U-15 Regional RockFest events & Skills App

FAQ

What is the goal of the U-15 RockFest events?

The goal of the U-15 RockFest events is to provide a nationwide opportunity for youth curlers to develop their skills and compete against curlers from neighbouring provinces and territories.

The events focus on developing the skills of youth curlers as **individuals**, helping them develop a well-rounded skillset in all aspects of the game in a fun and competitive environment.

With this age and stage (Train to Train) being critical in our Long-Term Curler Development framework, U-15 RockFest events provide new opportunities for youth curlers to compete and have fun while playing, while extending their learning on and off the ice.

Which U-15 RockFest do I try and qualify for?

Youth curlers across Canada will have the chance to compete at one of the following events:

- U-15 RockFest West (British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Alberta)
- U-15 RockFest Prairies (Saskatchewan, Manitoba)
- U-15 RockFest East (Northern Ontario, Ontario, Nunavut, Quebec)
- U-15 RockFest Atlantic (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador)

What is the 2027 U-15 RockFest regional events dates, locations, quota number of competitors, and qualification deadlines?

U-15 RockFest East
Peterborough Golf and Country Club & Lakefield Curling Club | Peterborough & Lakefield, Ont.
Feb. 5-7, 2027

Quota:

- Ontario | 50 curlers | 25 males, 17 females
- Northern Ontario | 24 curlers | 12 males, 12 females
- Quebec | 18 curlers | 9 males, 9 females
- Nunavut | 4 curlers | 2 males, 2 females

Qualification deadline: January 4, 2027 | 12:00pm EST

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U-15 RockFest Prairies
Humboldt Curling Club | Humboldt, Sask.
Feb. 12-14, 2027

Quota:

- Saskatchewan | 42 curlers | 21 males, 21 females
- Manitoba | 30 curlers | 15 males, 15 females

Qualification deadline: January 11, 2027 | 12:00pm CST

U-15 RockFest Atlantic
Thistle St-Andrews Curling Club | Saint John, N.B.
March 25-27, 2027

Quota:

- PE | 12 curlers | 6 males, 6 females
- NS | 28 curlers | 14 males, 14 females
- NB | 40 curlers | 20 males, 20 females
- NL | 16 curlers | 8 males, 8 females

Qualification deadline: February 15, 2026 | 12:00pm AST

U-15 RockFest West
Okotoks Curling Club | Okotoks, AB
April 14-16, 2026

Quota:

- Alberta | 40 curlers | 20 males, 20 females
- British Columbia | 24 curlers | 12 males, 12 females
- Northwest Territories | 4 curlers | 2 males, 2 females
- Yukon | 4 curlers | 2 males, 2 females

Qualification deadline: March 8, 2026 | 12:00pm MST

What will each event feature?

An action-packed schedule of skill development clinics, skills competitions, triples curling, fun off-ice activities and the Golden RockFest.

What is the age eligibility in order to qualify?

Curlers under 15 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2026, are eligible.
Date of birth: Jan. 1, 2012 or later.

Why do curlers qualify as individuals and not teams?

At this age and stage, numerous youth curlers are not on teams yet. These events will allow the opportunity for individual curlers who are not yet on teams and who are on teams to make connections with other kids from their province or territory.

How does my youth curler qualify?

All curlers must download Curling Canada's Skills App, "Skills Curling", for iOS and Android, and complete a variety of shots such as a hit and stay, draw, hit and roll, guard, peel and more. The shots are scored and inputted into the app, with the top curlers from each Member Association receiving an invitation to their respective regional event.

In order to qualify for a U-15 Regional RockFest event, curlers will have to score a minimum of 8 out of 36 points.

Curlers can begin to submit their scores for qualification on the Skills Curling app on November 1, 2026.

Youth curlers can find more information about provincial and territorial qualifying events and app qualification deadlines **here**.

Is there a minimum age to qualify for the U-15 RockFest events?

Yes. Minimum age: Curlers must be 11 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2026 (born in 2015, 2014, 2013, or 2012).

Is the App free?

Yes, Curling Canada's Skills App, "Skills Curling", is free for everybody in Canada.

How do you get signed into the App? How do I make an account?

Once you download the "Skills Curling" App, proceed by opening the app.

At the bottom, you will notice 2 buttons. Press “Create Account”.

From here you will be able to proceed with creating an account and will be able to login.

Where or when do we enrol in the Competition so that it appears in the app?

Curlers **do not** need to enrol in a Competition. On **November 1, 2026** curlers can start submitting their scores for qualification to the Leaderboard.

In the App, when you click “Score a Competition”, select “Leaderboard” on the top right button.

How are scores verified?

If a Member Association is running the Skills Competition and entering scores on the leaderboard, they will verify the accuracy of the scores.

If a coach or youth program leader is entering scores, we rely on the coach acting with integrity and following the Coaching Code of Ethics and entering accurate scores.

Are parents/guardians able to “Score a Competition”?

No. Parents/guardians are **not** able to “Score a Competition” for their curler.

Parents/guardians must find someone else to help score their child.

Yes. This is applicable even if the parent/guardian is the youth program instructor or coach.

Why do 2 curlers have to be scored in order to “Score a Competition”?

All curlers are able to have 2 sweepers in their same age category to sweep their shots, so we encourage at least 2 curlers to participate in Skills Competitions to maintain the advantage of having sweepers.

Curlers cannot use sweepers who are not also participating in the Skills Competition.

If there are only 2 curlers being scored. The non-throwing curler must be either a sweeper or line caller. The throwing curler is permitted to sweep their own rock.

When I look at the leaderboard there are some people already on there, are we able to start with the competition?

No. For U-15 RockFest qualification, curlers can begin to submit their scores for U-15 RockFest qualification on the Skills Curling app on November 1, 2026.

The Competitions you see on the leaderboards now are from test events or Member Association hosted competitions.

Some Member Association have different Competitions set up for different reasons. Examples: Development Camps, Provincial High Performance Groups, etc.

Do you only get one try at the competition, but we can run a practice as much as possible?

No. After November 1st, we encourage U-15 curlers to submit more than one Competition score. We also encourage curlers and their coaches to use the practice side of the app before submitting Competition scores.

For Tiebreakers, the next best competition score will be accepted. We encourage all U-15 curlers to submit at least 2 Competition scores in the case their 2nd score needs to be used in order the break ties for qualification.

Do you have to report the complete competition all at one session, or can it be broken up between different sessions?

Yes. Competitions can be scored across 1 or 2 sessions.

We encourage 1 session because the ice will be same for the curlers for the entire Competition and this will mean greater accuracy of a curlers score to complete the Competition all at once.

Competitions should be able to be completed in approximately 90 minutes (4 curlers).

Is there a cost to enter if my curler qualifies?

The registration fee for each Regional event will be set at $125 per curler.

Curlers are responsible to pay for their own expenses to attend the U-15 Regional RockFest event.

When will invites be sent out?

Within 72 hours after the qualification deadline, invites will be sent out via email. Curlers will have 5 days to accept their invite.

My Province/Territory is not holding an in-person qualifying event. What happens if there is a tie between 2 of more curlers in the leaderboard standings in order qualify for the U-15 RockFest?

The next best competition score will be accepted. We encourage all U-15 curlers to submit at least 2 Competition scores in the case their 2nd score needs to be used in order the break ties for qualification. They can submit more than two Competition scores.

My Province/Territory is holding an in-person qualifying event. What happens if there's a tie between 2 or more curlers in order to qualify?

If there is a tie between 2 or more curlers, all curlers will be scored by throwing 2 shots (1 Draw and 1 Hit and Stay).

If they are still tied, curlers will throw a draw to the button and it will be measured. If the measurement is tied, then they throw a draw shot again with the other turn and measure it. Draw shots are thrown until the tie is broken.

No sweepers or line callers will be involved in the tie-breaking shots. Curlers will be permitted to sweep their own rocks.

Can my curler submit more than one competition score?

Yes, your curler can submit multiple competition scores. We encourage your curler to submit more than one competition in the case there are tie-breakers.

Where can I view the leaderboard?

The Provincial/Territorial and Competition leaderboards can be viewed here:
https://singles.curling.ca/standings

Is there sweeping and line calling for Skills Curling Competitions? If so, who is doing the line sweeping/line calling?

Yes, there is sweeping and line calling at both the in-person qualifying competitions and the Regional events. At both the qualifying & regional events, other curlers (**participants**) will be the **sweepers** and **line callers**.

Can Coaches/Scorers be the sweepers and or line callers for Skills Curling Competitions?

No. Coaches/Scorers **cannot** be the sweepers or line callers during Skills Curling competitions.

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What happens if the sweepers or line callers make an error?

Within reason, if it is a clear sweeper or line calling error, the Coach/Scorer assigned to the sheet has the full latitude to award the point(s) that would have been scored had the error not occurred.

For this reason, parents/team coaches are **not** able to be the scorers.

What happens if there is a burned rock?

The curler will be allowed to rethrow.

If you're using the app for practice and your team plays U-18, but you have a U-15 on the team, they have to practice different shots than the rest of their team?

For both U-15 and U-18 Competition shots, the first 6 shots are the same. In U-18 there are 2 additional shots. The scores are age and stage appropriate, with the U-15 scoring zones having a broader range than U-18.

Do the curlers enter their own scores?

No, curlers do not enter their own scores.

We're asking coaches to be the ones that enter the scores. This can be an instructor in your youth program or a coach in your curling centre.

A minimum of 2 curlers must be scored at one time.

How many times can I practice uses the app?

Curlers can practice as much as they want.

Can you "Run a Practice" with 1 curler?

Yes, youth program instructors and coaches can "Run a Practice" with 1-6 curlers.

If I download the app as a coach, will I be able to create Profiles for each player?

No. A parent or guardian must create a profile first and then their curler creates a profile, and the parent becomes their guardian. That creates an adult connection between the coach and the curler, and the parent must approve the connection.

A coach cannot create a profile for a curler and a parent/guardian has to be involved with the connection piece.

Can I disconnect my curler from a Coach?

Yes, if a curler or parent/guardian doesn't want them connected to a Coach anymore, they are able to disconnect.

Do individual curlers need to bring a Coach?

Individual curlers do not need to bring a coach.

If they do bring a coach, coaches can go on the ice, but we won't have their own coach or parent score their own curlers. The more coaches we can get involved, the better for everyone. Curling Canada's Safe Sport requirements will be required for coaches.

What are the participant helmet requirements?

Please click here to review the Concussion Prevention and Awareness Guidelines for Youth Curling at Curling Canada Events.

How does Curling Canada safeguard the playing environment?

All participants of Curling Canada events must complete Curling Canada's Sport Safety Acknowledgements.

Curlers (with their parents if under the age of 18) will be required to read and acknowledge several documents including but not limited to:

- An Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Claims and Release of Liability (inclusive of a photo release)
- Curling Canada's Code of Conduct (which includes the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport).
- Concussion Awareness Attestations.

Other Adults who are assisting and organizing the event will have to complete Safe Sport Education and Curling Canada's Screening program.

Registrants of Curling Canada's U-15 RockFest events will receive instructions on how to complete the Sport Safety Acknowledgements after the registration closing dates.

Access the Safe Sport training here: (https://safesport.coach.ca/).

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How long does it take to score a competition?

After all of the curlers are familiar with all of the shots and scoring, 75-90 minutes.

Does my youth curler need to be a member of a Provincial/Territorial affiliated Club?

Yes. Your youth curler and Club must be affiliated with Curling Canada and their Provincial/Territorial Member Association.

Where can I find an overview on the Skills Curling App?

A video with more information on the Skills Curling App can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHSNQ0pLduo

Who should I contact for more information?

For more information on how to compete in the U-15 RockFest, please contact your respective Member Association.

For Skills Curling app questions, please email skills@curling.ca