found in the Competitors Guide.

Mixed Doubles – 2023 is the first year Mixed Doubles is included in the Sask Winter Games.

Pool A - 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th
Pool B - 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th

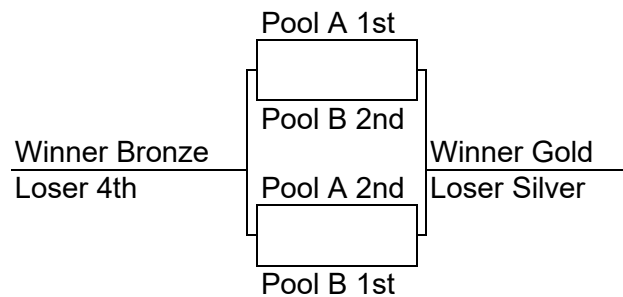
- Standings after the completion of the round robin in each pool will determine whether teams qualify for the Championship Round or Consolation Round.
- If ties occur, they will be broken by head to head first, then Skill Based Team Ranking (SBTR) if unsolvable by head to head play. The exception to this will be in the pool format of the Mixed Doubles event, where tiebreaker games will be played if necessary.
- Both the Championship Round and Consolation Round will be an A-B side draw to determine placing.

- The teams placing 1st and 2nd in each pool will advance to the Championship Round.
- The teams placing 3rd and 4th in each pool advance to the Consolation Round.
- All Games will be eight (8) ends in length.
- Ties will be broken by playing extra end(s).
- Games will be timed 34 minutes of Think Time per team for 8 ends of play. 5 minutes per team per extra end.
- On ice coaching rules will be in effect for both 4 person and MD's.
- **Mixed Doubles** – Games will be timed. 26 minutes of Think Time per team for 8 ends of play. 4 minutes per team per extra end.
- Rules for the competition are outlined in the Sask Winter Games Competitors Guide, Curling Canada Official Rule Book and CURLSASK Website.

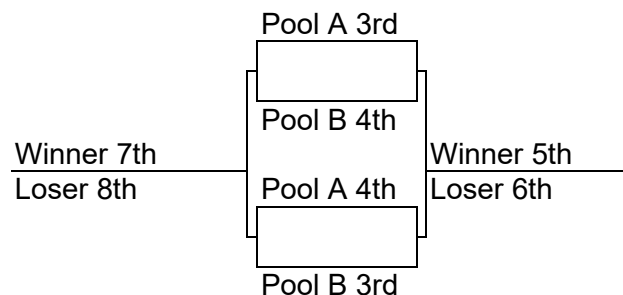
8.0 RESULTS

Upon completion of the round robin in the pools the final standings will be determined as follows:

Championship Event



Consolation Event



9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- Tiebreakers are not required in the bracket draw(s) if utilized.
- Teams that complete the round robin or round robin in each pool with identical win/loss records are considered tied.
- In Mixed Doubles pool play, teams tied for the 1st or 2nd position in the pool shall only be eliminated from advancing to the Championship Round or Gold Medal Game by playing a tiebreaker game(s). In 4 person team pool play, ties will be broken by head to head first followed by SBTR to determine final pool rankings (i.e., no tiebreaker games will be played).
- When teams are tied, their round robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in each pool or the tie-breaking process. When the ranking of teams cannot be determined by comparing round robin win/loss records against the teams involved in the tie (i.e., 3-way unsolvable tie), the ranking shall be determined by the implementation of the skill based team ranking process (SBTR).
- For Mixed Doubles pool competition, tie-breaking games will only be utilised to determine 1st and 2nd positioning in each pool if positioning is not determined by win/loss record. The skill based team ranking process will be utilised to determine 3rd to 5th positioning in each pool if unsolvable ties occur (i.e., no tie-breaker games).

Skill Based Team Ranking Process (SBTR)

- The SBTR will be the average distance of a team's pre-game LSD shots for all round robin pool games. The worst LSD for both 4 person team and MD's play will be discarded when calculating the totals.
- The SBTRS may be used to rank teams for the playoff round and any tiebreakers and rock selection. The lowest average distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until ranking is completed.

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE

- The Head Official is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation on the ice, in all areas covered by the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play, rules in the Technical Package and any precedent. His/her decision will be final except in matters involving disciplinary actions where the CURLSASK Code of Conduct will be followed.
- If a Competitor/Coach wishes to protest a situation, other than the Head Official's on-ice ruling or decision, he/she shall deliver a written notice of protest to the CURLSASK delegate at least 2 hours prior to any game being played that would be affected by the potential protest.
- The protest shall concisely state the reasons. The protest shall be heard at a hearing at a time determined by the Sport Jury.

- All interested parties shall have a right to attend the hearing and be entitled to be represented at the hearing by an agent or by legal counsel and shall have the right to present evidence and arguments. The CURLSASK delegate shall be entitled to refuse adjournments, including adjournments that are being requested to enable an agent or legal counsel to attend.
 - The decision of the Sport Jury shall be final and binding on CURLSASK and the Competitor/Coach. There shall be no further appeal from the decision of Sport Jury.
 - All Competitors and Coaches are required to abide by the CURLSASK Code of Conduct. Disciplinary measures and dispute settlement are outlined.
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11.0 EQUIPMENT

- All curling athletes must arrive at the competition venue prepared and equipped to play.
- Any team equipment that may possibly come in contact with the playing surface is subject to inspection by an official prior to and during competition. The team equipment which is subject to inspection includes, but is not limited to: corn/straw brooms, brushes, sliders, grippers, shoes in general, sliding/delivery devices and on-ice clothing. If the officials determine that the equipment is in conflict with the ideals of fair play, potentially damaging to the ice surface, or not in compliance with the integrity and positive image of the championship, the officials shall identify the equipment as being unacceptable and direct the team to remove the equipment from the playing surface.
- Visible advertising on team apparel will be permitted as long as there is no conflict with CURLSASK Provincial sponsors and Saskatchewan Winter Games sponsors. The CURLSASK and Sask Games Council retain the right of refusal.

Host Society:

Facility:

- The on-ice surface shall be the dimensions as outlined in the Curling Canada Rule Book.
- The club should have appropriate scoreboards per sheet.
- Rocks should be uniform and matched.

Officiating Equipment:

- All appropriate Officiating equipment will be supplied by the CURLSASK. The host society is responsible for seating for officials and any set up required for equipment.
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12.0 SPORT JURY

- (1) Provincial Technical Liaison
 - (2) Host Committee Curling Chairperson
 - (3) Host Curling Club President or Designate
- Note:** Any two of the three can rule on an appeal.

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED

13.1 MAJOR OFFICIALS

- 1 Head Official

13.2 MINOR OFFICIALS

- 1 Timer Official per sheet per draw
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14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES

First Aid Kit available. Medical personnel on call.

15.0 MEDALS

Division	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Women	4	4	4
Men	4	4	4
Mixed Doubles	2	2	2

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA

- Each team must register its four players (four person) and two players (Mixed Doubles) and coach with the CURLSASK on-line registration by Entry Deadline and declare which club they will represent for the competition.
 - Four Person - teams entering the competition will pay a Registration Fee of \$160.00 (GST included). Mixed Doubles - teams entering the competition will pay a Registration Fee of \$80.00 (GST included) - no fees apply if playdowns are not required.
 - Entry deadline for the District Playdown will be: Four Person - January 3, 2023 at 12:00pm (noon); Mixed Doubles - January 17, 2023 at 12:00 pm (noon).
 - Dates: Four Person - January 7/8, 2023; Mixed Doubles - January 21/22, 2023 - District sites TBD, draw TBD based on entries.
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17.0 PROVINCIAL SPORT CONTACT

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