



New Brunswick Club Curling Championships
March 24-27, 2022
Thistle St. Andrews, Saint John
Team Meeting Document

1. Please confirm receipt of this email by return email to: tsa@nb.aibn.com
2. Please ensure that you have registered upon arrival and informed the host committee of your best contact information during the Championship
3. Opening comments: **ALL MEMBERS from each team must be present at the meeting.** Team Meeting will take place **30 minutes** prior to first game. Team Meeting for the Thursday 8:00pm draw will take place at 7:00pm to allow for the opening ceremonies to begin at 7:30pm. Coin toss for Colour/Hammer will take place at least **15 minutes** before each game.

As the New Brunswick Curling Club Championships are designed to promote grass roots and club play, not elite or super league play – the Championship is governed by CCA Rules of Curling for General Play as noted in the September 2018-September 2022 **CCA Official Rule Book**.

Club play does not have “officials” but rather has other experienced club curlers on hand for players to ask questions of. The Draw Marshall is a volunteer to assist with the smooth running of the Championship and not act as an “official”.

Draw Marshall(s): Sean Thompson and Others

4. Game Format

- All games are 8 ends of play,
- Five Rock Rule- Free Guard Zone (FGZ) will be in effect,
- Should a team wish to concede a game they may do so after the **6th end**,
- End your games when mathematically eliminated,
- In case of a tie, a full end of curling to be played (9th end),
- After 9 ends a tie breaker to be decided by skip rocks with sweepers for closest to the button decision,
- As in club play, there is **no 4th end break**,
- As in club play, there is **no practice time** prior to the game,
- As in club play, teams should be allowed on to the ice behind the back line/hack up to 5 minutes prior to their game to allow slides to cool sliders but **practice rocks cannot be thrown**,
- Do not step on the playing surface until the ice crew and Marshall have signaled play may commence.

5. Game Timing

As this is unofficiated play - there are no thinking time clocks HOWEVER teams are encouraged to play in a timely manner so as to not delay next draw games;

- **Slow play warning system** NBCA Guidelines page 18:

4. GAME DURATION

b) In the absence of time clocks, warnings MAY be given at the discretion of the event committee, if required due to tight scheduling. If warnings are given, they shall be delivered in ten end games at two hours and ten minutes mark. When warnings are delivered, teams will complete the end they are in plus one more end (an end is complete when the score has been determined; a measure is an official time out). The time warnings should be announced prior to teams going on ice.

5. Game Timing (continued)

At Thistle St. Andrews, in order to ensure active progression of the Competition, **one time clock** will be used per draw set at **110 Minutes** (1 hours and 50 minutes) adequate for 8 ends of play.

Should the draw clock reach **00:00**, teams will be allowed to complete the current end plus one more end, if needed, to complete their game.

6. Opening Ceremonies – **Thursday, March 24th – 7:30 pm**

Remember to have your curling shoes on for the opening ceremonies as the parade of teams takes place out on the ice.

7. All measures will be done by Players.

8. Post your score as soon as the end is complete including the final end (for LiveScore posting) Your friends and relatives will be following your progress!

9. Mobile phones & other electronic devices. - Please turn off/mute before entering ice shed.

10. Spare Usage

- A team shall include a minimum of two players from the original team.
- When a player is unable to play because of illness, accident or other extenuating circumstances deemed reasonable by the New Brunswick Curling Club Championship coordinator, the team may:
 - (i) play with the remaining three players, the first two players each delivering three stones in each end or
 - (ii) Choose a **spare** (replaces a player for one game, on a game by game basis) from the list posted at the host club(s). A different spare(s) may be selected for each game.
- **It is the responsibility of the team to insure that use of a specific spare does not render their team ineligible to play under the New Brunswick Curling Club Championship eligibility rules.**
- **Spare may be inserted into the team rotation prior to the start of their game at the lead position.** Skip position must be fulfilled by a player from the original team.

11. Spare List additions

Club teams that arrive for competition with an extra player as a possible spare **MUST** notify the Draw Marshall and add that person's name and contact info to the spare list upon arrival in order to:

- allow all teams access to that player;
- allow that team access to that player as a spare if necessary, during the competition.

12. Club Canteen and Dinner

On Thursday between 5-7 our caterer, Jeremiah Jacobs, will be offering a Turkey dinner including dressing, potatoes, steamed veggies, gravy, roll and pie for dessert. The price is \$20 total. ***If you think you would be interested in this please send a quick email to charlene@charlenesweb.ca so we can have an idea of numbers. We don't want anyone to miss out!***

Jeremiah Jacobs will also be offering a Canteen on Friday and Saturday from 11 AM – 3 PM.

The Dinner and the Canteen are open to all players and their fans!

13. COVID-19 Protocols

This tournament will be held in accordance with Curling NB **2021-22 COVID 19 Directives** released March 2, 2022. As Curling NB states:

Curling NB is committed to the safety and well-being of all involved with Curling NB events. Although we realize that it is the intention of the Government of NB to lift the Mandatory Order and thereby remove ALL Covid-19 restrictions on or about March 15, it is the position of Curling NB that not all restrictions will be removed from our events prior to the end of the 2021-22 season.

The key points from the directives are:

- All participants of Curling NB events will be required to provide proof of full vaccine status upon entering a Host Club. (Full Vaccine=Two Doses)
- All spectators, volunteers, staff, etc. of Curling NB events will be required to provide proof of full vaccine status upon entering Host Club during a Curling NB event.
- Masks will be required within the club house by all participants, spectators, volunteers, staff, etc. during a Curling NB event. (Exception: when seated in a designated area for the purpose of eating or drinking.) **NOTE: This includes the locker rooms.**
- Masks are recommended but not required on the ice surface during play.
- Standard rules of play, including standard sweeping rules, will be in effect.
- Handshaking with opposing teams before and after games is strongly discouraged.

Please share with your team mates and supporters before the event. The full directives may be found online at <https://curlingnb.com/covid-19/#/>.

14. Conclusion

Local volunteers here at Thistle St. Andrews have put in many hours preparing for your visit. Please take advantage of their hospitality and feel free to approach them with any requests or requirements while here.

Good luck and good curling.