



COMPETITION CHANGES FOR 2011-12 SEASON

At the June 2011 NOCA Board meeting, the Competitions Committee reviewed the status of competitions for the past three years and recommended changes for the 2011-2012 season for the Junior Men & Women, Senior Men & Women and Bantam Boys & Girls.

The rationale for the recommended changes is to decrease travel, and increase participation.

The following changes were approved by the NOCA Board and will be implemented this season for Bantams, Juniors, and Seniors:

- **Inter-region playdowns will be eliminated, with the first level of play being regional playdowns.**
- **The number of teams (of each gender) playing at provincials will increase from 6 to 8.**
- **Each existing region will qualify 1 team with the larger regions (regions 2 and 5) receiving 2 spots**
- **Regions 1, 3, 4, and 6 must have 2 teams participating to receive their Region's spot at provincials.**
- **Regions 2 and 5 must have 4 teams participating to receive their 2 spots at provincials.**
- **If a region does not have the required number of teams participating they will compete with the next geographically closest region. The additional spot will be awarded to the region with the most entries.**
- **For competition purposes only, Espanola and the Manitoulin Island clubs will compete with Region 5 to balance competition numbers, and reduce travel.**

The Competitions Committee believes that the reduced travel in each Region will allow teams who would not have travelled the extreme distances in the past to participate. This pilot project will be reviewed annually with the goal being a noticeable increase in participation at all levels.

The Competition Schedule for the 2011-12 season is attached.

Competition Manuals will be posted on the NOCA website before the end of the summer.

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NOCA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011-2012 SEASON (July 28, 2011)

	Bantam		Junior		DOMINION	SCOTTIES	Mixed	Senior		Masters		DOMINION	Wheelchair
	Boys	Girls	Men	Women	Men	Women		Men	Women	Men	Women	Men & Women	
Entry Deadline	December 23		November 11		December 16	November 18	March 2	January 6		February 10		February 17	January 6
Entry Costs	\$340		\$340		\$300	\$300	\$180	\$300		\$340		\$260	\$340
REGIONS	Jan. 13 - 15		Dec. 2 - 4		Jan. 5 - 8			Jan. 27 - 29				Mar. 2012	
1	Atikokan		Keewatin		Fort Frances			Red Lake				Dryden	
2	Region 2		Region 2		PACC			Region 2				Region 2	
3	Geraldton		Region 3		Terrace Bay			Longlac				Region 3	
4	Region 4		Soo Curlers		Thessalon CC			Region 4				Espanola	
5	Region 5		Region 5		Region 5			Region 5				Capreol	
6	Region 6		Region 6		Region 6			Region 6				Region 6	
QUALIFIER					Jan. 20 - 22								
Entry Deadline					Jan. 11								
Entry Costs					\$200								
					East - Reg. # 5								
					West -FWCC								
N.ONTARIO	Feb. 3 - 5							Dec. 8 - 11					
	Kakebeka	Region 2						Copper Cliff					
PROVINCIALS	Mar. 5 - 12		Jan. 5 - 8		Feb. 5 -12	Jan. 23 - 29	Mar. 23 - 25	Feb. 23 - 26		Mar. 2 - 4		Mar. 29 - Apr 1	Jan. 27 - 29
	Collingwood (OWG)		Region 1	Sioux Lkt	Soo Curlers	Kenora	Geraldton	Region 6	Region 6	Tarentarous CC		New Liskeard	Sudbury CC
CANADIAN			Feb. 4 - 12		Mar 3 - 11	Feb 18 - 26	Nov. 12-19	Mar 17 - 24		Mar. 26 - Apr. 1		Nov-2012	Mar 18-25
			Napanee, ON		Saskatoon, SK	Red Deer, AB	Sudbury, ON	Abbotsford, BC		Montreal, PQ		Scarborough	Thunder Bay
WORLDS			Mar 3 - 11		Mar 31 - Apr 8	Mar 17 - 25	April 23-29	April 14-21					Feb 18-25
			Oesterund, Sweden		Basel, Switzerland	Lethbridge, AB	TBD	TBD					Korea

Travel time is not included in the above dates

OTHER EVENTS	Dates
Kia Cup - Superspiel - Soo Curlers	Oct. 28 - 30
Courtesy Freight Superspiel - Port Arthur CC	Nov. 11 - 14
Grand Slam - Sault Ste. Marie	Nov. 2 - 6
Canada Cup - Cranbrook	Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
Continental Cup (Langley)	Jan. 12 - 15
Grand Slam (Cdn Open) -	Jan. 25 - 29
World University Games- Japan	Mar. 14 - 18
OFSAA curling	Mar. 20 - 24
CIS/CCA University	Mar. 14 - 18
Players Champ -	Apr. 10 - 15

