



SSSAD ACTIVITY POLICY – CURLING

1. **Sport Committee** - See SSSAD Constitution – Section E – Article 6.5
 - a. Create the Curling Sport Committee at the pre-season meeting.
 - b. A commissioner will be decided upon or announced at the pre-season meeting.
2. **Sport Season**
 - a. SHSAA – As defined by the SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar.
 - b. SSSAD – As Defined by the SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 15.7 - Competition Requirements.
 - i. **SSSAD Opening:** As per the SHSAA Calendar
 - ii. **SSSAD Closing:** concludes with the Provincial Final
 - c. Schools will be invoiced \$100.00 per team entered for the cost of pre-season and in season practice ice.
3. **Student Athlete Eligibility**
 - a. It is the responsibility of the participating school to ensure that each athlete meets the eligibility requirements of the SHSAA and SSSAD according to:
 - i. **SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Eligibility of Student Participants**
 - ii. **SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 13**
 - b. **SHSAA Eligibility Forms (E5)** must be completed on the SHSAA website 24 hours prior to the first league game or scheduled event for the school. Additions and deletions to your roster may be made up to 24 hours prior to the provincial final.
 - c. **SSSAD Athlete Registration**, parent consent forms and waivers must be completed in full on the SSSAD website by the parent and athlete. Email confirmation must be received prior to participation in the sport.
 - d. A student is eligible to compete for only **one** (1) school team.
 - e. **Non-school competition** - High school curlers can participate in non-school leagues without loss of eligibility for high school curling.

4. Rules of Play

a. SHSAA – The SHSAA Curling Activity Guide will be followed

b. SSSAD exceptions:

i. Late Arrival:

1. If the delay of the start of play is 1 -15 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one point and will have the last stone in the first end of actual play. One end is considered completed.
2. If the delay of the start of play is 16 -30 minutes, then the non-offending team receives one additional point and will have the last stone in the first end of actual play. Two ends are considered completed.
3. If play has not started after 30 minutes, then the non-offending team is declared winner by forfeit.
 - a. The forfeit will be scored as a 10 – 0 default for the team at the rink which is ready to play.
 - b. The 10 – 0 score and the 0 points against will be included in the calculation for points against in the event of a three-way tie.

ii. Time outs

1. “A” League – As per SHSAA Curling Policy

2. “B” League – Regular Season

a. ‘On Ice’ Coaching is permitted as per:

- i. Coaches allowed on the backboards during the games – can be at either end – allowed on the ice only to change ends between ends.
- ii. 1-minute of coaching between each end for coaches to interact and 2 minutes at the 4th end break
- iii. Two 30 second coaching interactions allowed per end – only called by team or coach when in control of the house.
- iv. Interactions called by player in control of the house – if the coach is calling, they can vocalize to their player in the house that they want an interaction, but the 30 seconds only begins when called by the team from the ice.
- v. Opposing coaches also allowed an intervention at the same time if they wish – time out ends at 30 seconds or when the opposing team settles to throw.
- vi. Back-to-back interactions can be called when wanted/necessary allowing for 1 minute.
- vii. Coaches are to stay on backboards at the ends of the sheet for all interactions.

b. ‘On Ice’ coaching is NOT permitted during the playoffs

iii. Number of Players

1. Boys & Girls - teams may be made up of a maximum of five competitors. In league play, teams may play with three players if necessary and then lead and vice-skip shall each throw three rocks.

2. OPEN MIXED CURLING, teams are composed of any combination of 1:3, 2:2, or 3:1 ratio of male to female curlers. Genders must play alternate positions, beginning with the skip

iv. Substitutions – as per SHSAA Curling Policy except

1. **Open Mixed:** If there is an illness or injury and no substitute is available, the team may continue with three players alternating genders beginning with the skip. In the case where a team started with a 3:1 ratio and loses the single gender representative curler to injury or illness, the game will be forfeited if there is not a substitute of the same gender. The team may continue with subsequent games in the competition if a legal roster can be fielded at the scheduled game time.

v. Supervision

1. Coaches are required to supervise their team(s) for all practices, league games and playoff games. If supervision for a specific school is not possible, supervision from a similar school division may be used.

vi. Playoffs – Extra End

1. In A and B playoffs, an extra end will be played if teams are tied after 8 ends. A shootout will take place if still tied after the extra end.

5. League Structure

a. League

- i. The league shall be structured as follows:

1. **A-Division** – Boys, Girls, Open Mixed

Note: Mixed – may be made up of a maximum of 3-girls and 3-boys

2. **B-Division** – will have no gender restrictions and follow Curling Canada Rules with SSSAD and SHSAA exceptions.

b. League Schedule

- i. The structure of the league (format and number of games) shall be determined at the pre-season sport committee meeting.

- ii. Points will be awarded as per:

1. 2 points for a win,
2. 1 point for a tie, and,
3. 0 points for a loss or default.

These point totals are used to determine league winners (A league, B league and A/B combined). The A/B league combined will be determined using the top A team and the top B team from a school.

- iii. Play will begin at 4:00 p.m. or sooner depending on time of arrival and ice availability. If both teams arrive early, play can start immediately. A warning buzzer will sound at 5:10 pm. Teams will finish the end they are playing.

NOTE: An end is declared over when it is determined who will count and a new end is considered started immediately. It is considered poor etiquette and sportsmanship to use delay tactics in anticipation of the buzzer when ahead in the score.

- iv. All A and B league teams will qualify for the City playoffs.

1. A and B teams will be counted toward the determination of A and B combined league champions for each gender. An Open Mixed champion will be determined from the Open Mixed A league.

c. Number of Teams

- i. There is no set number of teams that a school can enter in the various leagues.
 1. Schools are strongly encouraged to enter teams into A-leagues, if possible, before creating B-league teams.

d. Out-of-Town Travel

- i. Travel to competitions out-of-city is permitted within the limits set out in the SSSAD Constitution (SSSAD Handbook – Section B - Employing Boards Regulations - Article 2 – Principal Committees – Part B – Guidelines for Team Travel).

e. Play downs

- i. All playoff teams and alternates must be declared to the SSSAD office prior to the start of playoffs.
 1. No “A” players can play in the “B” playoffs
- ii. A playoff format will be created by the Athletic Consultant and the Commissioner that benefits the number of teams involved and the available ice sheets.
 1. There will be no tie games; an extra end will be played. If there is still tied, a shootout will determine the winner.
- iii. A player must have curled in a minimum of 2 league games to be eligible to play in the City Championships.
- iv. Time outs – Teams will be permitted two time-outs of one minute in duration called by the athletes, to be used any time that team has control of the rock or during an interval of play.
 1. Timeouts may not be carried over to the extra end in the event of a tie after regulation play.
 2. Each team will be allowed one timeout of one minute in duration in an extra end of play.
- v. The commissioner shall act as umpire (referee). If the commissioner is an involved coach, a neutral umpire (referee) shall be appointed by the commissioner in conjunction with the coaches involved. This could be a neutral coach or rink management or official.
- vi. To Determine last rock advantage (having the choice of either hammer or rock color):
 1. The highest ranked team will have the last rock advantage.
 2. In the final game to declare a City Champion, last rock advantage will be determined using a coin toss. Last rock advantage is defined as
- vii. **A-League Play Downs**
 1. In A-league City playoffs all teams entered can be composed of four players, plus one substitute and an alternate substitute
 - a. if need be the substitute can be from the B player substitute list or
 - b. be a B player if the B league has completed their season.
 2. Games will be of eight ends duration for girls and boys in A League.

3. For Playoff A League curling, the start time for A and B Semi Finals and Finals will be 3:30 PM.
4. Each A team and open mixed team in playoffs must start with 4 players and must declare a 5th player and an alternate sub prior to playoffs beginning.
 - a. Less than 4 players in “A” playoffs and Open Mixed playoffs will lead to default.

viii. B-League Play Downs

1. In “B” play if it is necessary to use only three, then lead and vice-skip shall each throw three rocks.
2. Games will be 6 ends in B league or as determined by the buzzer rule at each club.
3. In “B” playoffs, each team will attempt to field a full team but if it is necessary to use only three, then lead and vice-skip shall each throw three rocks.
 - a. A-players cannot sub for B-players in the B-playoffs.

f. Regionals and Provincials

- i. See the SHSAA sport guidelines for Curling.
- ii. For Regional and Provincial playoffs, a rink can be made up of a maximum of 5 players.

6. Tie Breaking Criteria

- a. If two teams tie at completion of round robin, the team winning the game between the two tied teams receive the higher placing.
- b. If 2 teams tied also tied in regulation league play, then teams will be ranked according to fewest curling points allowed in games involving common opponents.
- c. If three teams tie:
 - i. Most total points (wins) in games between the 3 tied teams
 1. Team A defeats B, C - 4 points
 2. Team B defeats C - 2 points
 3. Team C - 0 points
 - ii. If all 3 teams are still tied in points (wins)

Example: A defeat B; B defeats C; C defeats A (all have 2 points)

 1. Teams will be ranked according to fewest curling points allowed in games involving the tied teams

NOTE: Because of the nature of the game of curling, using points scored (for) in games is not an equitable tie breaking criterion.

NOTE: With regards to the default of games, the non-offending team shall be awarded the victory by a score of 10-0
 - iii. If all 3 teams are still tied - a coin toss between tied teams will be used
 - iv. If 2 teams are tied after the first criteria breaks the three-way tie, the winner of the game between the tied teams will determine the higher placing.

- v. If 2 teams tied also tied in regulation league play, then teams will be ranked according to fewest curling points allowed in games involving common opponents.

7. Awards – Boys, Girls and Open Mixed

a. Boys Curling

- i. **Granite Curling Club Trophy** – awarded to the winner of A and B Boys League Combined Play
- ii. **Thode Memorial Trophy** - awarded to the winner of "A" Team (City Champion and SHSAA representative).
- iii. **Ken Moir Trophy** - awarded to the boys winner of the "B" Team play down.

b. Girls Curling

- i. **Girgulis Trophy** – awarded to the winner of A and B Girls League Combined Play
- ii. **Don Wilson Trophy** – awarded to the girl's winner of "A" Team play downs (City Champions)
- iii. **SSSAD B Team Champion Trophy** – awarded to the girl's winner of B Team playdowns.

c. Mixed Curling

- i. **SSSAD Open Mixed League City Champion Trophy** – awarded to the City Champion in Mixed League
- ii. **League Trophy**
- iii. **Open B Championship Trophy**

- d. **Medals** awarded to 1st and 2nd place finishers in "A" and "B" division for all categories.

8. Discipline/Ejection

- a. **Breach of bylaws by students or teams – SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 20 – Breach of Bylaws**

b. Player Ejection - SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.4 – Conduct

- The head official shall complete an Officials Special Report Form (E9) found on the SHSAA website (under forms). The E9 Form must be emailed to the Athletic Consultant immediately following the game.
- Coaches are required to report the player ejection to the Athletic Consultant
- Such suspensions shall be automatic.
- An appeal may be submitted by email by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal to the Consultant (Athletics) by 5:00 p.m. on the next school day.

c. Coach Ejection

- i. **SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.5 - Conduct**
- ii. **SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Ejection of a Coach from a Contest**