



PROVINCIAL
SPORTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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This Saskatchewan Command Provincial Sports Rules and Regulations

Manual may be obtained through the website at www.sasklegion.ca , or call the office for a digital version via email. If you wish to obtain a hard copy a charge may apply.

As updates occur, we only be sending out the necessary pages to replace and not the entire manual.

This is your copy for your branch. The sports officer should have access to it, or have it in their possession.

The Saskatchewan Provincial Sports Rules and Regulations are published to provide guidance for the organizers and competitors at Branch, Zone, District and Provincial Sporting events.

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FORWARD

Legion sports are for Comradeship. Although at times it may get competitive the priority will always remain to enjoy the company of other comrades in a respective and fun environment, AT ALL TIMES.

The Provincial Sports Program is open to all provincial members in good standing of The Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

Provincial Command will provide a representative for each sport at a provincial event. They are there in an advisory capacity and not to run the event. The representative will have final say in any rule interpretations.

Saskatchewan Command sponsors the following Legion Sports Competitions:

Curling:	Regular – Mixed – Masters
Cribbage:	Open and Closed Events – Singles, Doubles, Team
Darts:	Open and Closed Events – Singles, Doubles, Team
Bowling:	Regular and Golden Age events Team of four players
Golf:	Twelve different flights – Individual
8 Ball pool:	Closed Event – Teams of 4 players

The Provincial Sports Committee is committed to ensuring that the sports program remains an important benefit of being a Legion member. When discussing ways of to improve the programs, the priority is to maximize participation and comradeship.



Sportsmanship

All participants must put comradeship first.

No person will be allowed to interfere with play. If any competitors are being interfered with, the Tournament Coordinator is to be notified immediately.

Any player failing to complete all games to which they are required to play, may be subject to discipline.

Awards - Plaques and Prizes

For all competitions, Provincial Command is responsible for the plaques and prizes for the winners. The host may choose to provide additional prizes and trophies at their own discretion. For those advancing to a Dominion tournament, Provincial Command will provide a shirt. Provincial Command will also assume the cost of District crests.

Tiebreaking Procedures

Unless otherwise laid out in this manual, refer to Dominion Command Sports Manual. Ensure a copy is readily available. It can also be found at www.legion.ca

General (Excluding Curling & 8 Ball Pool)

1. All sporting events at all levels should be held on a Saturday, or a Saturday and Sunday where a two-day event is required.
2. Members of a team shall belong to the same Branch within their parent command. The only exception is as follows:

Any branch with 100 or less members in any one Zone, or District (if no Zone playdown exists), and who cannot field a team, may join with another branch within that Zone, or District (if no Zone playdown exists), to a maximum of 2 players.
3. Any member in good standing may become a substitute for any doubles or team event provided their name is listed on the branch registration form. This substitute only needs to pay the registration fee if they play at any event.
4. In the event of a cancellation of a team member at the provincial event, the team will be disqualified if they do not have a substitute listed on the branch registration form. A substitute should be in place for all sporting events. Substitutes only pay the registration fee if they play at an event.

**EXPLANATION OF REGISTRATION FEES AND EVENT FEES FOR
ALL SPORTING EVENTS**

1. Provincial Registration Fee: Every member that plays in any of the sports are required to pay the Provincial Sports registration fee that is payable at the Branch level. Payment is then remitted along with the registration form to the next level regardless, if that level has a playdown.

2. Branch Host Fee: This fee is for the Branch that is hosting the Provincial Event. Every player that plays in a Provincial Sporting event is required to pay the fee that is posted in the agenda for that particular sport. This fee includes, meals, lane charges, golf course fees, banquet, or any other fee that the Host Branch deems necessary to offset costs to run the event. See the flow chart as to when these fees are required to be paid.

3. Zone/District Host Fee: If there is a Zone or District Playoff, there may be a fee to play in that event. This covers the cost for the event. It may include meals, facility rentals, course fees etc. The amount is payable to the Host Branch of either the Zone or District playoff by a defined time agreed upon by the Zone or District Commander and the Host Branch. Your Zone or District Commander will let you know the amount and the deadline date for the Host Branch to receive the event fee at these levels.

Provincial Registration Fee must be paid prior to playing in any event at any level.

Host Fees (Provincial, Zone or Districts) must be paid before leaving the previous event.

Ex: The Provincial Host Fee must be paid before you leave the District Playdowns.

Please refer to the **Provincial Sports Playoffs and Registration Details** page that is mailed to every Branch in the fall. It includes the provincial registration fees for each sport, dates of all Provincial Events and National events as well as important information that pertains to that year. It also lists the members of the Provincial Sports Committee.

Registration Flow Chart



PROVINCIAL CURLING RULES



COMPETITIONS:

There are three: Regular, Mixed and Masters.

ELIGIBILITY:

This event is open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Members may only enter into one competition.

REGULAR COMPETITION:

Each game will be 10 ends.

MIXED COMPETITION:

Each game will be 10 ends.

Each rink will consist of 2 men and 2 women with one of the women playing skip or third. All participants must alternate positions, ie: Male/Female/Male/Female or Female/Male/Female/Male.

If one Curler, after starting the competition cannot proceed, then the rink must have a spare ready to play (as provided for in the rules).

MASTERS COMPETITION:

Each game will be 8 ends. To a maximum of 2 games per day.

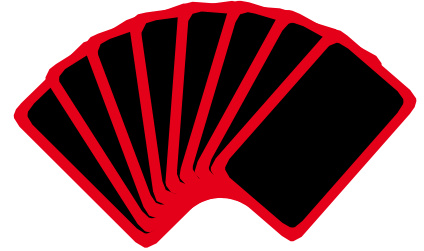
Players must be at least 60 years of age as of January 1st, of the current year.

The Provincial Tournament Play will be at the discretion of the Provincial Representative in attendance and if timing is of a concern, then the "Pool" system may be used verses the Round Robin.

STANDARD RULES FOR ALL CURLING COMPETITIONS:

1. Curling goes straight to provincials, there are no Zones or Districts.
2. Tiebreaking will be decided by a draw to the button. A coin toss will determine who goes first.
3. The first 24 rinks registered with the Provincial Command will be accepted with 8 rinks in each of the three categories for Provincial playoffs. If one or more of the categories is not filled, we will accept entries for the other categories to make for a maximum entry of 24 rinks.
4. A rink may be comprised of any Provincial member in good standing, regardless of which branch, zone or district they are from.
5. Each rink will consist of four players, and these four players will be expected to continue as a rink throughout the competition. Under unusual circumstances (this does not include planned holidays), up to, but not more than two spares may be allowed for the players of the original rink.
6. The rink listed on the registration form must include all players, including the team's spare(s).
7. The registration fee is for the entire rink.
8. The use of the "delivery stick" will be acceptable for Legion curling.
9. All events will be hosted at one location.
10. All questions resulting in a disagreement will be referred to the Provincial Sports Chairperson for a final ruling.
11. In addition to the above rules, the rules of the Canadian Curling Association as used for Brier Competition will govern play.

PROVINCIAL CRIBBAGE RULES



EVENTS:

There are two – Closed and Open. Each having three competitions.

COMPETITIONS:

There are three – Singles, Doubles, Team

ELIGIBILITY:

These events are open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Members may only enter into either the OPEN or the CLOSED events but may partake in multiple competitions.

CLOSED EVENT:

Winners from each competition proceeds to the Dominion Tournament to represent Saskatchewan. Eligibility and rules are as laid down by Dominion Command. Dominion Command will only pay fare saver transportation expenses for the cribbage team. The singles & doubles winners must pay all of their own expenses.

OPEN EVENT:

Eligibility and rules as laid down by Provincial Command.

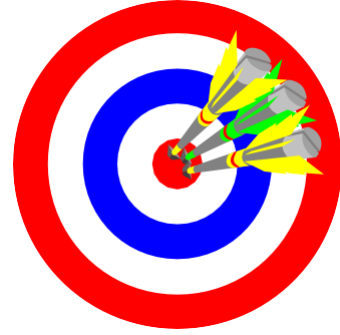
STANDARD RULES FOR ALL THREE COMPETITIONS:

1. Cribbage goes through Zones, Districts, and Provincials.
2. Each Branch must contact their Zone Commander 2 weeks before the Zone Playoff, stating the number of teams they wish to enter at Zone level. The Zone Commander will then determine if a Branch Playoff is necessary.
3. Any member in good standing may become a substitute for any doubles or team event provided their name is listed on the branch registration form. This substitute only needs to pay the registration fee if they play at any event.
4. Branch playoffs must be completed by February 1st, Zone Playoffs must be completed by February 15th and District playoffs completed by February 28th.
5. No beverages will be permitted in the playing area while games are in progress.
6. Play shall commence using a rotating schedule for Team, Doubles and Singles play.

For example, 9:00 Teams play, 10:00 Doubles play, 11:00 Singles play, 1:00 Teams play, 2:00 Doubles play, 3:00 Singles play, this will continue through Saturday and Sunday until all games are complete.

7. All players must keep track of pegging points as they may be needed for tiebreaking procedures.
8. The Runners Up for each Team, Doubles and Singles will also advance to the next level of play up to Provincial Level.
9. Each District may enter two players in the Singles category.
10. Each District may enter two sets of doubles in the Doubles category. Players must be from the same branch.
11. Each District may enter two teams in the Team category. Players must be from the same branch.
12. Any player may play in any or all of the 3 events, but they must register and pay entry fees for each event they compete in.

PROVINCIAL DART RULES



EVENTS:

There are two – Closed and Open. Each having three competitions.

COMPETITIONS:

There are three – Singles, Doubles, Team

ELIGIBILITY:

These events are open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Members may only enter into either the OPEN or the CLOSED events but may partake in multiple competitions.

CLOSED EVENT:

Winners from each competition proceeds to the Dominion Tournament to represent Saskatchewan. Eligibility and rules are as laid down by Dominion Command. Dominion Command will only pay fare saver transportation expenses for the darts team. The singles & doubles winners must pay all of their own expenses.

OPEN EVENT:

Eligibility and rules as laid down by Provincial Command.

STANDARD RULES FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS:

1. Darts goes straight to Provincials, there are no Zones or Districts.
2. Any member in good standing may become a substitute for any doubles or team event provided their name is listed on the branch registration form. This substitute only needs to pay the registration fee if they play at any event.
3. A set will consist of three games with one point awarded for each game won. The rotation of the teams can be changed after every game completed. Players can only be changed, or spare substituted after the completion of a game.
4. All games start and finish on a double. The bull (double 25) may be used to start and finish a game.
5. All events will be round-robin. In the event that any category exceeds 8 participants, the organizing committee has the option of a pool system.

6. Three darts in a double or triple space will not count as a game.
7. Neutral scorekeepers and markers will be provided by the Host Committee and will use a Chalkboard for scoring.
8. Winner determined by total points.
9. Tiebreaker will be decided by a playoff.
10. The appeals Committee, comprised of a Representative of the Host Branch and Provincial Command Sports Officials, shall be the deciding factor in any disputes or deviation from the rules.
11. In the event that a team is reduced to three players, for any reason, following the start of a tournament, no substitution shall be allowed. The team will continue to play with three players, missing the turn of the absent player accordingly.
12. Team play score will be 701. Doubles play score will be 501. Singles play score will be 301.
13. The Provincial Legion Darts will be held on a date not to coincide with Saskatchewan Darts Association playoffs.
14. The tournament will have registration at 8:30 am., Team competition open and closed commence at 9:00 am. Saturday with supper and social to follow. Doubles competition open and closed commence at 9:00 am. Sunday and singles competition open and closed to follow. If time allows, doubles can start on Saturday.
15. Order of starting play shall be by the toss of a coin to decide which captain or player shoots first for the “bull.” The loser of the first game starts the second. The start of the third game shall be determined as for the first game
16. The team will consist of four players, all of whom must be from the same Branch. Teams may use a substitute if they so choose, from the same Branch, and subject to the rules governing the use of substitutes. The singles and doubles can be drawn from the team if so desired.

PROVINCIAL 5 PIN BOWLING RULES

COMPETITIONS:

There are two: Regular and Golden Age.

ELIGIBILITY:

These competitions are open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Members may only enter into either the REGULAR or the GOLDEN AGE Competition events.



For Golden Age the member must be 55 years of age and over as of the end of the previous calendar year

STANDARD RULES FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS:

1. Bowling goes directly to Provincials.
2. Any member in good standing may become a substitute provided their name is listed on the branch registration form. This substitute only needs to pay the registration fee if they play at any event.
3. Each team will consist of four players.
4. If a player is late, his or her average less ten per cent (10%) from the previous level may be used. A player can only be late one (1) game.
5. If a player becomes ill or has to leave the competition, his or her average less ten percent (10%) may be used, only if the team has no substitute player available.
6. After every game at bowling competitions to establish the handicap, take the team score and subtract it from 800, then add 80% of the difference to the score.

Example: Score of 700

$$800 - 700 = 100 \times 80\% = 80$$

$$800 + 80 = 880$$

CLARIFICATION NOTE: A GAME = SET OF 3.

7. At the Provincial Playoffs the number of games for Golden Age shall be nine (9) and the number of games for Regular shall be twelve (12).
8. Teams are expected to be present for the duration of the tournament at Provincial level. If there is an issue with their attendance, the Provincial Sports Officer and/or District Commander is to be notified.

9. In addition to the above rules, the Canadian Bowling Rules will apply.
10. Ties will be broken using a 10th Frame Playoff format.

PROVINCIAL GOLF RULES

COMPETITIONS:

There shall be 6 Men's Flights and 6 Ladies flights as follows:

1. Championship Flight
2. Open Flight
3. 60 & Over
4. 70 & Over
5. 75 & Over
6. 9 Hole



ELIGIBILITY:

These competitions are open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

STANDARD RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS:

1. Golf goes from District to Provincials. Zones Commanders are strongly encouraged to host a zone event to promote the sport and comradeship. Players must attend the District Playoff in order to be eligible for Provincials.
2. There is no restriction for how many players can participate in each flight, however a maximum of 144 players are permitted to play in the event.
3. 36 players from each District level will be eligible to advance to the Provincial Playoff. If a District has less than 36 players, the remaining spots will be open to the other Districts.
4. District playoffs and crests are the responsibility of the respective Commanders.
5. All players must pay the going rates for green fees at that course before the competition starts.
6. There are no substitutions allowed for Golf as it is an individual sport.
7. Flights will play by the rules of its respective gender. If a female Legion member wants to play in one of the men's flights, she will be required to play from the Men's tee off. Men are not permitted to play in the Ladies flights.
8. Open flights are open to all ages and abilities.

9. All other flights age will be determined as of December 31st the preceding year. A golfer may play in any of the categories lower than their age. (i.e. 75 age can play in any).
10. The rules of the courses on which competitions are played will be the governing rules in all competitions.
11. Unless indicated all flights will be 18 holes.
12. Golfers must remain in their flights as registered at the Branch Level.
13. District Playoffs must be set by June 30th for play into July if necessary.
14. Ties will be a countback from the course's 17th hole.

PROVINCIAL EIGHT BALL POOL RULES

COMPETITION:

There will be one competition.

Eligibility:

This Competition is open to all Members in good standing of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

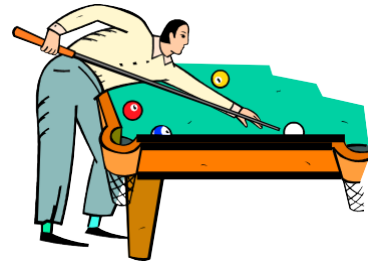
The winning team at Provincial will represent Saskatchewan at the Dominion tournament. Eligibility and rules are as laid down by Dominion Command. Singles and Doubles players must be drawn from the Four Person Team.

If one team member, after starting the competition cannot proceed, then the team must have a spare ready to play (as provided for in the rules) or use a spare provided and designated by the Host Branch.

If a Branch has insufficient players, then members from another Branch in the same District may be used to make up a team.

STANDARD RULES:

1. 8-ball goes straight to Provincials. There will be no Branch, Zone or District playoffs, the first 8 – four person teams registered with the Provincial Command will be accepted for the Provincial playoff.
2. Branches must have their teams registered with Provincial Command no later than one month prior to the Provincial Playoffs.
3. Anyone wishing to substitute must have their names submitted on the Branch entry form. (If their name is not on the Branch entry form, they may NOT play as a substitute). Substitutes are to be used only for emergency purposes ie. (illness, unexpected domestic situations, etc. and are not used regularly in the rotation of players).
4. Each team will consist of four players, and these four players will be expected to continue as a team throughout the competition. Under unusual circumstances (this does not include planned holidays), up to, but not more than two substitutes may be allowed for the players of the original team. Substitutes must be from the same Branch as the person(s) being replaced.)
5. For Branches contemplating hosting this event, the table's playing surface must be



approximately 8 or 7 feet. For the 8-foot table, the playing surface measures approximately 92 inches by 46 inches (233.68cm x 116.84cm). For the 7-foot table the playing surface measures approximately 76 inches by 38 inches (193.04cm x 96.52cm). The Host Branch must have access to a minimum of two tables for Provincial Tournament play.

6. The Branch or members taking part in the Pool Tournament will bear all expenses related to the Provincial playoffs. Provincial Command will assume the costs of Provincial Crests along with Provincial Plaques.
7. All questions resulting in a disagreement will be referred to the Provincial Sports Chairperson for a final ruling.
8. In addition to the above rules, the rules as laid down by Dominion Command will be adhered to.

**DOMINION COMMAND WILL PAY TRAVEL ONLY, FOR THE FOUR
PERSON TEAM. ALL OTHER EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL
EVENT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM.**

**LISTED BELOW ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR HOST
BRANCHES TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN HOSTING
PROVINCIAL SPORTING EVENTS:**

1. Branches hosting a Provincial Sporting event **MUST** have a Sports Committee in place that can handle the logistics of the event.
2. Provincial playoffs are the responsibility of the Host Branch. Agendas and draw schedules, etc. must be submitted 2 months in advance of the event, to the Provincial Sports Chairperson for approval. Informational Kits will be sent to the Host Branches from Provincial Command to assist with the organization and protocol of the event.
3. Ensure that someone has a camera there to take pictures of the Provincial winners to be sent to Command for use on social media and the Legion Magazine. Be sure to take photos using the highest resolution possible.
4. Any Branch wishing to host a Provincial event must send a letter to the Command Office. Hosts are accepted on a first come basis. If the year chosen is already booked, then the next available year may be offered.
5. Explain the rules and tie breaking procedures, before the competition begins. This ensures clarity for all participants.
6. Ensure media is made aware of the competition

PROVINCIAL BOWLING:

1. When planning this event, it is a good idea to rotate the start times for both categories. For example, Regular would start early one day and Golden Age would start early the next day.
2. You may want to start the Golden Age on the Friday to accommodate the working participants.

PROVINCIAL GOLF:

1. When planning supper for golfers on the Saturday evening it is a good idea to not serve it too late in the evening. Most golfers will be past the hungry stage by then.
2. When planning lunch on the Sunday ensure that it is not too early. You want to plan it around the time that all the golfers are finished play.
3. Ensure the Golf course can accommodate the 9-hole flights.
4. When Branches are accepted to host the Provincial event, the host committee should check out the golf course.

SAMPLE AGENDA FOR PROVINCIAL SPORTING EVENTS

NOTE: THE HOST BRANCH MUST HAVE THE AGENDA, DRAW SCHEDULE AND HOTEL OR MOTEL LISTING AND MAPS ETC. TO THE COMMAND OFFICE TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE PROVINCIAL EVENT – Ensure that you have the Host Branch Information Package to refer to.

FIRST EVENING:

- Simple Supper (e.g. Beef on a Bun).
- Registration at the Branch or the Sporting location.
- Branch entertainment and/or informal tournament (Darts, Cribbage).

NEXT DAY:

- Breakfast
- Registration continues
- Competitors' briefing on rules, breaking of ties etc.
- Opening Ceremonies
- Play commences
- Lunch (may or may not break for lunch, but should be provided)
- Play continues
- Banquet/Supper
- Presentation of Awards and Closing Ceremonies (if competition is completed)
- Branch entertainment

NEXT DAY:

- Breakfast if play is to continue
- Play continues
- Lunch, if needed
- Presentation of Awards and Closing ceremonies

GUIDELINES FOR
OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES
PROVINCIAL SPORTING EVENTS

(Example only)

OPENING CEREMONIES

- * March on Colours
- Legion Opening Ritual – Branch President or Chair of Host Committee
- Introduction of Dignitaries – Mayor
 - MLA/MP
 - Senior Legion Officers, Provincial Sports Representative etc.
 - Branch President
- Declaration of Opening – One of the above or an honoured member of the Branch
- * March off the Colours

CLOSING CEREMONIES

- *March on the Colours
- Closing Remarks – Provincial Sports Representative
 - Branch President and/or Chair, Host Committee
- Legion Closing Ritual
- *March off the Colours

* Only if Colour Party is being used