

# NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

## RULES SUPPLEMENT 2009-2010

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION “NOCA” COMPETITIONS:

It is a condition of participation in any competition provided by the NOCA that the participant does so at his/her sole risk and that the NOCA shall not be liable in any case for any loss, damage, or injury resulting from or in connection with such participation.

### GENERAL RULES GOVERNING NOCA COMPETITIONS:

The NOCA will use the rules found in the Rules of Curling for Officiated Play in the CCA Official Rulebook, September 2008, with the following exceptions and clarifications.

#### Eligibility and Registration

1. A player shall be eligible to play in an NOCA competition whether or not it leads to a Canadian championship provided he/she has paid the approved NOCA per capita fee and is a member of a NOCA member facility immediately prior to and at all times during the competition, and meets the following criteria:
  - (a) Is a bona fide resident within the defined geographical jurisdiction of the NOCA at commencement of playdowns and at all times thereafter to the end of the competition. (A bona fide resident is defined as one who lives in a house or dwelling located within the jurisdiction of the NOCA and is a resident or citizen of Canada)  
The only exception to this clause shall be members of the Canadian Forces, university or college students who are attending school on a full time basis outside their province of permanent residence or in the province where the athlete attends school, and must be enrolled on a full time basis. Also others who apply for and receive an exemption from the NOCA Board of Directors; or
  - (b) A player may only compete for one CCA curling region or province in any competition in the same curling season. (Note: Mixed playdowns that are held in March/April are considered to be held in the following season). A player representing more than one region or province may face suspension;
  - (c) All competitors playing in events leading to a National Championship must be residents and/or citizens of Canada. Exception: Men’s and Women’s championships, all competitors must be residents AND citizens of Canada.
  - (d) Teams may be formed of any players from across the entire NOCA. One member of the team must belong to the member facility in which the team is registered and actually have a domicile in that region. It will be the decision of the member facility to accept or reject affiliation of the team.

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2. For competitive play, it is the responsibility of the club NOCA representative, skip, chaperone or coach to ensure that all team personnel meet eligibility requirements. If a player or chaperone/coach is found to be ineligible after the start of play, the team shall be disqualified. All members of the team must sign a participant agreement and forward to the Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
3. A person who plays in a region or inter-region of an NOCA competition in another curling jurisdiction is ineligible to represent any other club in the same competition except;
  - (a) in a player's pool or an alternate accompanying a team to the Canadian Men's or Canadian Women's Curling Championships,
  - (b) competitors are eligible to play as an alternate/substitute at the next level, provided that they are a member of the Association and have not competed in the same competition

### Competition Entry

1. For all levels of competitions, each NOCA member facility is allowed unlimited entries at the first level of competition.
  - (a) **Entry deadline is at midnight on the stated closing date as per the competition schedule.** Entries to all competitions shall be submitted by the respective team via the online registration system (Compete-At) prior to the entry deadline. It is the teams' responsibility to verify that their entry has been received. Team personnel need to be declared on the team entry registration
  - (b) On-line entries to competitions will be paid for at the time of entry and require NOCA member facility approval prior to the entry deadline.
  - (c) The NOCA Executive Director will not accept entries after the stated deadline (no exceptions)
  - (d) Request for refund of entry fees will be reviewed on an individual basis, but as a standard policy, no refunds will be issued after the entry deadline.
  - (e) An administrative fee will be assessed on any approved refunds.
2. Teams must declare in which region (inter-region) and member facility they will be competing out of at the time of entry.
3. In the event of late withdrawal from the competition, the draw shall be revised, if possible, and teams shall be notified of any changes in the starting time.
4. A CCA competitor fee must be paid to be eligible for participation in competitions leading to National Championships, excluding Junior, Bantam and Master competitions
5. All competitors of minor age must submit a consent form with their official team competitive entry form.

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### Defaults

1. Where a qualifying team in a region or inter-region is unable or unwilling to continue in a competition, the team representative shall notify the NOCA Executive Director to this effect, within twenty-four (24) hours after qualifying for the next level of competition. That team will not be entitled to the position, rights, privileges and awards as it has defaulted and may be suspended. A runner-up team in that region shall be entitled to the position, rights, privileges and awards of the team that has defaulted.
2. Each member of a team that defaults during any level of competition, subject to paragraphs 3 and 4 below, will be suspended. Length of suspension to be determined by NOCA on a case-to-case basis.
3. The NOCA Executive Director shall notify each member of a defaulting team in writing of such suspension and the method of appealing such suspension. A suspension may be appealed in writing and/or in person to the Board of Directors of the NOCA within a period of two (2) weeks from notification of suspension and in such event the suspension shall be lifted until the appeal is heard.
4. The suspension shall not apply to the level of the competition in which the default occurred if, in the opinion of the official-in-charge or head official of the NOCA, the team in question has a reasonable explanation for a default.

### Competition Regulations

1. All competitions are considered to have started one hour prior to the scheduled pre-event practice.
2. At all levels of competition, prior to the start of the first game, the official-in-charge may ask for proof of age.
3. At all levels of competition requiring coach certification, prior to the start of the first game, the official-in-charge may ask for proof of applicable certification. The coaches CC shall be included on the team entry form.
  - (a) Coaches accompanying a Junior or Bantam team must be fully certified Level 1 (Technical, Practical and Theory = Full Certification), and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. **Exemption ended September 2009. Coaches must be fully certified and have Level 1 Technical, Theory and Practical completed.**
  - (b) Fully certified coaches between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) will be allowed to coach a team provided the team is also accompanied by a chaperone who is over the age of twenty-one (21)
  - (c) A coach accompanying a team to a Canadian Championship must have a minimum of Level 2 Coach Certification for curling and shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age
4. Coaches/Chaperones accompanying Bantam or Junior aged teams, will be required to submit a current (maximum two years) Police Reference Check to the NOCA office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the first level of competition.

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5. At all levels of the competition, a chaperone/coach is permitted to coach only one (1) team.  
*Interpretation:* A coach of a team in any competition will not be permitted to coach any other team in the same competition. When two (2) competitions are run simultaneously at the same place, such as the Junior Men and Women, a coach will not be permitted to coach a team in both competitions until such time as one team is no longer playing in the competition.
6. **No electronic equipment, except stopwatches and hearing aids, are allowed within the curling rink area.**

### Alternates/Substitutes

1. The NOCA strongly supports the utilization of four (4) player teams. In extenuating circumstances, a team shall be permitted to begin play with three (3) players as ruled by the Head Official.
2. The NOCA permits the use of fifth players at all levels of play. Each team must declare their fifth player prior to each level of competition. A team who does not declare a fifth before the start of the competition must use players from the players pool only. Eliminated players cannot be substituted during the same level of competition. However, eliminated players are eligible at any other level as part of the players pool.

Only one (1) alternate/substitute per team is allowed at any level of a competition except in Mixed where one (1) male and one (1) female alternate/substitute who are members of an NOCA affiliated facility are allowed. The alternate/substitute shall not receive any awards or prizes and shall not be acknowledged.

3. In Mixed competition, where during a game a player is unable to continue, the team:
  - (a) may play an eligible alternate/substitute; or
  - (b) may finish the game with the three (3) remaining players. Where the missing player is the first or third player, that player's stones shall be played by the remaining player of the same gender. Where the missing player is the second or fourth player, the first two (2) remaining players shall each deliver three (3) stones each end; or
  - (c) may replace the missing player by a person of the same gender chosen from a pool of several curlers appointed by the NOCA umpire. The replacement may play any position consistent with the rules of the competition.
  - (d) An alternate/substitute player shall be of the same gender as the absent player.
4. Only in the Men's NOCA Championship and the Women's Ontario Championship, shall the fifth player advance to the Canadian Championship.
5. A team shall be permitted to utilize eligible alternates/substitutes from the player pool provided to distribute playing time among more than four (4) players.
6. An alternate/substitute player participating in any NOCA competition is subject to the same requirements as the original team personnel. (Refer to Eligibility and Registration, Rules 1, 2, & 3)

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7. Three (3) members of the region, inter-region, challenge round or Superspiel winning team must be retained at subsequent levels of the competition.

### Cresting/Sponsor Identification

1. A team participating in a NOCA competition shall be allowed to wear non-competing sponsors' crests. If NOCA sponsor-provided clothing is supplied, players are asked to wear such clothing either during the games or off-ice.
2. A team competing in an NOCA provincial final other than the Men's and the Women's championship shall be allowed to wear non-competing sponsors' crests.

### The Draw

1. The NOCA Executive Director and/or Competitions Chair shall be responsible for all draws for the regions, inter-regions, Superspiels, challenge round and provincial finals. All draws will be provided to each team within three days of the entry deadline.
2. At all levels of competition the draw is pre-determined and is posted on the NOCA website. The order of games shall remain the same.

### Games

1. Three (3) games per day may be scheduled for all competitions with the following exceptions:
  - (a) at Seniors Men and Women three (3) games cannot be scheduled for two (2) consecutive days.
  - (b) At Master Men and Master Women, a maximum of two (2) games per day will be scheduled.
2. All games are ten (10) ends for all competitions except Master Women, Master Men, Bantam Boys, Bantam Girls and Dominion Club Championship which shall be eight (8) ends.
3. The compulsory fourth/fifth end break, which shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes, will be taken on the backboard behind the team's sheet of play. **Beverages and small quantities of prepared food shall be permitted provided they are in non-breakable containers.**
4. In all games of a competition played in a curling club, all extra ends shall be continuous play.
5. Time clocks are mandatory at all Provincials and are strongly recommended for all other levels of competition.
6. The NOCA Executive Director must approve changes to a posted schedule with consultation of the regional director.
7. Games may be conceded at anytime.

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8. The NOCA has adopted the **Skill-Based Team Ranking System** during all round robin competitions.
  - a. During the pre-competition practice session each team will participate in a skill- based competition. Each member of the team shall deliver one (1) rock to the center of the button, towards the home end, with sweeping. Prior to the start of each draw, one (1) member from each team will throw one (1) rock to the center of the button, towards the home end, with sweeping, to determine hammer in that game. The total accumulated distance for the team shall be their respective skill-based score and will include the cumulative distance of all but one (1) of the pre-game draw shots.  
SBTRS = Four (4) pre-competition draws + All pre-game draws – one (1) worst of pre-game draws.
  - b. Tie-breakers will be determined using the CCA special rules section 14 & 15.

### **Pre-Game Meeting and Practice**

1. A team meeting will be held at a scheduled time before the posted start time of the team's first game at each level of play of the competition. It is mandatory that each team have at least (1) representative at the team meeting. Failure to comply will result in loss of hammer for the entire competition.
2. Competition Practice:
  - (a) Every competition shall have a pre-competition practice of ten (10) minutes per sheet as scheduled.
  - (b) Each game shall have a pre-game practice of ten (10) minutes starting ½ hour prior to the start of the game. First or second practice OR choice of rocks will be decided by a coin toss, prior to the start of the practice. Unless the draw specifies rock assignment, in which case team listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and practice first.
3. At the discretion of the official-in-charge, a team having a bye in a competition and scheduled to play a team that has already played, will be allowed a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of practice time on a sheet of ice other than the sheet on which they are scheduled to play, if ice is available. This would be in addition to the ten (10) minutes of pre-game practice referred to in Rule 3 above.
4. A team receiving a bye due to a default will be permitted to practice on the sheet of ice that they would have played on for the length of time that the game would have taken (sixty minutes for an eight end game and seventy-two for a ten end game)
5. Teams shall not be permitted to select stones off other sheets of ice at the facility unless at a provincial that has a scheduled playoff format. (Note: Tie-breakers are not included in a playoff format, see specific NOCA provincial final rules for tie-breakers)
6. At any Provincial championship, any team qualified for the playoffs or tie-breakers shall meet immediately after the conclusion of the round robin. This meeting will be for clarification of the tie-breakers and rock selection for the playoffs.

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### **Officiating**

1. At region, inter-region, challenge round or Superspiel, a Club Representative or designate shall act as official-in-charge.
2. The officiating team for all Provincial events must have a minimum of one (1) Head Official, and two (2) on-ice supervisors. Each sheet shall have a timer to operate the “Rock Clock” program. At all Championships, the NOCA Head Official will be appointed and will work in consultation with the staff person or designated chairperson/region director, in charge of the event.
3. No person who is a player or coach in a competition shall be appointed or act as an official in that competition.
4. If the Club Representative or Region Director is playing or coaching or otherwise unable to officiate, he/she must appoint someone else to officiate.

### **Protests / Appeals**

1. A skip or coach may lodge a protest as to the outcome of the game on behalf of the team no later than ten (10) minutes after the completion of the game
2. The protest will be lodged with the on-site official and can be appealed to an Official-on-Call. The subsequent decision is final.
3. Other decisions made regarding the entry process, eligibility or other issues may be appealed in writing to the NOCA Executive Director within 48 hours of the original decision rendered. The appeal committee may consist of the NOCA President, the head official of the competition, Rules Chairman, NOCA Head Official and/or NOCA Executive Director as deemed necessary. The subsequent decision is final.

### **Disciplinary/Procedures**

The CCA rules found under Special Rules in the CCA Official Rulebook shall apply with the exception that appeals must be made within two (2) weeks.

### **Competition Behavior**

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated at any time during an NOCA competition (eg. Slamming of brushes in anger, willful damage to curling club, hotel or restaurant facilities, offensive and/or abusive language etc.) Such inappropriate behavior shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures as outlined in the CCA Special Rules – Dispute Settlement Mechanisms.

### **Specific Competition Rules**

The specific competition rules are listed in each Competition Handbook as well as on the NOCA website.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: December 16, 2009                      Team Entry: \$ **280.00 GST incl.**  
*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player must be a maximum of 16 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to declare one (1) bantam boy's team and one (1) bantam girl's team the Northern Ontario Bantam Champion. The NOCA Provincial Finals will be held in February annually with six (6) boy's and six (6) girl's teams competing for this right. In an Ontario Winter Games year this competition will declare three (3) Bantam Boy's and three (3) Bantam Girl's teams as representatives to the Ontario Winter Games. In 2010, and every four years after, the OWG games Bantam Boy's and Bantam Girl's winner will advance to the Canada Winter Games in 2011, and every four years after.

### **INTER-REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **1. Method to advance two (2) Bantam Boy's and two (2) Bantam Girl's teams to NOCA Provincial finals.**

The format will be an open entry with no maximum threshold to qualifying number of teams from each inter-region. The Bantam Boy's and Bantam Girl's may be combined or separate based on club availability and hosting options. If at Inter-Region only two (2) teams are registered, that inter-region will compete for one (1) spot only to Provincials. This competition will be a best two out of three. The extra provincial qualifying team will be assigned to the inter-region with the most participation. If both other inter-regions are tied in number of teams then the past history (last year's inter-region) will receive the extra spot.

#### **2. Competition format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing to represent the inter-region.

Four (4) teams or less    -    Double round robin  
Five (5) to Seven (7) teams -    Single round robin  
Eight (8) teams or more -    Triple Knockout with qualifiers

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### 3. Draw

In a knockout draw, teams will peer review all entries in their competition, (All teams will rank the other teams – not their own), for seeding in the knockout draw. Once field or ranking is finalized the Executive Director and or Competition Chairman shall position teams in the draw.

Teams will flip a coin for choice of rock color or choice of first or second practice, **but not both**. Team with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie. See draws posted in draw manual.

### 4. Tie-Breakers (only required if round robin draw is used)

Teams tied for a qualifying position will be decided by reviewing the CCA Special Rules section 14 & 15. If at the conclusion of play teams are tied then the NOCA Competition Chair, Head Official, and/or Executive Director, shall meet (via phone) to make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breakers draw shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final.

During any tie-breaker game the team that won the head to head match shall have choice of hammer or rock color but not both.

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### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 1. **Qualification to advance six (6) Bantam Boy's and six (6) Bantam Girl's teams to the NOCA Provincials annually**

- (a) Three (3) Bantam Boy's and three (3) Bantam Girl's Inter-Region 'A' winners as defined by the region map
- (b) Three (3) Bantam Boy's and three (3) Bantam Girl's Inter-Region 'B' winners as defined by the region map

#### 2. **Competition Format**

The Provincial Championship will be a six (6) team round robin.

- 1. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 2. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 3. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 4. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 5. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 6. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep

#### 3. **Draw**

Team that is listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and will practice first. In the opening draw the team that is listed first will have hammer and throw top of the scoreboard color by virtue of their finish in Regions. Teams with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. Except for the first draw, during the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.

**See draw posted in draw manual**

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### 4. Tie-Breakers

Teams tied for a playoff position will be decided by reviewing the CCA Special Rules section 14 & 15.

The top two (2) boy's and top two (2) girl's teams after the round robin will advance to the playoff round or a tie-breaker shall occur to decide the top two teams.

If at the conclusion of the final draw there are teams tied for a playoff position, the Head Official(s), and the NOCA Competition Chairman and/or Executive Director, shall convene and make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breaker draw(s) shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final. The teams involved in tie-breakers shall use the rocks provided on the sheet assigned with the team that won their round robin game having choice of hammer or rock color but not both. This process will be used for all subsequent tie-breaker games.

### 5. Playoffs

The playoffs for Bantam Boy's and the Bantam Girl's division will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team versus the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team.

**\*\* If a team is undefeated after round robin play, they must be defeated twice in order to declare a champion.**

In the playoffs the choice of rocks will be given as follows:

If first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team is clearly ranked number one (not tied) then this team will receive hammer and choice of rocks from any sheet that was used. In odd number years the boys shall choose first and in even number years the girls shall choose first. After both first place teams have chosen, then the second place teams shall chose. Under no circumstance will rock handles be changed. A team must choose a set of rocks from one sheet of the same color.

If both teams are tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) position then the team that won the round robin game shall have choice of hammer or rocks but not both. The team that gets first choice shall proceed following the same rules as above.

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The Northern Ontario Curling Association is made up of six (6) regions across Northern Ontario. Please refer to the NOCA website ([www.curlnoc.ca](http://www.curlnoc.ca)) for further information.

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### **JURISDICTION**

The provincial curling championships governed by the Northern Ontario Curling Association are:

- Women's Curling Championship
- Men's Curling Championship
- Mixed Curling Championship
- Junior Men and Women Curling Championship
- Senior Men and Women Curling Championship
- Bantam Boys and Girls Curling Championship
- Master Men & Women Curling Championship
- Wheelchair Curling
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship

The Northern Ontario Curling Association has the authority to make decisions, as it considers necessary, to handle any situation not covered by the rules. This includes the authority to amend rules where emergency situations during competition so warrant.

### **LINES OF COMMAND**

The NOCA is the policy decision forum for Provincial Championships. Two directors are from each of the six (6) regions in the Province of Northern Ontario for a total of twelve (12). However, the actual coordination and running of a particular championship is delegated to the host committee having jurisdiction at the host site with the aid of the Executive Director, Head Official and the Competition Chairperson. At all times the ruling of the NOCA shall overrule any local officials if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the NOCA. Generally, all matters that are of concern to a Host Committee should be directed to the NOCA Executive Director, Head Official, Competitions Chairperson and/or Regional Directors.

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### HOW IT ALL WORKS

The playdowns will be played under the “Rules of Officiated Play” as specified in the latest edition of the rulebook published by the Canadian Curling Association as well as the NOCA Rules Supplement and Bantam Boys and Girls Competition Handbook.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Transportation and Accommodation

The NOCA will pay each Team a partial travel and accommodation subsidy. The travel allotment is capped at the total of all entries (the team pool is \$ 240/team). The calculation for travel allotment for all teams will be as follows:  
Total entries for inter-regions X \$240 / 12 teams = TOTAL COMPENSATION  
(will be travel distance equalized)

#### B. Meals and Hospitality Room

You are responsible for your own meals. The Host Committee will be responsible for a player’s luncheon or dinner during the competition and a hospitality room at the host hotel. The host committee will advise you of any other functions provided.

#### C. Dress Standards

Dress code applies to ALL players. Players are asked to wear a matching outfit at all times when on the ice, including all ceremonies. On-ice outfit will include either:

- **Matching jacket, shirts, sweater or vest**

#### D. Team sponsorship

The NOCA has placed restrictions on the display of team sponsor commercial messages on team uniforms to protect the value of event properties. No logo may be worn that directly competes with any sponsor of the NOCA Provincial Championship or NOCA as a whole. This decision recognizes that Provincial Championships are funded by dollars received from the curling community. The NOCA recognizes the importance of team sponsors and values their participation in the sport. The NOCA reserves the right to refuse any team logo that does not meet the criteria or is deemed to be offensive in nature. At times sponsors of the NOCA may provide clothing for teams participating in a Provincial Championship and teams are asked to wear said clothing at appropriate times.

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### E. Official Obligations

A member of each team may be called upon to offer special thanks to the Host Committee, the Sponsor and NOCA at different functions during the championship. **Attendance is mandatory at all related functions.**

### F. Conduct (All competitors)

As the provincial championship, a show piece of curling in Northern Ontario is viewed by many spectators and the media, players are requested to conduct themselves on and off the ice in an appropriate manner. The Head Official may intervene at any time, in any game, if a team, player or coach is displaying questionable behavior or using abusive language.

### G. Media

Players are requested to co-operate with the media and grant interviews when requested. Remember, there is no such a thing as an “off the record” comment.

### H. Team Meeting

Each team must have a delegate (one team member and/or coach) attend a meeting with the Head Official or Supervising Officials and the championship chair as outlined in the official schedule of events. At that time, any questions you have on officiating or rule interpretation will be discussed. The competitors will be advised at this time of the level of officiating that they may expect at the championship. Failure to attend the meeting will result in forfeiting hammer for the duration of the championship.

A team meeting will take place immediately following the final draw to clarify the process for tie-breakers, playoff and rock selection.

### I. Coaches

Coaches accompanying a team must be fully certified Level 1, (Technical, Practical, & Theory = Full Certification), and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

**Note:** Fully certified coaches between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) will be allowed to coach a team at the Junior Men or Junior Women competition provided the team is also accompanied by a chaperone who is over the age of twenty-one (21).

Coaches/Chaperones accompanying Bantam or Junior aged teams will be required to submit a current (maximum two years old) Police Reference Check to the NOCA office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the first level of competition. (if on file from previous year do not re-submit)

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**J. Drug Testing**

Athletes must be aware that random Drug Testing may occur at Provincial Championships. Penalties are outlined in the CCA Rulebook.

**K. Team Photos**

All teams will have a team photo taken prior to the start of the competitions. All team members are to be in full curling uniform.

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BANTAM BOYS & BANTAM GIRLS COMPETITION HANDBOOK  
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CONSENT FORM and PROOF OF AGE

REGION # \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ (only required if child is under 18 years of age)

BANTAM \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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## JUNIOR MEN'S & JUNIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITION HANDBOOK And COMPETITORS GUIDE 2009-2010

ENTRY DEADLINE: **November 4, 2009** Team Entry: \$ **280.00 GST incl.**

*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player must be a maximum of 20 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to declare one (1) junior men's team and one (1) junior women's team to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Junior Championship each year. The NOCA Provincial finals will be held in January annually with six (6) men's and six (6) women's teams competing for this right.

**REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS (not required at this time)**

### **INTER-REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **1. Method to advance two (2) Junior Men's and two (2) Junior Women's teams to NOCA Provincial finals.**

The format will be an open entry with no maximum threshold to qualifying number of teams from each inter-region. The Junior Men's and Junior Girl's may be combined or separate based on club availability and hosting options. If at Inter-Region only two (2) teams are registered, that inter-region will compete for one (1) spot only to Provincials. This competition will be a best two out of three. The extra provincial qualifying team will be assigned to the inter-region with the most participation. If both other inter-regions are tied in number of teams then the past history (last year's inter-region) will receive the extra spot.

#### **2. Competition format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing to represent the inter-region.

Four (4) teams or less - Double round robin  
Five (5) to Seven (7) teams - Single round robin  
Eight (8) teams or more - Triple Knockout with qualifiers

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### 3. Draw

In a knockout draw, teams will peer review all entries in their competition, (All teams will rank the other teams – not their own), for seeding in the knockout draw. Once field or ranking is finalized the Executive Director and or Competition Chairman shall position teams in the draw.

Teams will flip a coin for choice of rock color or choice of first or second practice, **but not both**. Team with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie. See draws posted in draw manual.

### 4. Tie-Breakers (only required if round robin draw is used)

Teams tied for a qualifying position will be decided by reviewing the CCA Special Rules section 14 & 15. If at the conclusion of play teams are tied then the NOCA Competition Chair, Head Official, and/or Executive Director, shall meet (via phone) to make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breakers draw shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final.

During any tie-breaker game the team that won the head to head match shall have choice of hammer or rock color but not both.

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### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 1. **Qualification to advance six (6) Junior Men's and six (6) Junior Women's teams to the NOCA Provincials annually**

- (a) Three (3) Junior Men's and three (3) Junior Women's Inter-Region 'A' winners as defined by the region map
- (b) Three (3) Junior Men's and three (3) Junior Women's Inter-Region 'B' winners as defined by the region map

#### 2. **Competition Format**

The Provincial Championship will be a six (6) team round robin.

- 1. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 2. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 3. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 4. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 5. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 6. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep

#### 3. **Draw**

Team that is listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and will practice first. In the opening draw the team that is listed first will have hammer and throw top of the scoreboard color by virtue of their finish in Regions. Teams with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. Except for the first draw, during the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.

**See draw posted in draw manual**

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### 4. Tie-Breakers

Teams tied for a playoff position will be decided by reviewing the CCA Special Rules section 14 & 15.

The top two (2) boy's and top two (2) girl's teams after the round robin will advance to the playoff round or a tie-breaker shall occur to decide the top two teams.

If at the conclusion of the final draw there are teams tied for a playoff position, the Head Official(s), and the NOCA Competition Chairman and/or Executive Director, shall convene and make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breaker draw(s) shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final.

The teams involved in tie-breakers shall use the rocks provided on the sheet assigned with the team that won their round robin game having choice of hammer or rock color but not both. This process will be used for all subsequent tie-breaker games.

### 5. Playoffs

The playoffs for Junior Men's and the Junior Women's division will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team versus the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team.

**\*\* If a team is undefeated after round robin play, they must be defeated twice in order to declare a champion.**

In the playoffs the choice of rocks will be given as follows:

If first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team is clearly ranked number one (not tied) then this team will receive hammer and choice of rocks from any sheet that was used. In odd number years the men shall choose first and in even number years the women shall choose first. After both first place teams have chosen then the second place teams shall chose. Under no circumstance will rock handles be changed. A team must choose a set of rocks from one sheet of the same color.

If both teams are tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) position then the team that won the round robin game shall have choice of hammer or rocks but not both. The team that gets first choice shall proceed following the same rules as above.

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### HOW IT ALL WORKS

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Transportation and Accommodation

The NOCA will pay each Team a partial travel and accommodation subsidy. The travel allotment is capped at the total of all entries (the team pool is \$ 240/team). The calculation for travel allotment for all teams will be as follows:  
Total entries for inter-regions X \$240 / 12 teams = TOTAL COMPENSATION  
(will be travel distance equalized)

#### B. Meals and Hospitality Room

You are responsible for your own meals. The Host Committee will be responsible for a player's luncheon or dinner during the competition and a hospitality room at the host hotel. The host committee will advise you of any other functions provided.

#### C. Dress Standards

Dress code applies to **ALL** players. Players are asked to wear a matching outfit at all times when on the ice, including all ceremonies. On-ice outfit will include either:

- **Matching jacket, shirt, sweater or vest**

#### D. Team sponsorship

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### **E. Official Obligations**

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### **I. Coaches**

Coaches accompanying teams must be fully certified Level 1, (Technical, Practical, & Theory = Full Certification), and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

**Note:** Fully certified coaches between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) will be allowed to coach a team at the Junior Men or Junior Women competition provided the team is also accompanied by a chaperone who is over the age of twenty-one (21).

Coaches/Chaperones accompanying Bantam or Junior aged teams will be required to submit a current (maximum two years old) Police Reference Check to the NOCA office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the first level of competition. (if on file from previous year do not re-submit)

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**K. Team Photos**

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CONSENT FORM and PROOF OF AGE

REGION # \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ (only required if child is under 18 years of age)

BANTAM \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, grant permission for my daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Junior/Bantam playdowns and assure that she/he will be allowed to advance to the next levels if successful. I agree that the Northern Ontario Curling Association will not be held responsible in anyway, in case of accident or injury.

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**PLEASE attach proof of competitor's age here:**

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ENTRY DEADLINE: November 4, 2009

Team Entry: \$ **340.00 GST incl.**

*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player shall be 19 years of age or over on December 31, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to advance four (4)\* teams to the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The Provincial finals will be held in December annually with an open bonspiel format being used.

**PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**1. Method to advance four teams to the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts.**

The format will be an open entry with no maximum threshold to number of teams participating.

**2. Competition Format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing to represent the province.

Four (4) teams or less - No Championship  
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**3. Draw**

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See draws posted in draw manual

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**4. Playoffs**

In a **round robin draw** the clear winner (not tied) will be declared Northern Ontario Champion. If teams are tied for first, then a one game final will be held to declare a Champion.

In a **triple knockout draw** the A and B qualifier will play a one game final to declare a Champion.

In the playoff round the choice of rocks will be as follows:

*Note: In selecting rocks teams must choose a full set from one competition sheet and no handles are to be exchanged. All teams will receive a ten minute practice session (if so desired) to decide on rocks. All teams must give their decision to the Head Official within five (5) minutes of being asked.*

The first place team or 'A' qualifier shall choose one set of rocks followed by the second place team or 'B' qualifier.

\*\* Due to the Olympic qualifying process in 2009, if a team from Northern Ontario (Team McCarville) qualifies for the Olympic Trials which conflicts with the NOCA Provincials, that team will receive an automatic berth to the Ontario Scotties. In the event this occurs there will be three qualifying spots for the Ontario Scotties.

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**B. Meals and Hospitality Room**

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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** see each event

**Team Entry:** see each event

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**Each player shall be 19 years of age or over on December 31, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to advance one team to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Men's Curling Championship each year. The Provincial finals will be held in February annually with twelve (12) teams competing for this right.

### **EAST/WEST NOCA/NOCT SUPERSPIEL      Entry \$ 550 per event (GST incl)**

**West Superspiel    November 13-15, 2009    Entry Deadline - October 14, 2009**

**East Superspiel    December 4-6, 2009      Entry Deadline - November 14, 2009**

#### **1. Qualification for Superspiel**

- (a) This is an open cash spiel to declare one champion with that team advancing (if qualified under the residency rules) directly to the Provincial Championships. If winner not eligible then next eligible team will receive the berth.
- (b) Teams may be formed of any players but to receive the Provincial berth the entire team must meet the eligibility and registration rules that are stated in the NOCA Rules Supplement (2009-2010).

#### **2. Competition format**

- (a) The format will be a triple knockout draw with eight qualifiers.
- (b) Teams will be accepted until the entry deadline up to a maximum of thirty-two (32) teams.

#### **3. Draw**

- (a) The draw will be based on the number of teams entered at the deadline. Each entry will be seeded using a combination of NOCT Tour points and Thunder Bay Major League results. In the East, preference will be given to NOCT points while in the West preference will be given to Major League results.
- (b) Teams will flip a coin for choice of rock color or first practice. Each team will practice (continuously) by throwing one (1) rock two times. After their practice session, the team that won the coin toss will have one member deliver one (1) stone to the center of the button, towards the home end with brushing. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game.

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**REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS      Deadline: December 16      Entry: \$ 280  
(includes CCA competitor fees & GST)**

### 1. Method to declare one champion

- (a) Region Championships are open to any team that has satisfied the criteria set forth in the eligibility guidelines
- (b) Each region will advance one (1) team directly to Provincials. If a region has only one registration that Region will forfeit the provincial spot and the team will compete in the Region Championship whose host club for the regional event is geographically closest to their domicile. The forfeited provincial spot will be added to the Challenge Round (East or West) using the following criteria;
  - Combined Region with most entries (Region 1-2-3 / Region 4-5-6),
  - if equal, then the Challenge Round with most entries, or
  - if still tied then the Combined Region Provincial Host for that year.

### 2. Competition format

The format will be based on total number of entries to declare a region champion.

Four or less : Double Round Robin

Five to Seven: Round Robin

Eight or more: Triple Knockout to a Page playoff

### 3. Draw

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### CHALLENGE ROUND (EAST/WEST)

**Deadline: January 19**

**Entry: \$ 160.00 (GST incl)**

#### **1. Method to advance two (2) teams from the East and two (2) teams from the West to Provincials.**

Open entry to any team that has participated in a Region Championship. Teams may sign-up for either the East or West Challenge Round.

#### **2. Competition format**

Four (4) teams or less: *Double Round Robin*

Five (5) to Seven (7) teams: *Round Robin*

Eight (8) or more: *Triple Knockout with four (4) qualifiers to a Double*

#### **3. Draw**

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### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### **1. Method to advance twelve (12) teams to Provincials annually;**

- (a) One (1) West Superspiel Qualifier
- (b) One (1) East Superspiel Qualifier
- (c) Six (6) Region Champions (one per Region)
- (d) Two (2) West and two (2) East Challenge Round qualifiers

#### **2. Competition Format**

The Provincial Championship will be a twelve (12) round robin with four teams advancing to a final page system.

#### **3. Draw**

Team that is listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and will practice first. Teams with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.

**See draw posted in draw manual**

#### **4. Tie-Breakers**

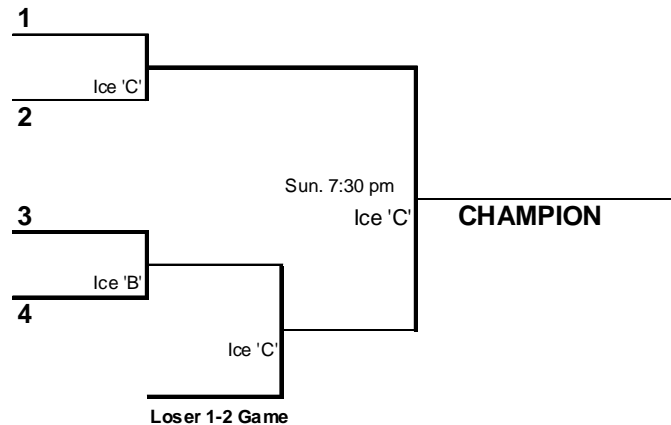
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or rock color but not both. This process will be used for all subsequent tie-breaker games.

### 5. Playoffs



In the first round of the playoffs the choice of rocks will be as follows:

*Note: In selecting rocks teams must choose a full set from one competition sheet and no handles are to be exchanged. All teams will receive a ten minute practice session (if so desired) to decide on rocks. Teams must give their decision to the Head Official within five (5) minutes of being asked.*

1 – 2 game; 1 will be given hammer and choice of rocks from any set available on the ice sheets. 2 will then choose rocks of other color from any set available on the ice sheets.

3 – 4 game; 3 will be given hammer and choice of rocks from any set available on the ice sheets. 4 will then choose rocks of other color from any set available on the ice sheets.

In the second round the choice of rocks will be as follows:

The team that won the 1 – 2 game will be given choice of rocks and those rocks will remain theirs until the final is complete. (rocks unavailable to other teams)

The team that lost the 1 - 2 game will receive hammer and choice of rocks. That team will choose their rocks from the remaining sets, followed by the winner of the 3-4 game who will then choose a set of the other color available. The team will have five (5) minutes to decide once asked by the Head Official.

In the final the choice of rocks will be as follows:

The team that won the 1 – 2 game will have hammer and choice of rocks (which they have already chosen). The team without hammer will then decide on rocks of other color and no additional time to practice is given. The team will have five (5) minutes to decide once asked by the Head Official.

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Total allotment / 12 teams = TOTAL COMPENSATION (will be travel distance equalized)

#### B. Meals and Hospitality Room

You are responsible for your own meals. The Host Committee will be responsible for a player's luncheon or dinner during the competition and a hospitality room at the host hotel. The host committee will advise you of any other functions provided.

#### C. Dress Standards

Dress code applies to ALL players. Players are asked to wear a matching outfit at all times when on the ice, including all ceremonies. On-ice outfit will include either:

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#### D. Team sponsorship

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### **I. Drug Testing**

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ENTRY DEADLINE: **February 24, 2010**

Team Entry: **\$ 140.00 GST incl.**

*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player shall be 19 years of age or over on December 31, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to advance one (1) Mixed Champion to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Mixed Championship each year. The NOCA Provincial finals will be held in March annually with six (6) teams competing for this right.

### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1. Entry is open to any team who meets the criteria to compete. This is an open bonspiel format to be held annually.**
- 2. Competition Format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing.

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### 5. Playoffs

The playoffs for Mixed will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team versus the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team. In a triple knockout draw the page playoff format will be used.

**\*\* If a team is undefeated after round robin play, they must be defeated twice in order to declare a champion.**

In the playoffs the choice of rocks will be given as follows:

If first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team is clearly ranked number one (not tied) then this team will receive hammer and choice of rocks from any sheet that was used. Under no circumstance will rock handles be changed. A team must choose a set of rocks from one sheet of the same color.

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NO TRAVEL ALLOTMENT WILL BE PAID due to lower entry fee.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: **December 30, 2009** Team Entry: **\$ 280.00 GST incl.**

*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player shall be a minimum of 60 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to advance one (1) men's and one (1) women's team to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Masters Championship each year. The NOCA Provincial finals will be held in January annually.

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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#### **2. Competition Format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing.

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Dress code applies to **ALL** players. Players are asked to wear a matching outfit at all times when on the ice, including all ceremonies. On-ice outfit will include either:

- **Matching jacket, shirt, sweater or vest**

**D. Team sponsorship**

The NOCA has placed restrictions on the display of team sponsor commercial messages on team uniforms to protect the value of event properties. No logo may be worn that directly competes with any sponsor of the NOCA Provincial Championship or NOCA as a whole. This decision recognizes that Provincial Championships are funded by dollars received from the curling community. The NOCA recognizes the importance of team sponsors and values their participation in the sport. The NOCA reserves the right to refuse any team logo that does not meet the criteria or is deemed to be offensive in nature. At times sponsors of the NOCA may provide clothing for teams participating in a Provincial Championship and teams are asked to wear said clothing at appropriate times.

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### **E. Official Obligations**

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### **F. Conduct (All competitors)**

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### **G. Media**

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A team meeting will take place immediately following the final draw to explain the process for tie-breakers, playoff and rock selection.

### **I. Team Photos**

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ENTRY DEADLINE: **December 9, 2009**      Team Entry: **\$ 340.00 GST incl.**  
*\*\* All entries must be received by the Executive Director and paid prior to the entry deadline \*\**

**Each player must be a minimum of 50 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

The object of this competition is to advance one (1) senior men's team and one (1) senior women's team to represent Northern Ontario at the Canadian Senior Championship each year. The NOCA Provincial finals will be held in late February or March annually with six (6) men's and six (6) women's teams competing for this right.

**REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS (not required at this time)**

### **INTER-REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **1. Method to advance two (2) Senior Men's and two (2) Senior Women's teams to NOCA Provincial finals.**

The format will be an open entry with no maximum threshold to qualifying number of teams from each inter-region. The Senior Men's and Senior Women's may be combined or separate based on club availability and hosting options. If at Inter-Region only two (2) teams are registered, that inter-region will compete for one (1) spot only to Provincials. This competition will be a best two out of three. The extra provincial qualifying team will be assigned to the inter-region with the most participation. If both other inter-regions are tied in number of teams then the past history (last year's inter-region) will receive the extra spot.

#### **2. Competition format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing to represent the inter-region.

Four (4) teams or less    -    Double round robin  
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### 3. Draw

In a knockout draw, teams will peer review all entries in their competition, (All teams will rank the other teams – not their own), for seeding in the knockout draw. Once field or ranking is finalized the Executive Director and or Competition Chairman shall position teams in the draw.

Teams will flip a coin for choice of rock color or choice of first or second practice, **but not both**. Team with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.  
See draws posted in draw manual

### 4. Tie-Breakers (only required if round robin draw is used)

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If at the conclusion of the final draw there are teams tied for a playoff position, the Head Official(s), and the NOCA Competition Chairman and/or Executive Director, shall convene and make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breaker draw(s) shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final. The teams involved in tie-breakers shall use the rocks provided on the sheet assigned with the team that won their round robin game having choice of hammer or rock color but not both. This process will be used for all subsequent tie-breaker games.

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### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 1. **Qualification to advance six (6) Senior Men's and six (6) Senior Women's teams to the NOCA Provincials annually**

- (a) Three (3) Senior Men's and three (3) Senior Women's Inter-Region 'A' winners as defined by the region map
- (b) Three (3) Senior Men's and three (3) Senior Women's Inter-Region 'B' winners as defined by the region map

#### 2. **Competition Format**

The Provincial Championship will be a six (6) team round robin.

- 1. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 2. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 3. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'A' rep
- 4. Host Provincial Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 5. Past Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep
- 6. Next Provincial Host Inter-Region 'B' rep

#### 3. **Draw**

Team that is listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and will practice first. In the opening draw the team that is listed first will have hammer and throw top of the scoreboard color by virtue of their finish in Regions. Teams with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. Except for the first draw, during the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.

**See draw posted in draw manual**

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### 5. Playoffs

The playoffs for Senior Men's and the Senior Women's division will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team versus the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team.

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In the playoffs the choice of rocks will be given as follows:

If first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team is clearly ranked number one (not tied) then this team will receive hammer and choice of rocks from any sheet that was used. In odd number years the men shall choose first and in even number years the women shall choose first. After both first place teams have chosen, then the second place teams shall choose. Under no circumstance will rock handles be changed. A team must choose a set of rocks from one sheet of the same color.

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The competition executive for 2009-2010 is:

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The NOCA is the policy decision forum for Provincial Championships. Two directors are from each of the six (6) regions in the Province of Northern Ontario for a total of twelve (12). However, the actual coordination and running of a particular championship is delegated to the host committee having jurisdiction at the host site with the aid of the Executive Director, Head Official and the Competition Chairperson. At all times the ruling of the NOCA shall overrule any local officials if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the NOCA. Generally, all matters that are of concern to a Host Committee should be directed to the NOCA Executive Director, Head Official, Competitions Chairperson and/or Regional Directors.

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### HOW IT ALL WORKS

The playdowns will be played under the "Rules of Officiated Play" as specified in the latest edition of the rulebook published by the Canadian Curling Association as well as the NOCA Rules Supplement and Bantam Boys and Girls Competition Handbook.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Transportation and Accommodation

The NOCA will pay each Team a partial travel and accommodation subsidy. The travel allotment is capped at the total of all entries. ( the team pool is \$ 200/team). The calculation for travel allotment for all teams will be as follows:  
Total entries for inter-regions X \$200 / 12 teams = TOTAL COMPENSATION  
(will be travel distance equalized)

#### B. Meals and Hospitality Room

You are responsible for your own meals. The Host Committee will be responsible for a player's luncheon or dinner during the competition and a hospitality room at the host hotel. The host committee will advise you of any other functions provided.

#### C. Dress Standards

Dress code applies to ALL players. Players are asked to wear a matching outfit at all times when on the ice, including all ceremonies. On-ice outfit will include:

- **Matching jacket, shirts, sweater or vest**

#### D. Team sponsorship

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### **F. Conduct (All competitors)**

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### **G. Media**

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A team meeting will take place immediately following the final draw to explain the process for tie-breakers, playoff and rock selection.

### **I. Drug Testing**

Athletes must be aware that random Drug Testing may occur at Provincial Championships. Penalties are outlined in the CCA Rulebook.

### **J. Team Photos**

All teams will have a team photo taken prior to the start of the competitions. All team members are to be in full curling uniform.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: February 12, 2010

Team Entry: \$ 200.00 GST incl.

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**The Dominion rules state that each team is to be comprised of 4 club players, with each team being allowed a maximum of two players under the age of 20 as of December 31 2009. Each team will be allowed only one player who has played in a men's women's or senior provincial event in the current or previous year. See The Dominion eligibility rules at [www.thedominioncurls.ca](http://www.thedominioncurls.ca).**

The object of this competition is to declare one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team to represent Northern Ontario at the Dominion of Canada National Club Champions of Champions each year. The NOCA Provincial finals will be held in April annually with six (6) men's and six (6) women's teams competing for this right.

### **REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **1. Method to advance one (1) Men's and one (1) Women's teams to NOCA Provincial finals.**

Each member club of the NOCA that has submitted their online entry to The Dominion Curling Club Championship by January 31, 2010, using the NOCA's online registration, is eligible to send one (1) men's and one (1) women's team to a Region playdown.

#### **2. Competition format**

The format will be decided by the number of teams competing in the region.

Four (4) teams or less - Double round robin  
Five (5) to Seven (7) teams - Single round robin  
Eight (8) teams or more - Triple Knockout with qualifiers

#### **3. Draw**

In a knockout draw, teams will be placed in the draw randomly by the Competition Chairman and/or Executive Director. Teams will flip a coin for choice of rock color or choice of first or second practice, **but not both**. Team with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will

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have hammer in the game. In the case where the first team to throw has a measure of zero or 1.864m that team is asked to throw a second rock immediately (any player may throw this rock) in case of a tie.  
See draws posted in draw manual.

#### **4. Tie-Breakers (only required if round robin draw is used)**

Teams tied for a qualifying position will be decided by reviewing the CCA Special Rules section 14 & 15. If at the conclusion of play there are teams tied then the NOCA Competition Chair, Regional Director, and/or Executive Director, shall meet (via phone) to make rulings regarding tie-breakers. The tie-breakers draw shall be posted based on the decision of the above and shall be final. During any tie-breaker game the team that won the head to head match shall have choice of hammer or rock color but not both.

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **1. Qualification to advance six (6) Men's and six (6) Women's teams to the NOCA Provincials annually**

(a) Six (6) Men's and six (6) Women's Region winners as defined by the region map

#### **2. Competition Format**

The Provincial Championship will be a six (6) team round robin.

1. Host Provincial Region rep
2. Host + 1 Region rep (ie, in 2009 Host is region 5 this would be Region 6)
3. Host + 2 Region rep ( in 2009 Region 1)
4. Host + 3 Region rep ( in 2009 Region 2)
5. Host + 4 Region rep ( in 2009 Region 3)
6. Host + 5 Region rep ( in 2009 Region 4)

#### **3. Draw**

Team that is listed first will have top of the scoreboard color and will practice first. Teams with first practice will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. During the team's ten (10) minute practice session, one member of the team will deliver one (1) stone towards the home end with brushing. (The team's draw must be completed prior to the conclusion of the ten minute session). Stones will be measured from the center of the button. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the center of the button shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the six-foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 1.864m. The team's stone that is closest to the center of the button will

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