

**NORTH EAST ZONE CURLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024
Lloydminster AB/SK (Hosted by Kitscoty)
Monday February 12 and Tuesday February 13, 2024**

1. **Date:** Monday February 12th and Tuesday February 13th
2. **Place:** Lloydminster Golf and Curling Center
4706 54 St, Lloydminster, SK S9V 0S1
3. **Warm-up Time:** 15 minutes prior to each scheduled game
4. **Starting Time:** 9:00am
5. **Cafeteria/Concession:** The Lloydminster Golf and Curling Center will be opening a concession downstairs in the rink with drinks and snacks both days. There will also be a hot lunch available for purchase upstairs each day with options of homemade cinnamon buns, soup and lasagna.

6. **Type of Competition:**
NEASAA will follow the ASAA Provincial Curling Policy:

1. Rules

A. The rules governing ASAA Curling shall be the blended rules of the Curling Canada, with the following modifications:

- i. Each team is permitted to take two 60-second time outs per game. The time outs must be taken when the team is in possession of the rock. They may be called by the skip or coach. The time outs cannot be carried forward to the extra end(s).
- ii. One 60-second timeout is available to each team for each extra end.
- iii. A five minute break is allowed after the 4th end.
- iv. In the event of a 4-end tie-breaker, one 60-second time out per team will be permitted.

B. ASAA Provincial competitions shall use the five rock free guard Zone rule currently used by Curling Canada.

C. The following limited broom head rule will be used at ASAA Provincial competitions

- i. Broom heads used for sweeping can be any fabric that is commercially purchased. No homemade heads and modifications to commercial heads will be permitted.
- ii. No hair brooms or corn brooms will be used to sweep a rock. Additionally, the plastic insert from Hardline brooms must be removed. The WCF approved fabric is NOT required for ASAA provincial curling.
- iii. A player may use any device (including hair and corn brooms) to deliver the stone; however, the device may not be used to sweep unless it complies with i and ii
- iv. Failure to comply with the above will result in the loss of hammer if used during practice, removal of stone if used during a game, or forfeiture if a replacement head in compliance with these rules cannot be found.

7. Eligibility:

Please check eligibility requirements in the ASAA Handbook (Sec. III - Eligibility) and make sure your athletes are properly registered with ASAA.

8. Important Deadline:

District Results should be emailed to Kitscoty High School (nicole.cey@btps.ca) as soon as possible after district playdowns are complete.

9. Entry Fee:

The entry fee for the Zone competition will be **\$125 per team**. Each school with teams attending zones needs to send a cheque **payable to NEASAA**.

10. Accommodations:

There are many options for hotels in the city of Lloydminster. All hotels are a quick drive to the golf and curling center. Recommendations include:

- 1. Hampton Inn by Hilton
8288 44 Street Lloydminster
(780) 874-1118**
- 2. Best Western Plus Meridian Hotel
1402 50 Ave Lloydminster
(780) 875-8884**
- 3. Home Inn and Suites
4351 41 Ave Lloydminster
(306) 825-7988**
- 4. Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham
4257 44 Street Lloydminster
(306) 993-0877**

11. ASAA Curling Provincials:

The ASAA High School Provincial Curling Championships information is available on the ASAA website. Frank Maddock High School in Drayton Valley will be hosting February 22-24, 2024. Coaches should make sure that any athletes likely to advance beyond Zones are available for these days. If athletes are unable to attend Provincials, their spot will be offered to the team that finished next in the Zone competition.

Our Boy's category has a wildcard spot for Provincials again this year so the top 2 teams from zones will advance.

Please be prepared for a quick turnaround between zones and provincials should your team qualify. Provincials are early this year!

12. Officials: Nicole Cey (Curling Commissioner) and the Host committee will take care of registrations, the draw and any rule clarifications throughout the event.

SECTION XVII - CURLING

1. All members of a rink must meet NEASAA eligibility and registration regulations.
2. A high school student is eligible to play on one representative school team only.
3. Each rink will consist of five (5) students (boys and girls) and six (6) students in mixed curling.
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
5. All games will be eight ends duration. If tied at the completion of the 8 ends, an extra end or ends shall be played.
6. The rules governing curling shall be the rules of the Canadian Curling Association. A five (5) minute time out (maximum) will be permitted upon completion of the fourth (4th) end.
7. Competition in each event shall be two section round robins. At the completion of the round robin, the first place team from each pool will play the second place team from the opposite pool. The winners play to determine the gold and silver medal winners, and the losing teams play to determine the bronze medal winner.
8. Competition will be held approximately two weeks prior to the ASAA Provincial Championship.

The eight representatives at zones will be determined by the following:

- a) Each District (1 – 5) will have one automatic qualifier for zones, this qualifier could be determined at a District championship.
 - b) The school hosting zones will receive an automatic berth into zones for their district.
 - c) There will be two wildcard qualifiers to make eight in total advancing to zones (5 Districts, 1 host and 2 wildcards.) The two wildcard qualifiers will be determined by the number of teams registered to the Zone Curling Commissioner by the curling registration date set by the Zone Commissioner for Boys, Girls and Mixed categories.
9. Schools will need to fax or email their registration to the NEASAA Curling commissioner for their curling teams by the ASAA deadline. The district with the most registrations for that category will receive the first wildcard berth, unless they are hosting zones. The district with the second most registrations for that category, in excess of the zone berths they have received, will receive the second wildcard berth. If a district does not have a curling team for one or any categories, then the third district with the most registrations in excess of the zone berths they have received will receive the next wild card berth. The host district is eligible for the third and subsequent wildcard berths. If districts are equally eligible for the third and subsequent wildcards, a random draw will be made to determine which district will receive the berth.

10. When creating the pools for zones, every effort will be made to avoid a district birth team and a district wildcard team in the same pool at the zone competition.
11. The zone curling format will follow the identical process as the ASAA provincial play-offs.
12. NEASAA gold medallions, and the right to advance to provincial competition goes to the winners.
13. A curling commissioner will be responsible for the administration of the Bonspiel in cooperation with the competition coordinator.
14. The NEASAA shall use the following format for curling competitions:
 - A. The Zone host of curling will get an automatic bye into the competition.
 - B. There **will** be a Bronze Medal game at the Zone Curling Competition
15. Hammer

Practice and draw to the button procedures for round robin, tie breakers and medal games:

- i. 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the thirds will flip a coin. The winner of the coin toss will choose second practice or color of rocks. At the end of the practice, an extra stone will be delivered as a draw to the button.
- ii. This stone can be delivered by any player on the team with sweeping allowed.
- iii. This stone must be measurable in the house.
 - a. If the stone is in the free-guard zone or not in play, the stone must be delivered again, by different team member, and a score of 185.4 cm will be recorded. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house. If the second team's rock does not stop in the house and the first team had a measurable stone, the second team does not throw again.
 - b. If the stone covers the pin, the stone must be delivered again, by a different team member, and a score of 0" or 0 cm will be added to measurement. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house. If the first team does not cover the pin and the second team covers the pin, the second team does not throw again. A score of 0" will be recorded for any team covering the pin during their first attempt for tie breaker purposes.
- iv. The same player may deliver the 1st draw to the button attempt in all games. Rotation of players is only required if the 1st attempt is not measurable.
 - a. The team with the lower measure at the end of each team's practice will be awarded hammer in the first end of play.
 - b. The measurements of the four (based on ten teams) round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing and determining the hammer in medal games
 - c. All measurements will be done by the thirds and agreed upon by both teams. Measurements are recorded on paper and are collected by the Host to be tallied, only the first delivered rock is recorded, the distances of additional rocks are only used should the opposing team's first rock not reach the house, or covers the pin, they determine hammer in the first end.
 - d. 1 vs. 2 crossover playoff game - The team which finished first in their pool will be rewarded with hammer in this game, thus the extra delivered stone is not required as part of the practice. The team with hammer receives first practice, the other team selects rock colour.
 - e. For the medal games, the team with the lower combined total from the draws to the button from the round robin games will be awarded hammer and first practice. The other team will select rock color and have second practice.

16. Tiebreaks

The tie-breaking procedure will include a draw to the button to take place after the conclusion of each practice, by all teams involved in the competition. The measurements of the three round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing only. Head to head records will be used when possible, total measurements from the draws to the button will be used if teams are still tied.

- i. If two teams are tied for first, the game between the two teams will determine first and second places.
- ii. If two teams are tied for 2nd, the two teams will play a four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
- iii. If three teams are tied for first, teams will be ranked according to policy 19 i, the top ranked team will be awarded 1st place in the pool. The other two teams will play a four-end game to determine the 2nd place team. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
- iv. If three teams are tied for second place, teams will be ranked according to policy 19 i and the 1st ranked team will be awarded a bye. The other two teams will play a four-end game with the winner then playing the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
- v. If four teams are tied for first, teams will be ranked according to policy 19 i, The 1st ranked team will play a four-end game against the 4th ranked team, the 2nd ranked team will play a four-end game against the 3rd ranked team. Extra ends will be played if necessary. The round robin game between the winning teams will determine who is awarded 1st and 2nd in the pool.

17. Curling Pool Rotation and Allocation

- a) Pools have been set up on a 5 year rotation to allow the different District qualifiers to meet each other in pool play. The schedule would continue this rotation after five years.
- b) If one of the Districts does not have an entry for one or all the three categories from Pool B, then the third District Qualifier from Pool A will drop down to Pool B to balance the pools. This would allow each pool to have two District Qualifiers.
- c) Wildcard and host positions in a pool may need to be moved to balance Districts that have more than two qualifying teams into zones. For example, if there are three qualifying teams, then the 1st place team and the 3rd place team should be in the same pool, not the 1st place and 2nd place nor the 2nd place and the 3rd place in the same pool.
- d) If the host is also the District Qualifier, then that team will take the District Qualifier spot in the correct pool and the host position becomes a wildcard for that District. If a District has two berths, they should not be in the same pool. The lowered seeded team should be moved into the other pool by switching wildcards in order to balance pools and eliminate conflicts.