

**2025 BC Masters
Provincial Championship**

February 19th – 23rd, 2025



Golden Ears Winter Club
23580 Jim Robson Way, Maple Ridge, BC

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

The Golden Ears Winter Club has worked hard to make this a successful championship.

Teams competing in the Championship

If you have any questions **after** reading this information, please call, text or email.
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FORMAT: The BC Master Championships shall be an open Women's and Men's Championship taking place in Maple Ridge February 19-23, 2025 with a preliminary round and playoff determined by Curl BC based on the total number of entries. All games will be eight (8) ends, thinking time - 32 minutes.

Men's:

14 Teams divided into 2 pools of 7. Teams Craig and Lepine were seeded based on their podium finishes in 2024. The remaining teams were seeded using a double-blind draw. Teams will play 6 preliminary round-robin games each.

Pool A

Craig
Mitchell
Nichol
Davies
O'Driscoll
Tanguay
Weir

Pool B

Lepine
Luck
Hedden
Dunkin
Koffski
Harris
Wright

Women's:

8 team Round Robin with no seeding. Teams will play 7 preliminary round-robin games each.

Please see **Playoff Information** section below for the playoff format for each event.

OFFICIATING:

- 1 Chief Umpire, 2 Game Umpires, 1 Timing Supervisor and 1 timer per sheet.
- Rule enforcement and unresolvable on-ice situations are to be directed to the Game Umpire, and if need be, to the Chief Umpire. The decision of the Chief Umpire is final.

On-Ice Officials: All measures will be done by the Game Umpires. Teams are asked to put up your score immediately after the end. The on-ice officials will prompt you if it is not done.

Timing Officials: Timers will be located behind the glass at the home end. A timeout request should be called directly to your timer so your clock can be stopped. Timeouts must come from a player on ice while their time clock is running. Signals are "T" for game timeout or "X" for technical timeout. Between end-breaks will be **Turn and Go** (30 second window). **Teams are expected to be in position ready to deliver their first stone at the end of the 30 seconds.**

Game Supervisors: will be positioned at both ends. They will conduct all measurements

Conceding a game: The skip of the losing team may concede a non-televised game provided the following criteria has been met: In eight (8) end games a minimum of five (5) ends must be played. In all playoff, semifinal, and final games, a minimum of six (6) ends must be played (or as adjusted by a Chief Umpire, e.g. for TV games 8 ends must be played).

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.

Curl Time will be used for timing games:

- **32 minutes to complete 8 ends.**
- Mid-game break is 5 minutes. Teams are reminded that thinking time will start for the team if they are not in position ready to deliver the 1st stone or when the mid-game break is over.
- Extra end is 4 min 30 seconds with a 1-minute break prior to the start of the extra end (traditional 8 and 10 end games).

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 will notify the skip of the offending team and, after the notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the T-line at the delivering end within 45 seconds; the stone is removed from play immediately".

NO TICK SHOT RULE: If prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre position or to a position outside the FGZ, the non-offending team had the option to:

- 1) Remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
- 2) Leave all stones where they come to rest.

If the stone is moved from the centre line to an out of play position, then the FGZ rule applies

If the stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.

TIMEOUTS: 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 60 seconds in length plus any designated travel time for the coach (or alternate) to access the field of play. If there is no coach, the time-out will commence automatically. Timeouts will be displayed on the time clocks and controlled by the Game Umpire.

Both coaches are asked to cooperate and make sure to stop if a team is throwing when you are crossing the end of their sheet. Your consideration will be noted, and extra time added.

Timeouts are to be signaled with the traditional "T". If the play is at the away end, the team that did not call the timeout will not meet with their team until the coach of the team that called the timeout reaches the backboard at the away end. At the conclusion of the timeout or when the team calling the timeout concludes their discussion, the timeout is over for both teams and the coaches **must leave the field of play immediately**. The coach of the team that did not call the timeout will have access to their team at the home end backboards only and must give priority to the team calling the timeout. Coaches that call the timeout can access their teams at the backboards of the playing end (use of empty adjacent sheets will not be allowed).

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

Only the coach may access the field of play during the timeout.

Coaches are reminded that clean curling shoes are required to access the field of play. Coaches going to the away end will travel to the away end backboards to meet with their teams behind the backline. Coaches must be dressed appropriately to access the field of play (jeans or sweatpants will not be allowed).

PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE: Pre-competition practice is 10 MINUTES PER SHEET. The schedule for pre-competition practice will be controlled by an umpire.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE AND CHOICE OF STONE COLOR: Teams listed on the left or top in the official draw sheet will practice first and will be assigned dark (red) handled stones. Each team will be allowed a 9 minute warm-up with 1 minute to complete each Last Stone Draw before each game on the sheet of ice on which they are about to play. There is no limit to the number of stones which may be thrown. Teams will practice using only their stones for that game and may not handle or otherwise disturb their opponent's stones. 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 two players who will be delivering the last stone draw. All players will throw an equal number of last stone draws during the event (depending on the number of games). Notice will be given 1 minute prior to the start of each practice and teams will be

advised when they may access the ice surface. Opposing teams must remain in the viewing area behind the glass during their opponent's pre-game practice.

LAST STONE ADVANTAGE IN THE FIRST END (HAMMER) will be decided by a draw to the button following each team's pre-game practice. At least 15 minutes prior to first practice, the last stone draw Declaration Card needs to be completed by both teams and given to the Chief Umpire indicating the two players who will be delivering the last stone draw.

Following the pre-game practice, under the direction of the Chief Umpire, two identified players from each team will deliver an LSD. The first player will deliver a clockwise rotation while the second player will deliver the counter-clockwise rotation. Players designated will deliver their stone (full sweeping allowed) 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 near 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.

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

Each player must throw a minimum of one clockwise and one counter-clockwise LSD.

OTHER PRACTICE DURING THE EVENT: There will be no evening practice in this combined event.

COACHES: All certified coaches must receive approval from Curl BC prior to the championship. Only one coach will be permitted (from the original line-up form) to participate in the pre-game practice.

ORIGINAL LINE-UP FORMS: Teams will submit an original line-up form to the Chief Umpire prior to the start of the event. If there are any changes to the original line-up (including a coaching change) a **Change of Line-up form** must be given to the Chief Umpire before a player can enter a game in progress. A change in line-up prior to the start of a game should be submitted to the Chief Umpire prior to the pre-game practice. It is assumed that the original line-up will begin each game unless a change of lineup form has been submitted. Any further change will require the completion of a new Change of Line-up form.

EQUIPMENT MORATORIUM: Curl BC has adopted the sweeping moratorium and equipment recommendations from Curl BC. ALL ATHLETES AND COACHES should familiarize themselves with this document and adhere to it. There will be no warnings and penalties will be applied as outlined in the document. This document is available on the Curl BC website.

Please refer to: <http://www.curlbc.ca/curlers/rules/>

Equipment checks will take place at the discretion of the Chief Umpire throughout the championship. Any changes to broom heads must be approved by the Chief Umpire prior to being used.

PLAYOFF INFORMATION

Men:

4 team playoffs (hammer designated first practice), with the top 2 teams from each pool advancing to the playoffs. Teams will be ranked as follows:

- First, WIN/LOSS record,
- Second, HEAD TO HEAD,
- Third, will go to LAST STONE DRAW which will be used to determine ranking
- In the semi-final, the top team of Pool A will play the second ranked team of Pool B. The top team of Pool B will play the second ranked team of Pool A.
- The winners of the semi-final will advance to the final. The losers of the 2 semifinals will both be awarded third place.

When teams are not from the same pool:

- If a team has a better W/L record they will receive CHOICE of hammer or stone colour.
- If teams have the same W/L record, and the cumulative LSD was used to rank teams, the team ranked higher will have CHOICE of stone colour or practice session, and teams will draw for hammer.

If teams in the Final are from the same pool:

- The team with the better W/L record will receive last stone advantage (first practice) AND stone colour.
- If teams have the same W/L record and are ranked based on the round robin head-to-head game, the team will have CHOICE of last stone advantage (first practice) or 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.

Teams will play with the rocks assigned to their sheet for the semi-final.

Teams playing in the final on sheet **E** will be able to select one complete set of rocks from any sheet. For all combined events in the 2025 championship year, the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the WOMEN first.

Women:

3 team playoffs (hammer designated first practice). The top 3 teams from the preliminary round advance to the playoffs. Teams will be ranked as follows:

- First WIN/LOSS record,
- Second, HEAD TO HEAD,
- 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 teams 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 head-to-head 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.

Teams will play with the rocks assigned to their sheet for the semi-final.

Teams playing in the final on sheet **B** will be able to select one complete set of rocks from any sheet. For all combined events in the 2025 championship year, the playoff teams will select their stones starting with the WOMEN first.

Playoff Stone Selection

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. 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 color 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 color of stone and /or hammer on this form.**

CURLING CODE OF ETHICS: Curlers are reminded of the Curlers' Code of Ethics (which is located on our website at the below link. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated
<https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>

COMPETITION RULES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS: www.curlbc.ca/player-fines-for-violations

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

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

Good luck and Good Curling.

Yours truly,

Troy Matsumiya
Chief Umpire