

PACIFIC COAST MASTERS CURLING ASSOCIATION

Playdown Rules and Regulations – 2026/2027



1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 All participants must be members of the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association and paid their dues for the 2026/2027 year.
- 1.2 Competitors must have reached the minimum age requirements for their respective categories by December 31st, 2026:
 - Men 60+ sixty (60) years of age
 - Women sixty (60) years of age
 - Men 70+ seventy (70) years of age
 - Women 70+ seventy (70) years of age
 - Mixed sixty (60) years of age
 - Stick Curling sixty (60) years of age
 - 80+ Open eighty (80) years of age
- 1.3 All players on a team (including 5th players) must be curling in the same Club and belong to a Member League as a full-time curler in at least one of the fall or spring sessions in the current year. Curlers that are registered with a Club but are not assigned to a specific team are not eligible to enter PCMCA Playdowns.
- 1.4 Club Playdown Coordinators must attest that team members are fully paid-up members of the PCMCA and at least 60 years of age (or 70 for the men's 70+ and women's 70+ or 80 for the 80+ Open) by December 31, 2026. This information must be forwarded to the respective Zone Directors at least one week prior to the playdown for each category.

2 ENTRY FEE

- 2.1 If a Club requires a Club Playdown to determine the entrant(s) for a Zone Playdown they may levy any appropriate fees required to cover ice costs, etc. There is no fee payable to the PCMCA for teams that fail to qualify from their Club.
- 2.2 The Zone Playdown entry fee, as established by the PCMCA, is \$160 per team for the Men's 60+ and 70+, Women's 60+ and 70+, 80+ Open and Mixed categories. In the Stick Curling category, the Zone Playdown entry fee will be \$80 per team. In addition, each Zone may charge such additional fees as necessary to cover the costs associated with their Zone Playdowns (if necessary). These additional fees are due at the beginning of the respective Playdowns along with the name of each team's fifth player. Note that fifth players are not eligible for the PCMCA subsidy. If a team wins a berth into the BC Masters Combined Championship, there shall be no additional fees required.
- 2.3 A player may be entered in more than one category on the entry deadline above. If a player qualifies in one category, should that player have paid the entry fee for another category, the Zone will refund those fees. However, if a player qualifies in one category, they must immediately withdraw their entry(s) in the remaining categories if there is a future scheduling conflict between the two categories

- 2.4 Play will be governed by Rules of Curling General Play September 1, 2026, and the “Rules of Play of Curl BC”. A stone may also be delivered with a “curling/delivery stick”. Here, “Stick Curling Canada Rules” as updated on September 30, 2026, apply.
- 2.5 Teams for the Mixed competition must be made up of two male and two female players and the male and female players must play alternate positions. Mixed teams cannot submit a 5th player. Should a mixed team arrive at the playdowns without a player, a player will be provided for them from the host pool. In the stick and 80+ Open categories teams can include men and/or women players.

For men, women and mixed playdowns, regulation games shall be no more than 8 ends in duration. For Stick Curling, regulation games shall be no more than 6 ends. In the 80+ Open category, the duration of games will be determined by the competition rules committee.

3 PLAYDOWN RULES FOR ALL CATEGORIES

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4 CLUB LEVEL PLAYDOWNS

- 4.1 Each Zone may determine their own rules for how a Club team qualifies for one of the available entries.
- 4.2 Each Club has the right to enter one team in the Zone playdowns in each category. In the event a Club does not enter a team in the Zone Playdowns that spot may be granted to allow a second team from another Club based on established Zone rules.
- 4.3 If required, there shall be a playoff between two or more teams in each Club for each category to determine the qualifying team for the Zone Playdowns. Each Club shall determine how this playoff shall be run.
- 4.4 Determination of who has last rock, rock colour selection, and practices first shall be established by the Club PCMCA Coordinator.
- 4.5 Only curlers who have not participated in a category in the Club Playdowns can act as spares in the same category in the Club Playdowns.
- 4.6 Club level Playdowns should be completed at least 10 days prior the beginning of the Zone Playdowns.

5 ZONE LEVEL PLAYDOWNS

- 5.1 All Zone playdowns, except 70+ Women's and 80+ Open, should be completed by March 2, 2027 or at least 14 days prior to the start of the BC Masters Combined Championship. For the 2027 70+ Women's and 80+ Open events, playdowns must be completed at least 21 days prior to these events (February 11, 2027).
- 5.2 The determination of a Zone winner is preferably by a double knockout format. However, a Zone may establish their own format based on the number of teams in the category.
- 5.3 A member may represent a club in more than one of the seven zone playdown categories provided that the draw schedules for those categories do not conflict. Furthermore, a member belonging to two or more clubs may represent any of those clubs in different playdown categories provided there is no such conflict but must also comply with Player Eligibility 1.3.
- 5.4 A member must withdraw from any subsequent zone playdowns upon winning in any of the six categories. Registration fees for that member in any remaining playdown categories will be fully refunded.
- 5.5 Determination of who has last rock, rock color selection and practices first shall be established by the Zone Playdown Committee.
- 5.6 In the case of a tie at the end of a regulation game, an extra end(s) shall be played until a winner is determined.
- 5.7 A team (other than Mixed or Stick events) that wins a berth into the BC Masters Combined Championship may name a 5th player that is entitled to play in the BC Masters Combined Championship. This player may have played in Club playdowns or Zone Playdowns. If a 5th player is not named, the team may only use a substitute provided by the Combined Committee.
- 5.8 The PCMCA Zone Directors must ensure the Clubs in their respective Zones submit full names, positions, email addresses and telephone numbers of the winning and runner-up rinks to the Secretary of the PCMCA, or designate, immediately upon completion of their Zone Playdowns, along with the Zone entry fees.
- 5.9 Following the Zone Playdowns, the Secretary of the PCMCA, or designate, will correspond directly with each of the Zone winners regarding the Association and BC Masters Combined Championship. Copies of all correspondence will be sent to each Zone Director.
- 5.10 If a men's or women's team wins a Zone Playdown event, the team must be able to field at least 2 (if no 5th player) or at least 3 (if they have identified a 5th player) of the Zone winning team members to be able to play in the Association and BC Master Combined Championship. For Mixed teams, the team must be able to field at least 2 of the Zone winning team members and for Stick, at least 1 of the Zone winning team members. If not, the runner-up rink shall replace the winning rink. If the runner-up rink is not available, the Zone may determine if and how that team shall be replaced.