



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
VARSITY CURLING PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play:

Co-ed Winter Sport

2. Divisions:

Tier 1 boys' teams, tier 1 girls' teams, tier 2 boys' teams, tier 2 girls' teams, open mixed teams

All YRAA sports will be offered at two tiers of competition provided the following conditions are met:

- A) The minimum number of teams to run a league will be 4. If less than 4 teams declare for a league, the convenor(s) of the league may appeal to the executive for an exception. Appeals must be heard before the pre-season meeting for that sport.
- B) If a sport declares less than 4 teams three years in a row, the sport will no longer be offered as an option by the YRAA.

3. Eligibility:

a) See YRAA Eligibility/Transfer Form.

b) Age Division Categories

Varsity

School Year: **2019-20**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2000**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2015**

- c) Schools are permitted to enter one curling team per division (1 Tier 1 boys, 1 Tier One girls, 1 Tier 2 boys, 1 Tier 2 girls and a mixed team).
- d) Schools will declare a player for either the Tier 1 or the Tier 2 team. In the event of any injury to a Tier 1 player, a player may be called up from the Tier 2 team to play a maximum of one game with the Tier 1 team, providing that the convenor has received a revised team list the day before the game. The player must be returned to the Tier 2 team after one game. If not, the player remains with the Tier 1 team for the rest of the season.
- e) In order that a player be eligible for playoff games, he or she must play at least one game during the regular season and have participated in at least six (6) practices with their high school team.
- f) 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.
- g) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Mid/Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition.
- h) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport



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4. Format:

- a) Tier 1 and 2 Boys and Girls Teams and Mixed
 - i) League Format: there will be one conference with round robin play in which teams will play the majority of their games at the nearest rink.
 - ii) York Region Championship Playoff: The YRAA Championship will be a one (1) day playoff with page system format. The top four (4) teams from each conference (tier 1 girls, tier 1 boys, tier 2 girls, tier 2 boys and mixed teams) will qualify for the Championship.

5. Scoring:

- a) All games will be eight (8) ends long unless a curfew is imposed or one team concedes.
- b) Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- c) For season end tie breaking, teams will be awarded one point for each end won during all their regular season games. If less than eight (8) ends are played (eg. curfew), teams split the points for the remaining ends, with 1/2 point going to each team for the remaining ends. If a team concedes the game with time remaining for more ends, the winning team will receive one (1) point for each of the ends not played to a maximum of eight (8) ends.
- d) Punctuality: Teams arriving within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start of the game will be entitled to play a maximum of seven (7) ends with the punctual team earning one (1) point plus the hammer. Teams arriving more than fifteen (15) but less than thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start of the game will be entitled to play six (6) ends with the punctual team earning two (2) points plus the hammer. Teams arriving more than thirty (3) minutes after the scheduled start of the game will forfeit the game and be subject to the YRAA game default fine.



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6. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and member of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sorts or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

7. Inclement Weather:

- a) In the event of inclement weather, games may be cancelled and rescheduled if:
 - i) the transportation company (bus) cancels the booking OR
 - ii) the school principal determines that the weather is unsafe for teams to travel OR
 - iii) the host school teacher/coach, in consultation with the Athletic Designate and/or school administration, determines the playing environment to be unsafe (eg standing water on fields, excessive ice).
 - iv) when lightning or thunder is seen or heard in the area, play shall be suspended and participants shall seek appropriate shelter as outlined in the current OPHEA safety document. Play may be resumed once thirty (30) minutes has passed since the last observation of lightning or the sound of thunder. The decision to suspend play shall be made by the game official and/or teacher/coaches of the teams involved in the competition.

Whenever possible, it is recommended that a decision to cancel a game due to inclement weather be made by 1:00 p.m. the day of the game.
 - b) Once this has happened the coach or AD of the school canceling shall:
 - i) notify the school(s) being played that they will not be able to play due to inclement weather;
 - ii) contact the YRAA office that the game is being cancelled due to inclement weather;
 - iii) make arrangements with the school(s) involved to reschedule the game(s) at a date that is acceptable to all parties and fits within the established master schedule. Should a mutually agreeable date to reschedule not be found within forty-eight (48) hours, the convenor will assign a date that fits in to the master schedule.
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- c) The YRAA office will:
- i) keep a record of cancelled games in order to ensure that they are rescheduled
 - ii) notify the referee assignor that the games are cancelled and will be rescheduled so that unnecessary travel by officials can be avoided.

8. Costs:

All schools participating in the league shall share the financial cost of the operation of the leagues and championships equally.

9. Reporting Scores:

For league games coaches are to report scores through the Sports Admin System. Login as a coach, click on the 'Games' tab, find the game you want to enter the score for then click on the yellow 'Edit' button beside the game and then enter the score beside the corresponding team.

10. Awards:

Boys' and Girls' Tier 1 and 2 and Mixed

Individual medallions (6) will be presented to the first and second place teams. A pennant (tier 1) and team trophy (tier 1) will be presented to each championship team.

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