

Curling

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Winter Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – MIXED TEAM

Division	Age Category	Number of Participants
Mixed	55+	Two (2) Women & Two (2) Men

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is automatically disqualified from the competition. **If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.**

Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings. The organizers should have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults.

This floater team’s results will not count in the final standings. The host, where possible, should have so floaters available to play as spares if a team is short a member due to injury or illness. Age and gender rules should apply.

If there are any questions regarding rulings, the OSGA Winter Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Winter Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition

NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Winter Games level, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Winter Provincial Games.

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. Play will be Round Robin format, followed by a playoff, if time permits.
2. The number of sheets available and the number of teams entered will determine the number of ends per game so that the round robin and playoffs can be completed in the allotted time. **(Time limit for 6 end game will be 90 minutes, and 8 end games will be 120 minutes)**
3. If possible, playoffs will consist of a Medal Round and a Consolation Round. The split will be determined by the number of teams participating. No more than 8 teams will qualify for the Medal Rounds.

Determining the Winners

1. In the Round Robin, the winning team in any game will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**. In the case of a tie, **one (1)** tournament point will be awarded to both teams.
2. Placings in the Round Robin will determine seeding for the playoff format.
3. If at the conclusion of the Round Robin, there is a tie for placings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
 - a. Results of head to head games;
 - b. If necessary, the points scored for divided by the points scored against with the highest quotient winning;
 - c. If necessary, then an extra game should be played between the teams that are tied

D) AWARDS

Gold (4)	One per team member
Silver (4)	One per team member
Bronze (4)	One per team member

E) RULE SOURCE

The Canadian Curling Association Rules will apply, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up."

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- Equipment** 1. Curlers are permitted to use the stick, if required.
- Facilities** 1. The facilities shall have a minimum of ten (10) sheets available to complete the round robin and playoffs in the allotted time

G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires, at minimum, the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Winter Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- A) One (1) Convenor
- B) Two (2) Referees per venue
- C) One (1) Master Scorer

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA prior to Ontario 55+ Winter Games. The host committee is also responsible for any other officials required to stage this event.

Curling Rules Summary

- 1.** Mixed curling must always have four (4) players on the ice with two (2) men and two (2) women alternating delivery of stones.
- 2.** NO TICK rule will not be applied.
- 3.** If time allows, teams may have a warmup as determined by the event manager or convener.