

## **Curling**

The Special Olympics Canada (SOC) Official Sports Rules shall govern all SOC curling competitions. As a national sports program, SOC has created these rules based upon the World Curling Federation (WCF) and the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) rules for curling competitions. WCF and CCA rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the SOC Official Sports Rules. In such cases, the following SOC official Curling sport rules shall apply.

### *SECTION A*

## **Official Events**

1. Mixed Curling

### *SECTION B*

## **Rules Of Competition**

1. A classification (seeding) round shall be conducted to place teams in a division.
2. In the classification (seeding) round, teams shall play 2 or more ends. Each team will be required to play all players whose names appear on the *final team roster*.
3. Team formation is not subject to a given male/female ratio and teams may also be made of exclusively males or females.
4. A *final team roster*\* shall consist of 5 players and two coaches. All players listed on the *final team roster* shall have an opportunity to play during the course of the tournament.

**\*NOTE:** A final team roster is a complete list of all players and coaches registered with the team.

5. Coaches will not be permitted on the ice during play. Coaches may only be permitted on the ice during the 3 minute break.
6. A regulation game shall consist of a maximum of 8 ends. The duration of the game shall be 2 hours in length. If the 2 hour time limit has expired, the curlers shall finish the end that they are playing. No end shall be started after 1 hour and 50 minutes.
7. One 3 minute break shall be given upon completion of 4 ends of play.
8. A mercy rule shall be imposed if, after six full ends of play, one team leads another by ten points or more, the game will be called.

9. One referee per sheet of ice per game shall be appointed. This individual shall monitor the flow of play, record the official score, and measure rocks.

### *SECTION C*

## **Equipment, Attire and Safety Requirements**

Individual curlers on the respective team must have matching on-ice apparel. Such apparel may include matching pants, jacket and golf shirt. Teams are not required to wear their provincial/territorial colours as noted in **The Rules of Curling, Official Rule Book**, of the Canadian Curling Association.

The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a delivery stick, which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the handle, is considered acceptable for Special Olympics Competition.

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Exceptions to the SOC rules. Please note that these rule exceptions only apply to Local, Regional and, where noted, Provincial Games. Athletes and Coaches must be aware that all competitions outside of the above would be governed by SOC rules and the rules of that Sport's Governing Body.

1. A regulation game shall consist of a maximum of six ends. Game time will be 2 hours in length but curlers may finish the end they are in.
2. One three minute break will be given at the end of three ends.
3. Scorekeepers must have coaches sign score sheets at the end of each game in a tournament. The director of tournament play will oversee all referees, timekeepers, and scorekeepers at the competitions. This will ensure that scores are agreed upon by both teams before the score is made final. Once the score sheet is signed a protest CANNOT proceed.