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Provincial Championship
Players Guide
Springfield Curling Club
March 2-5, 2017

2017 U18 Provincial Championships Player's Guide

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CONGRATULATIONS TO you and your team on the opportunity to compete in the U18 Provincial Championships at the Springfield Curling Club from March 2-5, 2017.

Please review this package with the rest of your team members so everyone is well aware of the information.

If you have any questions or problems prior to your arrival at the event, please contact the CurlManitoba office.

Your Host Committee and Ice Crew for all of our championships devote a lot of volunteer hours to put on these events for the competitors. Be sure to say a thank you when you have a chance.

The Board of Directors at CurlManitoba wishes you and your team good curling and good fellowship at the championship.

Coaching Code of Ethics

The coach shall act with integrity in performing all duties owed to athletes, the sport, other members of the coaching profession and the public.

The coach shall strive to be well prepared and current in order that all duties in his/her discipline are fulfilled with competence.

The coach shall act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.

The coach shall accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules that define and govern the sport.

The coach shall accept the role of the umpires in providing judgment to ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and in accordance with the established rules.

The coach's conduct toward other coaches shall be characterized by courtesy, good faith and respect.

The coach shall maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and support the principles of Fair Play.

Curlers Code of Ethics

I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.

I will conduct myself in an honorable manner both on and off the ice.

I will never willingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach.

I will take no action that can be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates, umpires or volunteers.

I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.

I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or the rules of the game.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Canad Inns Club Regent Casino Hotel
1415 Regent Ave W, Winnipeg, MB R2C 3B2

Queen Deluxe Rooms (2 Queen Beds) - \$129.00

Reservations must be made by February 21, 2017 to guarantee the special rate.

To make your reservation, please call and speak to one of our friendly Guest Services Agents at (204) 667-5560 or toll free 1-888-332-2623.

When making your reservation, please indicate that you are part of the Under 18 Curling Provincials Block and refer to Group No. 329554

EVENT TICKETS

Weekend Pass: \$20

Day Pass: \$10

Last Draw of the Day: \$5

COMMUNICATION

The Springfield Curling Club will be updating scores on CurlManitoba web site (www.curlmanitoba.org) on a regular basis.

PARKING

Parking will be available at the club.

LOCKERS

There will be one locker available per team. Teams must provide their own locks.

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

CurlManitoba Development Manager, Elaine Owen, will schedule practice ice and contact you with your time. It will take place between 9:00 am and 11:45pm on Friday March 3th.

TEAM MEETING

The team briefing will be held at the Springfield Curling Club at 11:45 AM (sharp) March 3, 2017. This meeting is mandatory.

Note: All competitors are expected to attend all meetings and official functions associated with the provincial championship. Failure to have at least one player or registered coach present at the pre-competition team briefing prior to the conclusion of roll call will result in the loss of hammer at the first game of the competition in which last rock has been earned through the pre-game practice draw to the button. (See CurlManitoba Rulebook – Provincial Championship Rules page 36-47)

The Supervising Umpire for the event will be at the door of the team meeting with a sign in sheet. Your team's representative attending the meeting **MUST** sign this sheet upon

arrival. At the meeting scheduled start time the supervising Umpire will take this sheet to the Head Umpire (who is running the meeting). If your team has not signed in, you **are** considered late.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremonies will be held at the Curling Club on Friday, March 3rd at 12:15 PM p.m. The team members and coach are asked to assemble in FULL uniform (including curling shoes) in the curling club by 12:00 pm (immediately after the team meeting). Pre-identified 5th Players may also participate in Opening Ceremonies. Curling attire is mandatory.

Participation Agreement

The purpose of the agreement is to ensure that all provincial participants understand the operations and responsibilities as a team at a championship. The agreement for must be submitted to CurlManitoba seven days prior to the start of the event, must be named no later than FEBRUARY 24, 12:00 PM NOON.

► THE DRAW

Round Robin

Mixed Doubles Division

A semi-modified double knockout with qualifiers advancing to the page playoff. A placement game will be played. Each team is guaranteed three games. All games will be 8 ends with a bell at 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Men and Women Divisions

Three round robin games will be played. All games will be 8 ends with a bell at 1 hours 55 minutes.

The hammer and stone colour for the round robin games will be determined by a draw to the button. There will be a maximum of two stones thrown per team. If needed teams will then flip a coin for hammer.

Playoffs

Mixed Doubles Division

There will be no tie breakers.

Men and Women Divisions

Two teams from each pool will advance to the playoff round.

The top two teams from each division will advance to the Playoff round. Division 1-1st vs Division 2-2nd and Division 2-1st vs Division 1-2nd will play in the Semi-finals with the two winners advancing to the Final. The 2 runner-ups will advance to the Bronze Medal Game. The 1st place team in each division will have the choice of hammer or rock color for the semi final.

The team with the best Skill Based Ranking will have the choice of hammer or rock color for the final. There will be no rock selection. The rocks on the assigned sheet shall be used for all playoff games.

| Ranking for Tiebreakers and Tiebreaker Structure | | | | |
|---|--------|-------------|--|---|
| Round Robin Ranking | | TB Draws | Ranking Determination Method | Tiebreaker Structure |
| First | Second | | | |
| X | X | N/A | Win/loss in round robin | No tiebreakers required |
| XX | | N/A | Win/loss in round robin | No tiebreakers required |
| XXX | | 1 | Resolvable tie - win/loss in round robin | One team ranked first and the other two play a tiebreaker |
| | | | Irresolvable tie - Skill based ranking | |
| XXXX | | 1 | Resolvable tie - win/loss in round robin | Teams ranked 1-4. Two tiebreakers games with 1 vs.4 and 2 vs.3 From the winners of the tiebreakers, first place determined by the win/loss in round robin |
| | | | Irresolvable tie - win/loss in round robin will rank one team as 1st or 4 th . Skill based ranking system shall be used to rank the remaining three | |
| X | XX | 1 | Win/loss in round robin for second place | Tiebreaker 2 vs. 3 |

► EVENT RULES

RULES OF PLAY

Please refer to:

- The CurlManitoba Rule Book for the 2016-2017 Season on the CurlManitoba website; www.curlmanitoba.org.

GAME LENGTH

All Provincial Championship Games shall be a minimum of six (6) ends in duration.

DEFAULTS

Any team defaulting a game in the Provincial Championship for other than extenuating circumstances (Weather/ Multiple Injury, etc.) will be dealt with as follows

- All members of that team will be disqualified from further play in that competition and will not be allowed to compete in any CurlManitoba sanctioned competition for the remainder of the season in which the default took place.
- As well, all team members involved will not be allowed to participate in any CurlManitoba Sanctioned Competition for the year (season) following the infraction.

► MEDIA

Manitoba Curling is fortunate to have great support from media across the province. Every player is asked to do their part in maintaining that support by cooperating with media when requested.

The presence of photographers and cameramen is a fact during a Manitoba Curling Championship. While it may seem courteous to you to stop your movement while they take their picture, it is not your responsibility to do so. Your job is to be in position to sweep or make your next shot. If you must move in front of their camera to do so, do not be concerned about it.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES for ATHLETES and COACHES

Definitions

1. The following term has this meaning in these Guidelines:
 - a) “*Social media*” – The catch-all term that is applied broadly to new computer-mediated communication media such as blogs, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter

Purpose

2. These Guidelines provide athletes and coaches with tips and suggestions for social media use. Athletes and coaches are strongly encouraged to develop their own strategy for social media use (either written down or not) and ensure that their strategy for social media use is acceptable pursuant to CurlManitoba’s *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*.
3. Given the nature of social media as a continually developing communication sphere, CurlManitoba trusts its athletes and coaches to use their best judgment when interacting with social media. These Guidelines are not hard and fast rules or behavioural laws; but rather ideas that will inform athletes’ and coaches’ best judgment.

Social Media Guidelines for Athletes

4. The following tips should be used by athletes to inform their own strategy for social media use:
 - a) Set your privacy settings to restrict who can search for you and what private information other people can see
 - b) Coaches, teammates, officials, or opposing competitors may all add you to Facebook or follow you on Twitter. You are not required to follow anyone or be Facebook friends with anyone
 - c) If you feel harassed by someone in a social medium, report it to your coach, umpire, or to CurlManitoba
 - d) Do not feel pressure to join a fan page on Facebook or follow a Twitter feed
 - e) Content posted on Twitter and Facebook, relative to your privacy settings, is considered public. In most cases, you do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy for any material that you post

- f) Avoid posting pictures of, or alluding to, participation in illegal activity such as: speeding, physical assault, harassment, drinking alcohol (if underage), and smoking marijuana
- g) Model appropriate behaviour in social media befitting your status as a) an elite athlete, and b) a member of your club and of CurlManitoba. As a Member of CurlManitoba, you have agreed to CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies* and must follow that Code when you post material and interact with other people through social media
- h) Be aware that your public Facebook page or Twitter feed may be monitored by your club, coach, or by CurlManitoba and content or behaviour demonstrated in social media may be subject to sanction under CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*

Social Media Guidelines for Coaches

5. The following tips should be used by coaches to inform their own strategy for social media use:
 - a) Choosing not to engage with social media is an acceptable social media strategy. But you must have good reasons for your choice and be active in other communication media
 - b) Despite what Facebook says, you are not actually "friends" with athletes. Resist commenting on athletes' personal activities, status updates, or tweets on Twitter
 - c) Consider monitoring or being generally aware of athletes' public social media behaviour to ensure compliance with CurlManitoba's *Code of Conduct, Behavioural and Discipline Policies*
 - d) Coaches may not demand access to an athlete's private posts on Twitter or Facebook
 - e) Do not "friend" athletes on Facebook unless they request the connection. Never pressure athletes to "friend" you
 - f) If you accept some "friend" requests, or follow one athlete on Twitter, you should accept all friend requests and follow all the athletes. Be careful not to show favouritism on social media
 - g) Consider managing your social media so that athletes do not have the option to follow you on Twitter or "friend" you on Facebook
 - h) Seek permission from athletes before posting pictures or videos of the athletes on publicly available social media like a blog or on YouTube
 - i) Do not use social media to 'trap' athletes if they say one thing to you in person but their social media activity reveals they were doing something different
 - j) Keep selection decisions and other official team business off social media
 - k) Never require athletes to join Facebook, join a Facebook group, subscribe to a Twitter feed, or join a Facebook fan page about your team or organization
 - l) If you create a fan page on Facebook for your team or athlete, do not make this social media site the exclusive location for important information. Duplicate important information in more official channels (like on a website or via email)
 - m) Ensure that parents are aware that some coach-athlete interactions may take place on Facebook

- n) Exercise appropriate discretion when using social media for your own personal communications (with friends, colleagues, and other athletes) with the knowledge that your behaviour may be used as a model by your athletes
- o) Avoid association with Facebook groups or Twitter feeds with explicit sexual contact or viewpoints that might offend or compromise the coach-athlete relationship
- p) Never misrepresent yourself by using a fake name or fake profile
- q) Be aware that you may acquire information about an athlete that imposes an obligation of disclosure on your part (such as seeing pictures of underage athletes drinking during a trip)
- r) Attempt to make communication with athletes in social media as one-sided as possible. Be available for athletes if they initiate contact via social media – athletes may wish to have this easy and quick access to you – but avoid imposing yourself into an athlete’s personal social media space unless explicitly requested to do so

► CLOSING CEREMONY

A Closing Ceremony will take place immediately following the final game. Both the winning team and finalists are expected to remain on the ice and participate in the closing ceremonies.

WHEN YOU WIN THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Before you leave the ice:

- Media interviews may be required, either on-site or by telephone. The CurlManitoba Event Manager &/or Host Committee Chair will coordinate these requests.
- A Champions Photo will be taken. This will involve the four team members in a pose as required for the National Championship program. Additional poses involving sponsor, trophy presentation, etc will also be required.
- Immediately after the Championship Final, CurlManitoba and the Host Committee will be hosting a reception for the two finalist teams along with sponsors and other guests. During the reception, team members will be required to complete National Championship documentation and uniform fittings (jackets and shirts). If you have previously participated in this Canadian Championship you may want to supply any previous crests to be added to your jacket. These forms will be sent in (by CurlManitoba’s High Performance Director) within 2 hours of you winning the Championship.

The following items will require your attention in preparation for leaving for the Canadian Championship.

- ***NEW:*** Within 24 hours you must complete and return forms with your coach and biography information. These forms will be given to you with all of the National Championship documentation. Your team will also be arranging your flights within 24 hours of winning the Championship. **Note: all flights will need to be approved by Curling Canada.**
- Please note: A Certified Competition Coach is mandatory at the Canadian U18 Championships.
- The CurlManitoba High Performance Director is available to work with the team prior to leaving for the championship. As Manitoba's Representative your team is required to be available for a meeting with the High Performance Director
- A spare pool will be provided at the National Championship. Teams are not allowed to name their own spare or fifth player.
- CurlManitoba will provide pin cards, which will include a team picture plus CurlManitoba and event pins. The team will be required to supply a predetermined number of club pins for this card.
- In the past, teams have often purchased a team jacket for presentation to their team driver at the championship.
- Normally the home club of the provincial championship winning team hosts a team social evening.
- You may be required to participate in some media events prior to leaving for the championship.

The Canadian U18 Championship will be played in Moncton, NB April 18-22, 2017.

Please see the CurlManitoba Rule Book 2016-2017 on CurlManitoba Website www.curlmanitoba.org under Events.

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