



Event Criteria and Bonspiel Information

2021-2022 Season

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Please e-mail all questions and concerns
regarding this Bonspiel Guide to

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Introduction

Thank you for registering your bonspiel with the Alberta Junior Curling Tour (AJCT). We appreciate your support in helping us fulfill our mandate of improving the caliber of junior curling in the province, and our ultimate goal of having Alberta teams stand atop the podium at National competitions.

Thanks again for attending the AJCT Town Hall meeting this Spring. We are very pleased with the schedule that has been created, and hope that all events are able to follow the criteria discussed. This booklet will go over the event criteria and provide information on other topics. We ask that you follow these rules as closely as possible when planning your event for the 2021-2022 season. This will allow the AJCT to accurately award points on the [Alberta Junior Team Ranking System \(AJTRS\)](#) based on event results and rank teams accordingly. By working with Curling Alberta, we will be able to provide these teams with added value by having consistent formats, helping them prepare for Provincial Qualifiers and Championships.

If you are looking for additional teams to round out your field, need help creating a suitable draw or would benefit from increased exposure, we are more than willing to help advertise or target teams in a specific age category. We can reach almost all the U20 and U18 curling teams in the province. Please feel free to reach out at any time you may need some assistance.

If we deem necessary, the AJCT may not award points to teams participating in your event if the format does not suit our needs and the needs of the curlers. Please take the time to read through this information. If you have any questions, contact us by email at albertajuniorcurling@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Protocols

"There is a Return to Play document on [the Curling Alberta] website which was released by Curling Canada (with input from the provinces). [Return-to-Play-2021-2022](#). Since we have no restrictions in Alberta we are free to play the game under the normal rules and without any mandatory Covid protocols. However, the Curling Canada Return to Play document still has recommendations around cleaning protocols, waivers, Covid Declarations, etc. Some clubs have decided to keep some of the protocols in place such as distancing when possible and asking teams not to shake hands, standing on the dots in the ice, etc. These will be individual club decisions though depending on their comfort level and the number of cases in their area."

~ Shannon Kleibrink, Director of Community Curling Centre Development for Curling Alberta

AJCT Event Criteria

| Item | Acceptable Minimum | Recommended - Best | Acceptable Maximum |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Number of Teams per Gender | U18 – 8 U20 – 6 | 8 | 16 |
| Genders | | Split between Female and Male teams | |
| Entry Fee | \$200 | \$250-\$300 | \$500 |
| 1 st Place Prize | \$800 | \$1000-\$1200 | |
| Guaranteed # of Games | 3 | 4 | |
| Qualification for Playoffs | | Pools or Triple Knockout (A, B, C Qualifiers) | |
| # of Qualifiers for Playoffs | | 50% of teams (eg: 8 teams = 4 qualifiers) | |
| Seeding | | Based on AJTRS Standings | |
| # of Ends | | 8 | |
| Game Tiebreaking | | Extra End (followed by Draw to the Button) | |
| Free Guard Zone | | 5 rock rule | |
| Pre-Game Practice | | 2 rocks per player each direction | |
| Determination of Hammer | | Draw to the button | |
| Playoff Seeding | | Round Robin record + draw to button score | |

- **Live scoring on CurlingZone** – please submit draws to albertajuniorcurling@gmail.com one week before the event so we can get this uploaded
- Pictures taken of winning teams and shared with AJCT
- **Enhanced Coaching Involvement** – this Curling Alberta initiative will be used at all events this season

POOL PLAY

If your bonspiel is using pools to determine the playoff qualifiers, the following is recommended.

- 50% of teams will qualify to the playoffs
 - Example (**Acceptable**): 4 pools of 4 teams, 8 qualifiers
 - Example (Unacceptable): 5 pools of 4 teams, 4 qualifiers
- Be clear on how teams will qualify for the playoffs
 - Example: Top 2 from each pool
- Have clear tiebreaking procedures
 - 1st: Head-To-Head
 - 2nd: Draw to the Button or other Skills Competition
 - 3rd: Tiebreaker game
- If possible, please split teams evenly between the Championship and Consolation divisions

TRIPLE KNOCKOUT

If your bonspiel is using a triple knockout (A, B, C Qualifiers) to determine playoff qualifiers, please keep the following in mind.

- Seed teams based on current AJCT Standings
- Ensure the B and C brackets crosses over appropriately
- For example draws, please contact the AJCT

PLAYOFFS

- Ensure that all quarter-final and then semi-final games are played at the same times (Example: All QFs at 9am, Both SFs at 11am)
- Seed teams based on round robin results (1 vs 8, 4 vs 5, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6)
- Higher seeded team get choice of hammer or practice/rock colour

Rules of Play

- All events will follow the 2018-2022 Curling Canada Rules for General Play
- 5-rock Free Guard Zone rule
- All U20 and U18 events must follow AND enforce the Curling Canada Moratorium on Brush Head use. Only approved brush heads (mustard yellow colour with manufacturer serial number) may be used. Please be strict.
- Microphones or one-way communication devices are allowed for training purposes
- A designated member of the Organizing Committee will handle all disputes as it relates to the event
- If present, an AJCT rep will handle all disputes regarding the AJCT

AJCT Social Media

Please follow us on social media and tag us in your communications.

Facebook: Alberta Junior Curling Tour (<https://www.facebook.com/AlbertaJuniorCurlingTour>)

Twitter: @ABJrCurlingTour (<https://twitter.com/ABJrCurlingTour>)

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