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**NCAA BOYS’ AND GIRLS’**

**CURLING 2018-2019**

1. **SEASON OFPLAY**

Winter Season

1. **LEVELS OFCOMPETITION**

Varsity Boys Varsity Girls

# 3. ELIGIBILITY

A school may enter 1 boys’ team and 1 girls’ team. No A, AA, AAA classifications.

Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

A bona fide school curling program consists of eight (8) weekly practice/games minimum, under the supervision of a teacher-coach.

Any number of students may be on each team. (As long as a student's name is on the eligibility sheet, he or she may play).

The individual’s birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19th birthday by January 1st.

prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

# 4. ELIGIBILITYSHEETS

The eligibility sheets must be received by the Convener, 3 DAYS BEFORE the first league game OR ANY TOURNAMENT that determines a Zone Champion.

# 5. GAMETIME

If there is a league, games will start at 3:00, or will be contingent on ice time availability.

If there is a one day tournament starting times will be determined after the organization meeting held by the Convener.

**6. REPORTINGSCORES**

The WINNING team will report the scores to the Athletic Convenor in charge.

# 7. DEFAULTING AGAME

If a team does not show up 30 minutes after the designated time for the start of the game, they default the game to the team that is there.

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# 8. GAMEFORFEITURES

The following policies are in place for game forfeitures:

1. Should a team forfeit a game with less than 48 hours’ notice, all costs associated with the game shall be charged to the forfeiting school.
2. Should a team forfeit a game, the forfeiting team will be given a loss as a result of the forfeit.
3. Should a team forfeit two (2) games during regular season play, the team shall be

# Removed from the league and all points earned in games played against that team shall be removed from league standings.

1. A team that for feits a game during the regular season loses all rights with regards to tie breaking procedures. (ie if the team is tied for 3rd, the team will be relegated to 4th place).
2. A team that forfeits a playoff game shall also forfeit the right to play any further playoff games at the current or subsequent level of playoffs (ie when two teams qualify for SOSSA).

# 9. LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The format for league play, play-offs and championships will be discussed at the Convenors Individual

Sport Body Meeting.

If a point system is used, the following format will be used:

10 points for a win;

1 point for each end won;

1/4 point for each point scored (maximum 4);

1/2 point for a blank end;

16 points for a default;

NO points for an extra end (ie. tie breaker);

A penalty of 5 points is given to the defaulting team.

Any game / match not played will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit.

In team sports where standings are used to determine play-offs, the win/loss achieved against teams that drop out will be taken away (not added) to teams that are still yet to play them.

# 10. GENERAL POLICIES for NCAA LEAGUEPLAY

1. The coach or designated person must be present during the entire game.

1. The teams can have two 1-minute time outs and must be called from the ice surface as well as a 2-minute break at the conclusion of the 3rd end. (If we were to stop at the conclusion of each end, we might manage to get 4 ends in. Also, we have had some issues in the past at keeping some coaches from running their time outs into the 3-4 minutes long)

1. Each regular season game is 6 ends.

1. Tie games are to be broken by playing a half-end (each player throws one rock only). (**Only if** **time allows** –otherwise the result remains a tie).

1. Only four players may begin the game. There are no limits on the number of substitutions allowed, but a player who has been removed from the game may not be substituted back in. (Because league play is all about learning and have fun, most of us will swap out 2-3 players at the half so that as many players as possible get on the ice.)
2. One substitution is allowed during the game.

1. Proper dress is required at all clubs. It is up to the school coach to ensure that this policy is upheld. Proper curling attire is that accepted by Club and International competition, or school uniforms. In the case of curling, this shall consist of curling pants / kilts with matching tops / jackets in their school colors. Tops should not be low cut and jeans are not permitted.

1. The convenor has the right to remove any player who is exhibiting poor behavior or sportsmanship or wearing inappropriate clothing.

1. Curling clubs will usually charge a fee for ice time.

# 11. GENERAL POLICIES for NCAA PLAY-OFFS

**NCAA Playoff Structure**

The NCAA will have Junior and Senior league and playoff structure.

8 team leagues-everybody plays each other once, top two for NCAA title.  All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA).  Higher league position is the home team.

7 team leagues- everybody plays each other once, top two for NCAA title.  All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA).  Higher league position is the home team.

6 team leagues- everybody plays each other once, top two for NCAA title.  All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA).  Higher league position is the home team.

5 team leagues- everybody plays a home and home, top two   NCAA title.  All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA).  Higher league position is the home team.

4 team leagues- everybody plays a home and home, top two NCAA title.  All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA).  Higher league position is the home team.

3 teams leagues every team plays each other twice, 1st gets a bye and plays the winner of 2nd vs 3rd

2 team leagues – league and exhibition games are played followed by a one game NCAA final

1 team leagues – exhibition games are played. The team moves on to their Zone Final.

\*Leagues with fewer than 6 teams and unique circumstances may have the structure changed in order to accommodate due to weather, travel, safety (ex Slow Pitch, Baseball, Football)

\*A Zone representative game is needed to determine who will represent the NCAA for the Zone championship against the NRHSAA and SOSSA qualification

**The Zone representative game is played if there is a second place team in that Zone and level and they accept the game being played: the team higher in the standings will be home (tiebreaker rule may be needed-see constitution). If the NCAA final is also the Zone representative game, that game will act as the Zone representative game also.**

# 12. PLAY-OFF FORMAT FOR ZONE 3 AND 4 BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ CURLING (NRHSAA/NCAA)

The NRHSAA representative in each classification and zone will play the NCAA representative in each classification and zone. The winner of that game will be the zone champion and will go to SOSSA. If a second entry to SOSSA exists, then the second place finisher in the zone champion’s association may challenge the runner up in the zone final for the second entry into SOSSA. If a challenge game takes place then the runner up in the zone final will host the challenge game.

In odd starting school years, the NCAA will host boys’ zone championship games and the NRHSAA will host girls’ zone championship games. In even starting school years, the NCAA will host girls’ zone championship games and the NRHSAA will host boys’ zone championship games. – As Nov. 2017

# 13. ZONE ADVANCEMENT TO THE SOSSACOMPETITION

One boys’ team and one girls’ team will advance to SOSSA from Zone play.

**The NCAA constitution will govern all NCAA sports.**