

Curling Constitution - Notices of Motion 2023

Current policy:

"9. Competition will be held the Friday and Saturday, subject to ice availability, seven days prior to the ASAA Provincial Championship."

Proposed policy:

"9. Competition will be held approximately two weeks prior to the ASAA Provincial Championship."

Rationale: One week prior to the provincial championship does not allow any time for rescheduling the zone championship in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. In addition, it makes it difficult for school officials to plan for replacement teachers, accommodations, transportation, team preparation etc. in such a short period of time. Not assigning a particular day of the week to the policy matches what is currently practiced; hosts consider ice availability, volunteer availability and overlap with other sports when choosing a set of days for the competition. This year was the first year in many that a Friday/Saturday was used. No one seems to agree on the best day of the week. Attaching to a weekend is great for spectators, substitute teacher costs, student instructional time and teams traveling long distances, but causes conflicts for multisport athletes. An adjustment of timeline may interfere with local teacher conventions though, so some flexibility for days of play from year to year may be necessary.

Housekeeping Update to NEASAA Constitution:

Current:

4. The teams shall compete with four on a side. In mixed curling, a rink shall be composed of two girls and two boys, with girls and boys alternating at the various team positions.

5. Teams

a) All games must be started with the rink having four players. Any rink not having its full complement of four players shall be disqualified. If a player withdraws from play and there is no substitute, the first two curlers will throw three stones, with the skip throwing two stones. No rink may continue to play with fewer than three players.

b) Substitutions may be made during or between games by using the non-playing team member(s) for any team positions (in mixed play, a boy can only be substituted for a boy, and a girl for a girl). In mixed play, if a substitute of the correct gender is not available then the team will continue the game with three players in their existing order, throwing 3, 3, and 2 stones. All team members must meet ASAA eligibility requirements and cannot be members of other school representative curling teams as established at the qualifying events for provincials. All teams must continue throughout the competition with the listed team members as constituted in the first post-district game of the competition.

Proposed Update:

4. Teams

A. A team may play with three (3) players with the first two (2) players each delivering three (3) consecutive stones at each end. Under no circumstance may a team play with fewer than three (3) players delivering stones. If a team plays with three players in the mixed division, the alternate order of delivery must be maintained (M, F, M – or – F, M, F). If this occurs while a game is in progress, the delivery rotation can be changed to meet this criterion.

B. Substitutions may be made during or between games by using the non-playing team member(s) for any team positions (in mixed play, a boy can only be substituted for a boy, and a girl for a girl, following 3.B. above). In mixed play, if a substitute of the correct gender is not available then the team will continue the game with three players in their existing order, throwing 3, 3, and 2 stones. All team members must meet ASAA eligibility requirements and cannot be members of other school representative curling teams as established at the qualifying events for provincials (see 3 above). All teams must continue throughout the competition with the listed team members as constituted in the first post-district game of the competition.

Rationale: This was changed this past season in ASAA policy.