

Team eligibility:

1. All team members must be from the same curling association and members from the same curling club (not necessarily from the same team in that club). Nationality does not matter as long as club member lives in area and curls regularly on a club team.
2. Separate men's and women's teams only.
3. Only one team member may have played in a national championship that leads directly to a World Championship or Olympic Championship in men's, women's, seniors', juniors' or mixed doubles *in the past five years*.
4. No team member may have played in a World Championship or Olympic Championship.
5. All team members must be a minimum of 19 years of age as at the first day of the PIC competition for that year.
6. The PIC reserves the right to consider exceptions to these rules under special circumstances and within the spirit of the PIC on written application by an association at the time that team nominations are being submitted.
7. One alternate is allowed per team (five person teams). Alternate should be declared at time of team sign up before event. The PIC may have a "reserve pool" available if team with four players loses one curler during actual PIC event.

8. Team Signup for State Playdown:

1. State playdown to be held February 16-17, 2019 (Saturday and Sunday) at the Anchorage Curling Club. Number of teams that signup will determine if a local playdown is needed and also format used (round-robin, double knock-out, best of 3 etc.).

We currently have four men's teams signed up. With that many teams, we will plan on round robin format, with the first game starting at 10 am on Saturday. There will be a second game played later that day. Other draw times will be 1 pm and 4 pm. The third and final round robin game will be played at 9 am on Sunday morning. The top two teams will advance to the final, to be played at 12 pm. If one team comes out of the round robin undefeated, the team playing them in the final will have to beat them twice in order to advance to the PIC. That final game will be played at 3 pm on Sunday, if necessary.

We currently have two women's teams signed up. With that many teams, we plan on the best two out of three, which all could be played on Saturday: 10 am, 4 pm, and 7pm (if necessary) OR play two on Saturday and the final on Sunday at the same time of the men's final. (The Anchorage woman's team requested two games on Saturday and then one on Sunday if necessary).

These formats will change if additional teams sign up before the deadline.

2. Playdown registration available on the Anchorage Curling Club website:
<https://anchoragecurling.com/> > Club Events > Event Registrations > 15 FEB 2019 > [State PIC Playdowns](#)

Registration for this playdown closes on 25 January 2019.

3. Fees are \$200.00 per team to play in playoffs. The host club recommends paying the entry fee during the registration process on the Anchorage Club website. Then the Anchorage Club will send all entry fees collected to the ASCA. The entry fee at the PIC is covered by the fees taken for the playdowns, so the winning team gets that benefit. All other travel cost etc. are the responsibility of the team going to PIC.

Rules of Play:

1. 5 rock free guard Canadian rules. Game are 8 ends. No timers for 8 end albeit teams are encouraged to finish 8 ends in 2 hours. Tie breaks played off in full extra end.

2. At the conclusion of each team's first game, each team does a draw to the button with sweeping to determine with recorded results for use post round robin to determine tie breaking, if applicable.

3. Only World Curling Federation (WCF) approved brush heads will be allowed for use. Approved equipment will be assigned a WCF Product Code. A team can be disqualified if they have a member who is not using an approved WCF brush head. http://www.picup.ca/ApprovedCodeList-31_August_2018.pdf

All players in the State Playdown must have the WCF approved broom head in order to compete. A curler playing without a WCF approved broom head may disqualify their entire team.

* Anchorage: If we enforce this requirement than we should organize a bulk mail order for WCF approved broom heads before the event.

4. Hammers will be determined before play begins with a single draw to the button, with sweeping. Skips will have one practice shot before throwing their draw. The order of throws will be determined by a coin flip.

5. Appointed rules official will be someone who is not participating in the playdown and will mediate all concerns about rules etc.