

# TCA Mixed Championships Rules 2026

## 1. Preface

- 1.1. Unless excepted elsewhere in these Rules, the “[Rules of Curling for General Play](#)”, as issued by Curling Canada and amended from time to time, will apply to all games played as part of this Section, including the “No-Tick Rule.”
- 1.2. Some of the clubs used for the TCA Mixed Championships have dress codes. Please contact the club directly if you require clarification.

## 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Open: 19 years of age and over as of the start of the event.
- 2.2. Senior: 45 years of age and over for females and 50 years of age and over for males as of the start of the event.

## 3. Mixed Curling

- 3.1. Each team shall register two male and two female players.
- 3.2. The male and female players shall play alternating positions in the team’s delivery order.
- 3.3. Sweepers of the final two (2) stones of the end shall be of opposite gender and the skip and acting vice-skip shall also be of opposite gender.
- 3.4. When a team plays with only three (3) players, the first two players shall deliver three stones each and mixed positioning must be maintained.

## 4. Spares

- 4.1. All teams must have two original members to be legal.
- 4.2. Spares are permitted in any game on notification to and approval of the host club umpire before commencing the game.
- 4.3. A member of the team that was listed on the registration form on the opening day must throw the final two rocks of each end. However, in the absence of the original skip, a spare shall be allowed to call the game.
- 4.4. The spare shall be from the same club as the team.

- 4.5. The spare may have been a member of another team in the current year of the championship.
- 4.6. A team may use up to a maximum of six players for the duration of the competition: four regulars and two spares. If a team uses a seventh player, they will be disqualified.

## 5. Equipment

- 5.1. The use of a curling “stick” is permitted.
- 5.2. Players are required to use commercially available broom heads (that is, any broom head sold by retailers and club pro shops).
  - 5.2.1. Hair brooms, ‘home made’ brush heads, waterproof fabric, and plastic inserts are not permitted.
- 5.3. Directional sweeping is allowed.

## 6. General Rules

- 6.1. The TCA Mixed Championships Committee shall appoint an umpire-in-chief and an umpire shall be appointed at each club.
- 6.2. All games shall be played at their designated club during their scheduled time.
  - 6.2.1. Games cannot be rescheduled or moved to a different curling facility.
- 6.3. All games shall be eight (8) end games.
  - 6.3.1. Teams may concede the game at any time
  - 6.3.2. Teams mathematically eliminated from a game must concede.
- 6.4. Practice is not permitted prior to the game.
- 6.5. The flip of a coin will determine which team has the choice of hammer or rock colour.
- 6.6. Breaking Ties in Games**
  - 6.6.1. Ties in non-elimination games will be broken by a draw to the button by any member of the team with sweeping allowed for the throwing team only.
  - 6.6.2. Ties in elimination games will be broken by a full extra end played towards the glass.

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- 6.8. In the case of an emergency breakdown occurring at a club during the playing of the championships, whichever team has the highest score after the completion of six (6) ends of the eight (8) end game shall be, at the discretion of the umpire, declared the winner.
- 6.9. Should the Umpire-in-Chief declare a team “disqualified” during the Championships, only the previous game’s result will be reversed.
- 6.10. If a team defaults both of their first two scheduled games, they will be ineligible to compete in any further games in the competition.
- 6.11. Teams participating in the Saturday games must declare to the umpire, prior to the start of play, if they are available to participate in the remainder of the championships. If they are not available, they will forfeit the game. The non-offending team will advance. If a team fails to declare their intent, all members of the team will be disqualified from play for two years and will forfeit any prize eligibility.
- 6.12. A skip may list a spare who played a game on the scorecard for the final game for the purposes of recording in the TCA Mixed Championships record and on the trophy and/or plaque should they be the winner.