

Nova Scotia Grandmasters Curling Association

BY-LAWS

By-Law #1: Participation

The Nova Scotia Grandmasters Curling Association shall be a member of the Nova Scotia Curling Association Competitions Committee. The Association will be governed by the CCA Rules of Curling for General Play, the Eligibility and Registration section of the Nova Scotia Curling Association.

The Nova Scotia Grandmasters Curling Association will coordinate the Provincial Bonspiel with the Nova Scotia Curling Association.

The NSCA will:

- a. Undertake registration of teams for Provincial Play Downs
- b. Prepare the draw
- c. Officiate the event
- d. Provide medals

1. Eligibility Rules

- a. **Age:** By December 31st in the year of the Provincial Bonspiel, women and men must be a least 70 years of age. Note 1.
- b. **Membership:** All players must be active members of a NSCA affiliated curling club.
- c. **Participation:** All players must participate in club draw(s) at the curling club(s)

2. Registration

- a. Each team will be composed of four women or four men. A fifth player can be designated.
- b. All players must meet eligibility rules.
- c. Registration fees are \$160 per team. The event is open to a maximum of 12 teams for men and 12 teams for women based on earliest entry

Notes:

1. Changed October 14, 2018

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By-Law #2: Provincial Bonspiel

The event will be officiated.

- a. **Draw:** Will be a round robin within each section, random number seeding with top two teams out for separate men's and a women's competition.
- b. **Play:** Supervised by NSCA.
- c. **Game:** Will be 8 ends.
- d. **Coin Toss:** Used to determine rock color and practice time. (Note 1)
- e. **Pre-Game:** All games shall allow time for a seven (7) minute per team pre-game organized practice. Practice is to be on the sheet of ice where the team is scheduled to play and only with the stones they will be using in the game.
- f. **Choice of Last Rock (Round Robin):** Immediately following each team's practice, selected player(s) will throw two rocks to the rings with sweeping. The distance from the pin will be measured by an official. The team closest to the pin will have the choice of last rock. Ties will be broken by the next closest rock thrown.
- g. **Choice of Last Rock (Semi Final):** (Note 1) The team with the best record will have choice of last rock.
- h. **Choice of Last Rock (Championship):** (Note 1) In the championship game, coin toss will determine rock color and practice time. Throw one rock to the pin with sweeping. Team closest will have choice of last rock. In the event of a tie, a second throw will be made.
A team having a bye to the championship game, will have choice of last rock.
- i. **Extra Ends:** Extra ends are full ends played toward the glass.

No tie breaker games will be played. (Note 1)

- a. **Head to head** results in round robin play will determine final placement.
- b. The following procedure will be used to avoid playing tie breakers in the round robin play **when head to head play cannot determine a result**.

Based on NSCA competition rules which follow Curling Canada protocols, the following governs the rules for **insoluble** scenarios where teams are tied without tie breakers.

In preparation for championship without tie breakers, each team must deliver two (2) draws to the button to determine hammer in the first end. At the conclusion of round robin play, the two (2) highest individual distances will be discarded to establish the final accumulated distance. The final accumulated distance is used to break insoluble scenarios when teams are tied for the last playoff berth.

As well, each player on the team must deliver 2 draw shots before delivery of their third.

Notes:

- 1: Changes and additions on January 18, 2019