



Alberta Junior Team Ranking System

The Alberta Junior Team Ranking System (AJTRS) was developed jointly by Curling Alberta and the Alberta Junior Curling Tour. This is a single, unified system of ranking junior teams based on their performance at bonspiels and championships in Alberta. The AJTRS will be in effect for the 2022-2023 season.

Breakdown by Result

Points breakdown by result is as follows:

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|-----------------|------|
| Champion | 100% |
| Finalist | 70% |
| Semifinalist | 50% |
| Quarterfinalist | 36% |

**In the event that a third-place or bronze medal game is played, the team finishing in 3rd place will receive 56%, and the team finishing in 4th place will receive 50% of the Champion's points.*

Points per Tier

There are different points awarded based on the age category, event, and tier. Teams will be listed on the AJTRS in every division that they earn points. For example, if a U18 team participates in a U20 event, their result will be listed on standings for both the U18 and U20 categories. However, if that same team plays in a U18 event, their result will only be listed on the U18 standings.

Placement points (Champion, Finalist etc) will only be awarded to 50% of the number of teams in an event (i.e. a 12 team event should have 6 qualifier spots to playoffs, thus 6 teams will be awarded placement points). *If more teams qualify to the playoffs than positions available in the event, the value of points will be awarded based on the charts below and divided between the teams reaching the quarterfinals (or semifinals if applicable), OR points-per-win values, whichever is higher.*

Example: If 7 teams enter an event, there should only be 3 teams awarded Placement Points. However, if 4 teams qualify for the playoffs, the two semi-finalist teams will split the point value. This ensures that the event is worth the same number of points as it would with only 3 teams qualifying to the playoffs.

| U20 Placement | Tier 1 (1.5x) | Tier 2 (1.0x) |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Champion | 45 | 30 |
| Finalist | 31.5 | 21 |
| Semifinalist | 22.5 | 15 |
| Quarterfinalist | 16.2 | 10.8 |
| Points per Win | 3 | 2 |

| U18 Placement | Tier 1 (1.5x) | Tier 2 (1.0x) |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Champion | 22.5 | 15 |
| Finalist | 15.75 | 10.5 |
| Semifinalist | 11.25 | 7.5 |
| Quarterfinalist | 8.1 | 5.4 |
| Points per Win | 1.5 | 1 |

| U15 AJCT Events | Points Awarded |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Champion | 7 |
| Finalist | 5.25 |
| Semifinalist | 3.75 |
| Quarterfinalist | 2.7 |
| Points per Win | 0.5 |

World Curling Tour (WCT) Events

World Curling Tour Events will be divided into two tiers based on the strength of field multiplier (SFM) as determined by the WCT. If an event meets or exceeds a SFM threshold of **5.0**, the event will be classified as Tier 1 WCT. If not, the event will be classified as Tier 2 WCT. Alberta Curling Tour (ACT) events qualify as World Curling Tour (WCT) events.

| Other Events | Tier 1 WCT Events (SFM ≥5) | Tier 2 WCT Events (SFM <5) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Champion | 80 | 60 |
| Finalist | 56 | 42 |
| Semifinalist | 40 | 30 |
| Quarterfinalist | 28.8 | 21.6 |
| Points per Win | 5.34 | 4 |

Other Events

The following points will be awarded for other events as listed below.

| Other Events | U20 Excel Cup & AJCT Players Championship | Peace Curling Tour Challenge Division (U18 Teams Only) |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Champion | 60 | 20 |
| Finalist | 42 | 14 |
| Semifinalist | 30 | 10 |
| Quarterfinalist | 21.6 | 7.2 |
| Points per Win | 4 | 1.33 |

Points for Curling Alberta Events

The following points will be awarded for Curling Alberta events.

| Curling Alberta Events | U18 Qualifiers | U18 Provincials | U18 AJTRS Provincials Berth | U20 Qualifiers | U20 Provincials | U20 AJTRS Provincials Berth |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Champion | 15 Points for Qualifying | 40 | 15 | 30 Points for Qualifying | 80 | 30 |
| Finalist | N/A | 28 | N/A | N/A | 56 | N/A |
| Semifinalist | | 20 | | | 40 | |
| Per Win | | 2 | | | 2.67 | |
| Curling Alberta Events | | U15 Qualifiers | | | U15 Provincials | |
| Champion | | 7.5 Points for Qualifying | | | 20 | |
| Finalist | | | | | 14 | |
| Semifinalist | | | | | 10 | |
| Per Win | | 1 | | | 1.33 | |

Placement Points

In each event, placement points will be awarded to half of the teams entered in the event. We will use the following guidelines when determining how many teams receive placement points. These guidelines are subject to change.

- Number of teams receiving placement points will change based on the number of entries and number of qualifiers to the Championship Round
- Teams who are not awarded placement points will be awarded points per win based on the SFM
- Teams who are awarded placement points will not receive points per win

Determination of Tiers

New for the 2022-2023 season is that events on the AJCT will have pre-determined tiers. This is based on feedback from the 2021-2022 season and will help with season planning and to alleviate any confusion on the number of points awarded at each event. Tier 1 events will be determined based on the following criteria: geographical location, dates/timing/spacing of events, and AJCT/Curling Alberta judgement. You can see the event schedule on our website [here](#).

Maximum Number of Events

Only a team's top 5 results from AJCT events will be included in points calculations. Results from the Curling Alberta Provincial Qualifiers and Championships will not count towards this 5 event maximum and will still be included in their total points calculation.

Example 1: A U20 team competes in five (5) AJCT events, U20 Qualifiers and U20 Provincials and has all seven (7) events included in their total points calculation.

Example 2: A U18 team competes in seven (7) AJCT events, U18 Qualifiers and U18 Provincials. Only their top 5 results from the AJCT events as well as their results in the Qualifiers and Provincials will be counted towards their total points calculation.

Substitution Policy

Teams are allowed to compete in AJCT events with substitute players. The substitution policies for Curling Alberta events can be found in their most recent Competitors Guide. A team eligible for AJTRS points must have 3 or more players from the original roster present at the event. I.E., a team that uses two substitutes/spares at an event is not eligible for AJTRS points.