



Event Criteria and Bonspiel Information

2022-2023 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.

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.

AJCT Event Criteria

Item	Acceptable Minimum	Recommended - Best	Acceptable Maximum
Number of Teams per Gender		8	
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 2022-2026 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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