



2025 - A-Division Reminders for City Playoffs

1. Curling Policy & Documentation

- a. Please familiarize yourself with the following by clicking [Curling | SSSAD](#)
 - i. SSSAD Curling Sport Policy
 - ii. SHSAA Curling Information and Policy
 - iii. Curling Canada Rule Book

2. Rosters - A-Division Playoffs

- a. All players must have competed in a minimum of 2 games in the A or B league to be eligible for the A playoffs.
- b. The 6 member roster (four members, one substitute, and one alternate) for playoffs must be declared by **Friday, January 31, 2025** at noon by clicking [here](#) and completing the attached form:
 - i. Substitutes must be designated to a single team in A-league playoffs.
 - ii. Substitutions will occur according to the SHSAA Curling Policy.
- c. **A-Division teams must begin all playoff games with 4 players:**
 - i. If someone gets injured during the game, they can play with 3. In this situation the skip would only throw 2 rocks.
 - ii. Open Mixed teams must play the entire game with the following gender ratio: 3:1, 2:2, or 1:3.
- d. Rosters for SHSAA Regionals and Provincials:
 - i. Only one sub can be named for Boys and Girls Categories.
 - ii. Two subs can be named for Open Mixed.

3. Game Times

- a. **Start Time**
 - i. The A-semifinals and the A-finals will all begin at 3:30 pm.
 - ii. There will be a bell 5 minutes before the game to remind the teams to get started.
 - iii. If both teams are ready and the ice is ready, they are encouraged to start the game early.
 - iv. If a team does not commence play at the designated time the Canada Curling rule for late start will be followed.
- b. **Last Rock advantage:**
 - i. The higher ranked team will have the last rock advantage in the first end:
 - ii. A coin toss will determine the last rock advantage for the finals.
- c. **Pace of Play** - Please encourage curlers to curl quickly – buzzer rule in effect for “A” playoffs.
 - i. Please encourage athletes to curl quickly. A-league teams should be able to curl 8 ends.
 - ii. Players are not allowed to delay the game on purpose when they have the lead
- d. **Timeouts (Modifications in bold to the SHSAA guidelines because of our time constraints):**
 - i. As per SSSAD Curling Policy for playoffs.

e. **End Time:**

- i. Buzzer Rule – at times set by the host club, teams will finish the end being played.
- ii. Please note and respect club ice time limitations:
 - 1. CN 5:15 PM
 - 2. Nutana 4:45 PM
 - 3. Sutherland 5:15 PM
- iii. Note: An end is declared over when it is determined who will count and a new end is considered started immediately but please respect ice officials if the buzzer occurs at the same time as the completion of an end.
- iv. If 8 ends are completed before the buzzer and the score is not tied, the game is over.

4. **Tie Games & Shoot Out Procedure**

- a. If the end is tied after completion of the end following the buzzer, an extra end will be played in all play-off games.
- b. If the score is still tied, there will be a shoot-out:
 - i. The team with the hammer after the extra end decides if they want to shoot first or second
 - ii. Each player from lead to skip throws one rock (you must follow that order)
 - iii. Sweepers are allowed
 - iv. A neutral coach, rink management, commissioner or official should oversee the shootout.
- c. Point System:
 - i. If rock touches 12 foot = 1 point
 - ii. If touches 8 foot = 2 points
 - iii. If touches 4 foot = 3 points
 - iv. If touches button = 4 points

5. **Coaching**

- a. Please communicate to your coaches and parents that they are not allowed to coach while the game is in progress.
- b. The only time a coach can communicate with their team is during a timeout.
- c. We will not tolerate coaches standing and rapping on the glass or going on to the ice surface prior to the players request for a timeout.

6. **SHSAA Playoffs**

- a. **Regionals** - Gold and Silver medalists will advance to Regionals.
- b. **Provincials** - you must qualify for Provincials via Regional placement.