





## **2026 MANITOBA WINTER GAMES**

## Curling Technical Package

Technical Packages are a critical element of the Manitoba Games. They guide the selection of teams by detailing age and eligibility requirements, govern competition by outlining tournament formats and scoring procedures, and identify the minimum/maximum number of participants permitted by region.

Technical Packages are developed 12-18 months prior to the Games by the relevant Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) following the standards set in place by Sport Manitoba.

After publication, any changes to the Technical Packages must be approved by Sport Manitoba – requests should first be sent to the PSO for consideration. Adjustments to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes, or competition formats will not be considered within six months of the start of Games.

#### 1. SPORT: CURLING

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

## 2.1. Athletes

4-Person Male: 4 athletes per regional team.

4-Person Female: 4 athletes per regional team.

Mixed Doubles: 1 male athlete and 1 female athlete per regional team.

## 2.2. Coaches and Managers

4-Person Male: I coach and up to I manager per regional team.

• At least one member of the staff must be male.

4-Person Female: 1 coach and up to 1 manager per regional team.

• At least one member of the staff must be female.

Mixed Doubles: I coach per regional team.

# 2.3. Regional Teams

## 4-Person Male/Female

Region	Number of Teams
North	1
East	1
South	2
West	2
Winnipeg Blue	1
Winnipeg Gold	1
Total	8

## Mixed Doubles

Region	Number of Teams
North	1
East	1
South	2
West	2
Winnipeg Blue	2
Winnipeg Gold	2
Total	10

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

4-Person Male/Female

**U15:** Open to athletes born in the year 2011 or later.

Mixed Doubles

**U18:** Open to athletes less than 18 years old as of June 30, 2026.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY

#### 4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements identified in the Manitoba Games Eligibility Policy.

All athletes must follow Curl Manitoba eligibility rules for the 2025-2026 season provided they do not conflict with Manitoba Games policies.

## 4.2. Coaches and Managers

## 4.2.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

All coaches and managers participating in the Games must have completed:

- Criminal Record Check
- Respect in Sport
- <u>Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module</u>

## 4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements

All coaches must be NCCP Competition-Introduction (Competition Coach) Trained.

#### 5. COMPETITION

## 5.1. Competition Format

4-Person: Two pools of four, round-robin, advancing to a four-team playoff.

Mixed Doubles: Two pools of five, round-robin, advancing to a four-team playoff.

Placement games will be scheduled for those not advancing.

## 5.2. Competition Rules

Competition will follow Curl Manitoba rules for the 2025-2026 season.

## 5.3. Tie-Breaking Procedure

There will be no tie-breaker games. Ties are broken based on team ranking.

- 1. Win/Loss record of the teams that are tied with each other.
- 2. LSD totals (two draws by each team at every round-robin game combined).

#### 6. MEDALS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the athletes on the first, second, and third-place teams respectively.

#### 7. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

## 7.1. Regional Team Uniforms

Competitive uniforms will be supplied by the Provincial Sport Organization in the following colours as per the Manitoba Games Competitive Uniform Policy.

Region	Primary Colour	Secondary Colour
North	Black	Orange
East	Grey	Purple
South	Red	Maroon
West	Dark Green	Light Green
Winnipeg Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue
Winnipeg Gold	Yellow	Gold

## 7.2. Equipment Standards and Restrictions

All brooms must follow the broom moratorium for curling.

## 7.3. Athlete / Regional Team Provided Equipment

Athletes are responsible for bringing their own curling equipment: uniform, broom, and shoes.

#### 8. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

All protests and appeals will follow Curl Manitoba's policy for complaints and procedures.

## 9. ATHLETE FILL POLICY

## 9.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

Regional teams may utilize athletes from outside of their region's boundaries to fill out rosters in accordance with the Manitoba Games Regional Team Policy.

Regional teams outside of Winnipeg may only use athletes from the North, East, South, or West regions to fill their rosters. Winnipeg Blue or Winnipeg Gold regional teams may only use athletes from the Winnipeg region to fill their rosters.