



Lacombe U15/U18 Bonspiel Nov 29 - Dec 1, 2024

- All games are 8 ends. Ties will be broken with an extra end. If the extra end is blanked a draw to the button with sweepers will break the tie.
- A coin flip will determine your choice of practice or stone colour. First practice will begin 30 minutes before draw time and second practice will follow. Each team member can throw 2 rocks up and 2 rocks back. Please complete this in 10 minutes or less - coaches are allowed on ice with proper footwear during practice.
- You will complete a DTB immediately after each practice to determine hammer. Please record your distance in inches to the nearest half inch, on the Scorecard provided. If you miss the house on your first rock you will record 72 inches and another player will throw another draw to use only if the opposing team does the same thing. A coin flip will determine hammer if both teams miss the house twice. First practice DTB is a clockwise rotation. Second practice DTB is a counter-clockwise rotation. The round robin DTB will be used for tiebreakers except in U15. **You must use a different player for each DTB**, sweeping is allowed.
- We will be implementing the **No Tick rule** in every division. If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position or to a position outside the FGZ, the non-offending team has the option to:
 - (i) Remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place, or
 - (ii) Leave all stones where they came to rest.If the stone is moved from the centre line to an out-of-play position, then the FGZ rule applies.
- Interactions:
 - During a coach interaction, coaches may meet with their team either on the backboard or behind the backline. The team calling the interaction gets priority of the position of where they meet.
 - Coaches will travel from one end of the sheet to the other between ends following your skip (in a hurried fashion not to disrupt speed of play)
 - In U15 & U18, each coach is allowed **1 interaction per end**, understanding that unused interactions cannot be carried over. These interactions are intended to be 30 seconds & last no more than 60 seconds in duration. They can only be called by the coach whose team is in control of the house. **The interaction will officially end after the coach and curlers stop talking and the coach returns and is sitting in their designated seat behind the sheet.**
 - **Opposing coaches are allowed to speak with their team during interactions, but as soon as the interaction is over, the opposing teams's opportunity to communicate ends as well.**

Coaches are allowed to join their team for pre-end meetings, understanding that these meetings should not exceed 60 seconds.

- There will be a 3 minute 4th end break
- Coaches are allowed to use their mic systems. Phones or tablets can be used to record game statistics, but are not permitted to be used for communication purposes.
- Any coaches who does not wish to utilize the interactions will be provided with alternate seating beyond the playing area and will maintain the ability to call timeouts as per the traditional rules of curling for competitive play (ie 2 timeouts per game and 1 timeout during any extra end). These coaches will not be allowed to communicate with their team during opposition coach interactions.

As per the Alberta Competitors Guide - we are required to follow the brush head moratorium put in place by Curling Canada. There is a pro shop with a limited supply, so please bring the appropriate brush heads.

We ask the players to be punctual putting up the scores, even after the last end. As we are updating Curling Zone each end. Please have your third deliver the score card to the main floor office after the game.

- For Women - The top two teams from each pool will move into the Championships Playoffs. The bottom two teams from each pool will move into the Consolation Playoffs. Teams will be ranked first on Win/Loss Record, Head to Head second, and then DTB totals. Once you have been placed in Championship or Consolation playoffs, those teams will be ranked 1 through 6 first by Win/Loss Record, and DTB totals second.
- For Men - The teams will be ranked 1 through 4 after round robin, first on Win/Loss Record, Head to Head second, and then DTB totals.
- Playoffs will be on the Lacombe website. During U18 playoffs, the higher ranked team will get choice of hammer OR stone colour. The team with hammer will throw first practice. During U15 Playoffs, a coin toss will determine your choice of practice or stone colour. You will complete a DTB to determine hammer.
- **Outside food is welcome. We have many good local restaurants so please support them and enjoy!**

