

2025 BC Provincial Stick Curling Championships

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Barriere Curling Club
4856 Dunn Lake Rd



Prepared by Chief Umpire: **Ted Anderson Open Stick Championship**
Deputy Chief Umpire: **Luci Tremblay - Women's Stick Championship**

The Chief Umpire will oversee all field of play action and assist competitors in the competition.

Welcome to all the competing players. The Barriere Curling Club has worked hard to make this a successful championship.

Teams competing in these Championships

If you have any questions **after** reading this information, please call, text or email Ted Anderson **hotrod461@outlook.com** or 250-717-6668. Luci Tremblay **luci-a@shaw.ca** or 250-819-1172.

PLAYDOWN FORMAT:

The BC Open and BC Women's Stick Championships are open entry.

The Women's Stick Championship will consist of 4-teams competing in a Round Robin format with a 3-team playoff.

The Open Stick Championship will consist of 8-teams competing in a Round Robin Format with a 3-team playoff.

Games are Six (6) ends. In the event of a tie, an extra end is played, with each player delivering three (3) stones. The curlers then exchange roles at the mid-point of the extra end to complete the end.

OFFICIATING:

There is a Chief Umpire and Deputy Chief Umpire. Curlers will do their own measuring and are asked to mark the scoreboard promptly at the conclusion of each end so that online scoring can be updated in a timely manner. Between end, breaks will be **30 seconds**. **Teams are expected to be in position ready to deliver their first stone at the end of the 30 seconds**

Rule enforcement and unresolvable on-ice situations are to be directed to the Chief Umpire and their decision will be final. Curlers are reminded of the Curlers' Code of Ethics in the Curl BC Yearbook. Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated.

Please refer to: www.curlbc.ca/player-fines-for-violations

There will be no time clocks. As per (Rules of Curling for Officiated Play) Rule 17 (7) "If an Umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the umpire notifies the skip of the offending team and, after the notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee-line at the delivering end within forty-five (45) seconds; the stone is removed from play immediately".

Conceding a game: Teams may concede at any time.

Clarification of the score with a concession of the game:

1. When both teams still have stones to be delivered (at least 1 each) and there is a concession, no points are given and X's are placed on the scoreboard (if a team is mathematically eliminated - the game is over).
2. When one team has delivered all their stones and the other team has 1 stone remaining and there is a concession:
 - a. If the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, X's are placed on the scoreboard.
 - b. If the team that did not deliver all their stones has stones counting and the game is conceded, the points in the house are placed on the scoreboard.
 - c. If after 15 stones are delivered and no stones are counting and the game is conceded, X's are placed on the scoreboard.
 - d. If a game is conceded with more than 2 ends remaining, the first non-scored end will be marked with X's.

TIME-OUTS:

Each team may request one (1) time-out per game and one (1) time-out during any extra end. The time-out will be a maximum of 90 seconds in length. When a timeout is called, the team calling the time out may consult anywhere on the ice surface, including in the playing area inside the hog line of the receiving end. The opposing team may consult outside the hog line of the receiving end or on the boards but not in the playing area inside the hog line at the receiving end.

If the full time out is not used in the timeout discussion, it will continue until time expires, or the stone reaches the nearer T-Line.

TECHNICAL TIMEOUTS:

Teams are encouraged to use the "X" signal to request a technical / official timeout (timeout for free guard zone measurement, end of end measurement, rule interpretation, etc.).

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE:

There is no scheduled pre-competition practice. If you wish to arrange practice ice, please contact the Barriere Curling Club. Sign Up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tLockFp5wouzBRYBALOCiOT7gmpDGzaS2tHlx4G46UQ/edit?usp=drive_link

PRE-GAME PRACTICE AND CHOICE OF STONE COLOUR:

Teams will toss a coin before practice a minimum of 45 minutes prior to the game; the winner will have the choice of first or second practice. At least 15 minutes prior to first practice, the last stone draw sheet needs to be completed by both teams and given to the Chief Umpire indicating the player who will be delivering the last stone draw. Both teams will access the field of play at the same time, players will throw two rocks each. The team at the top of the draw will have dark colour stones.

LAST STONE ADVANTAGE IN THE FIRST END (HAMMER)

Following each team's pre-game practice, the named players from each team will each throw a stone. There will be an announcement to deliver each Last Stone Draw. The first player will deliver the clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counter clockwise rotation. Players

designated will deliver their stone and the lowest combined LSD between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end.

The draw to the button shall be played towards the home end.

Stones not delivered within the time allotted by the umpire will be assigned a distance of 199.6 cm (the stone must reach the nearer tee-line before time expires). A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by a team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

OTHER PRACTICE: During the event, no other practice will be provided.

LINEUP FORMS:

Prior to the first game of the event, a lineup form must be submitted to the chief umpire. If there are any changes to the original lineup (including coaching) a change of lineup form must be submitted and given to the chief umpire 30 minutes prior to the next game or in the event of injury or illness before a player can enter a game in progress. It is assumed that the original lineup will begin each game unless a change of lineup form has been submitted.

EQUIPMENT:

DELIVERY STICK

Each player must use, for the entire game, the delivery stick which is used for delivery of the first stone of the game.

BRUSH

- i. Any commercially available non-hair curling brush may be used in 2-person stick competition.
- ii. The same brush and brush head must be used for the entire game.
- iii. WCF approved brush heads are not required.

FOOTWEAR

Both a two-gripper walking delivery and a one-gripper sliding delivery are permitted. Any footwear must provide safety and stability for the player, be clean and may not negatively impact ice conditions.

PLAYOFF INFORMATION:

3 team playoffs (hammer designated first practice)

- Top 3 teams from preliminary round advance to playoffs

Teams will be ranked as follows:

- First WIN/LOSS record,
- Second, HEAD TO HEAD then
- Third will go to LAST STONE DRAW which will be used to determine ranking
- The top ranked team advances to the Final
- Second and Third ranked team will advance to the Semi-Final
- The winner of the Semi-Final will play the top ranked team in the Final
- The team with the Better WIN/LOSS record: will have last stone advantage (first practice) AND choice of stone handle colour
- If teams have the same WIN/LOSS record and are ranked based on the Round Robin game the team will have choice of last stone advantage (first practice) or choice of stone colour
- If ranking is based on LAST STONE DRAW, then the higher ranked team based on LAST STONE DRAW has choice of colour and second practice. Teams will draw for hammer.

When the final playoff positions have been determined, each team involved will be asked to attend a short meeting with the Chief Umpire to make their choices. Teams will select a **complete set of any six game stones** of the same colour from **one** of the sheets that were used during the competition. Teams will also select a reserve stone of the same colour from any sheet. This selection shall be made after all teams have selected their set.

Before leaving the meeting, stone colour choice must be identified to the Chief Umpire. No later than, 30 minutes prior to the pre-game practice, the complete set of stone selection from the specific sheets must be identified to the Chief Umpire. Failure to identify stones could result in stones being selected for you. Communication can be done electronically. For example, if we are simply waiting for a team to select colour of stones for a playoff game, it can be texted or e-mailed to the Chief Umpire within the 30 minute time frame. **Teams must be prepared to select 2 sets of each colour of stone and /or hammer on this form.**

At the conclusion of each playoff round, teams must be available for the next playoff meeting to make the selection for the next game. Teams that do not attend a post round robin meeting or subsequent meetings within the allotted time, or are not prepared to make a decision, forfeit their choice (stone colour, practice choice etc.) to which the team is entitled.

Stone selection for Playoff games running dual championships will be decided by the established Curl BC method to make it fair for all playoff games as more than one game will be played at one time. In the finals, as there is only one game played, both Men's and Ladies' stones may be selected from **All 4 sheets**.

For all combined events in the 2024-2025 championship year the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the **WOMEN**.

Curlers are reminded of the Curlers' Code of Ethics and Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated, fines and other information here: <https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

Any questions/concerns that are not 'on-ice related' should be directed to the Event Operations Manager or Board Liaison assigned to this event.

Please address any field of play / game related concerns to the Chief Umpires.

Good Luck and Good Curling!

Regards,

Ted Anderson or Luci Tremblay
Chief Umpire and Deputy Chief Umpire