

PACIFIC COAST MASTERS CURLING ASSOCIATION

Playdown Rules and Regulations - 2023/2024



1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 All participants must be members of the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association and paid their dues for the 2023/2024 year.
- 1.2 Competitors must have reached the minimum age requirements for their respective categories by December 31st, 2023:
 - Men 60+ - sixty (60) years of age
 - Women - sixty (60) years of age
 - Men 70+ - seventy (70) years of age
 - Mixed - sixty (60) years of age
 - Stick Curling - sixty (60) years of age
- 1.3 All players on a team must be curling in the same Club and belong to a Member League as a full-time curler for the current year (1st Half and/or 2nd Half). Curlers that are registered with a Club but are not assigned to a specific team are not eligible to enter PCMCA Playdowns.
- 1.4 PCMCA Zone Senior Directors are responsible to document and confirm that the list of members in each of their respective Clubs meet these eligibility requirements. This confirmation shall be sent to the PCMCA Treasurer and the respective Zone Senior Director at least two weeks 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 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. 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. The Zone will refund any duplicate fees that have been paid.

3 PLAYDOWN RULES FOR ALL CATEGORIES

- 3.1 Play will be governed by Rules of Curling General Play 2022-2026 (<https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/getting-started-in-curling/rules-of-curling-for-general-play/>) and the "Rules of Play of Curl BC" (<https://www.curlbc.ca/resources/rules/>). A stone may also be delivered with a "curling/delivery stick" in a manner described in the "Stick Curling Canada Rules".
- 3.2 Teams in the Men's (60+ and 70+) and women's categories must be made up of four players of the same gender and can nominate a 5th player. See 5.10 below in the event a team arrives at a playdown without all four players.
- 3.3 Teams for the Mixed category 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.
- 3.4 Teams for the Stick category may be made up with two male, one male and one female or two female players. As with the Mixed category, a stick team cannot submit a spare player. As noted in 5.10 below, a team must arrive at a playdown with at least one of its original players.
- 3.5 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.

4 CLUB LEVEL PLAYDOWNS

- 4.1 Subject to sections 1, 2 and 3 above, each Zone may determine how a Club qualifies for one or more of the available entries.
- 4.2 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 5.2.
- 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 color selection, and practices first shall be established by the Club.
- 4.5 Club level Playdowns will be completed at least 2 weeks prior the beginning of the Zone Playdowns.
- 4.6 The PCMCA Zone Playdown Entry form for the winning team is to be sent by the Club to the Zone Senior Director at the conclusion of the club playdowns. Runner-up team forms may also be sent if the club wishes to fill one or more vacant spots in the Zone playdowns.

5 ZONE LEVEL PLAYDOWNS

- 5.1 All Zone playdowns should be completed at least 14 days prior to the start of the BC Masters Combined Championship.
- 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. If vacant spots are available in the draw, the first will be offered to the runner-up team from the club who had the most teams in their playdown for the category; subsequent open spots will be offered in descending order from runner-ups of other clubs (one per club) and lastly any further openings will be offered to the host club. All teams in the playoff will be seeded randomly, not according to their home club.
- 5.3 A member may represent a club in more than one of the five 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.
- 5.4 A member must withdraw from any subsequent zone playdowns upon winning in any of the five categories. Section 2.3 applies for refund of duplicate fees.
- 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, extra ends 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 Senior Directors must ensure the Clubs in their respective Zones submit full (first and last) names, positions, addresses, postal codes, and telephone numbers of the winning and runner-up rinks to the Secretary of the PCMCA immediately upon completion of their Zone Playdowns, along with the Zone entry fees.
- 5.9 Following the Zone Playdowns, the Secretary of the PCMCA will correspond directly with each of the Zone winners regarding the Association and BC Masters Combined Championship regarding matters such as logistics, accommodations and travel subsidies. Copies of all correspondence will be sent to each Zone Senior Director
- 5.10 The Zone Playdown winners 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 original team members to be able to play in the Association and BC Master Combined Championship. 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. For Stick Curling, the team can continue if they have one of the two original players available. If needed the team can bring a substitute from their club. If a team loses both players, the runner-up team qualifies to attend the Combined Playdowns.