



Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games are 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 that 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 the 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 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 border 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 Organization (PSO) and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO 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 PSO and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO 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 PSO;
- Where a team has members from two or more 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 are open to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSO.
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 of the Games, 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, but 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 should 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 PSO in the Sport Technical package.
13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules will be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games, the eligibility will 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

2026 SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES February 15 – 21, 2026 Flying Dust First Nation and Meadow Lake

1.0 SPORT

1.1 Competition Site: Pineridge Ford Curling Club

1.2 Competition Dates:

Male competition (4 person): February 15 - 18, 2026

Female competition (4 person): February 18 - 21, 2026

1.3 Sanction: CURLSASK

2.0 PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 4 Male and 4 Female (4 person)

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.

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

3.0 CLASSIFICATION

3.1 Athletes are 11 – 17 Years of Age

3.2 Year of Birth: Born on or after January 1, 2009.

*For future Games this age will tighten to grade 10 or younger school age with a minimum age to align with Rotating 4's age group and level of development – this was expanded for this SWG due to age changes and to allow everyone who wasn't eligible

last SWG cycle a chance to compete and not completely miss an opportunity to experience the SWG due to those age changes.

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.

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

4.2 Coaches: CURLSASK is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all participants, and all coaches and managers (if necessary) are required to meet **Safe Sport certification requirements** as a condition of coaching eligibility. These requirements include providing a **Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search completed within the past six months**, completing the **Respect in Sport training module**, and signing a **Screening Disclosure Statement**. All requirements must be completed through the **Sideline Learning platform** and kept current in accordance with CURLSASK and Curling Canada policies. Proof of compliance may be required prior to participation in CURLSASK-sanctioned programs and events. Please email Michele Mathews - michele.mathews@curlsask.ca or Savanna Taylor - savanna.taylor@curlsask.ca - for help with this process.

RIS can be completed on-line at <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com>

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.

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.
- In the event greater than half a team 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

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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 Mens and Ladies) or placed into a bracket draw (9 Teams in either or both events).
- POOLS: Both Pool A and Pool B will consist of 4 teams. Seeding in each pool is based on random draw.
- In the event bracket draws are used (9 teams in either or both events), the same random draw 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.
- 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 total points for and finally total points against if unsolvable by head to head play.
- 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 six (6) ends in length.
- Ties will be broken by playing extra end(s).
- On ice coaching rules will be in effect.
- Rules for the competition are 'Rotating Fours' linked here: [SWG Rotating 4s Info Guide \(1\) - 2026.docx](#) and 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:

1st Pool A vs 2nd Pool B

1st Pool B vs 2nd Pool A

Winners play in Gold Medal Match / Losers play in Bronze Medal Match

Consolation Event:

3rd Pool A vs 4th Pool B

3rd Pool B vs 4th Pool A

Winners play in 5/6th Place Match

Losers play in 7/8th Place Match

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 4-person team pool play, ties will be broken by head to head first followed by total points for and then total points against if necessary (i.e. no tiebreaker games)
- 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 total points for and then total points against if necessary.

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.

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.

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

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

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA

- Each team must register its four players 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). No fees apply if playdowns are not required.
- Entry deadline for the District Playdown will be January 2, 2026 at 12:00pm (noon);
- Dates: January 10/11, or January 17/18, 2026.
- District sites TBD, draw TBD based on entries.

17.0 PROVINCIAL SPORT CONTACT

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