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**U18 Fours | U20 Fours | U20 Mixed Doubles  
General Rules**

## **General Rules**

- 1) All games 8 ends - extra end(s) to break ties after 8 ends.
- 2) No time clocks - a brisk pace of play is expected.
- 3) No pre-competition practices.
- 4) **Pre-game practices:**

### **Pre-playoffs**

- Coin flip 30 mins before scheduled game time.
- Winner has a choice of stones or practice.
- 1st practice will begin 20 minutes before the scheduled game time.
- 1st practice will always throw clockwise LSD.
- Pre-game practice will consist of each player throwing their stones up and back followed immediately by the LSD.
- Coaches off the ice during the LSD and no coaching
- LSD will consist of two different players each throwing one stone to the button - both will be measured. The same two players can throw the LSD stones each game.
- Stones missing the house will be given a distance of 199.6 cm.
- In the unlikely event both teams cumulative distances are tied at the end of pre-game practices - a coin toss will determine choice for hammer in the first end.
- A team's 1 highest individual totals will be deducted when calculating the team's overall LSD value for tiebreaker / playoff ranking purposes where necessary.

### **Playoffs**

- Higher ranked teams will have a choice of hammer or stones in the first end (higher ranked will be defined as a better record in the same or different pools or head to head victory with the same records within the same pool or higher qualification within a triple knockout draw).
  - The team with hammer will practice first with the same format for both teams minus any LSD.
  - Teams ranked by LSD totals from different pools or the same pool in the case of unsolvable ties with the same records or who have qualified with the same ranking in a triple knockout draw ( ie both A qualifiers):  
Coin flip same as pre-playoff, followed by a regular pre-playoff pre-game practice routine with LSD by both teams.
  - Playoff LSD values will not be cumulated.
  - Playoff icing will be determined by event organizers. There is potential teams will play back to back on the same sheet their last round robin game was on.
- 5) It is possible to be eliminated by LSD for unsolvable ties within the same pool or same records in different pools or in the event the draw is a RR with no pools.
  - 6) Tiebreaker time will not be scheduled unless otherwise stated in the draw

- 7) **U20 Mixed Doubles specific rules will follow Curling Canada rules:**  
<https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/mixed-doubles-rankings/mixed-doubles-rules/>
- 8) U20 Mixed Doubles LSD will be both players throwing a stone to the button the same as four person with brushing allowed. Cumulative pre-playoff values will be calculated.

### **Format Options**

- 4 teams | 1 Pool Round robin, 3 Qualifiers, Semi-final, Final
- 5 teams | 1 Pool Round robin, 4 Qualifiers, Semi-final, Final
- 6 teams | 1 Pool Round robin / 3-4 game rr ( no pools), 4 Qualifiers, Semi-final, Final
- 7 teams | 3-4 game round robin - no pools / Triple KO 4 Qualifiers, Semi-final, Final
- 8 teams | 2 Pools of 4 Round Robin, Top 2 in each pool qualify / Triple KO, Semi-final, Final
- 9 teams | Triple KO - 6 Qualify - 2 Quarters - Semi - Final
- 10 teams | 2 pools of 5 Round robin, Top 3 in each pool qualify, Quarters, Semi-final, Final
- 11 teams | Triple KO - 6 Qualify - 2 Quarters - Semi - Final
- 12 teams | 3 pools of 4 Round robin, Top 2/pool qualify, Quarters, Semi-final, Final
- Greater than 12 teams (if necessary) | Round robin, no pools, top records qualify
  - Top 2 teams based on records first. Then cumulative LSD gets a bye to the Semi-final.
  - 12 Teams will be considered a full event for each gender at this time for U18 and U20 four person events, however this is subject to change depending on number and geography of entries.
- Greater than 12 teams in the U20 Mixed Doubles events will be accommodated with format TBD based on the number of entries beyond 12 teams.