



# Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship 2025





# **CANADIAN VISION IMPAIRED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (CVICC)**

**SYDNEY - NOVA SCOTIA  
FEBRUARY 3 - 7**

**2025**

# Welcome to the 2025 Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship

It is with great honour I welcome all to the 2025 CVICC, hosted in the beautiful City of Sydney, Nova Scotia.

To the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and all of the participants from across Canada, with a special shout out to our new entry from New Brunswick, we at the CCB are proud that following a short absence, we are so proud to welcome back a core program.

On behalf of all participants, we thank the organizing team, the many volunteers, and the Sydney Curling Club for their commitment to providing CCB the opportunity to host this event.

On behalf of the entire CCB organization, we wish everyone good curling.



Jim Tokos, National President



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January 6, 2025

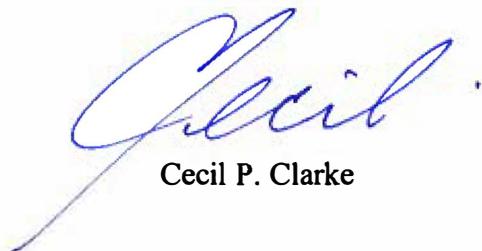
Athletes, Coaches, and Guests  
Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship (CVICC)

On behalf of the Council and residents, it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship (CVICC) being hosted at our own Sydney Curling Club in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) this February. The CBRM is honoured to be the host municipality of this incredible event, where curlers from across the country will come together to compete, showcase their skills, and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship.

Whether you are here to compete or to support your teams, we are confident that the level of play will be exceptional and inspiring.

I encourage you to embrace the friendly competition, enjoy the atmosphere, and make lasting memories with your fellow participants. To all the athletes, we wish you the best of luck and the most rewarding experience on the ice.

Kind personal regards,



Cecil P. Clarke



Jan 8, 2025

Congratulations to all the Athletes, competing for the coveted title of “Team Canada” at the Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship, (CVICC) being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Feb 3-7, 2025.

As the National Chair of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities, (CCD), it is my honour to congratulate all teams in this event. As athlete's who are competing at a National level of competition, and representing one's Province, you deserve recognition for your own personal victory.

We thank you for being role models in sports and through your hard work, show what inclusion for all of us means. Many people, from the intersectional, cross disability communities, when learning about this sport, are heartened to know they too can participate and be included in sports, locally, provincially, and at a National level.

As you embark on a week of competition, teamwork and fellowship, take pride in knowing and experiencing the power of community. You are all role models as we collectively celebrate you as athletes representing the many identities we have, and not defined solely as disabled. You all embody the loud and proud motto of CCD, “A Voice of Our Own”. Your voice is heard and supported by all of us at CCD.

From all of us at CCD, we wish you all much success at the competition!



Heather Walkus  
National Chair  
Council of Canadians with Disabilities

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**Welcome to all teams, players, coaches, and fans, to the Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship being held in Sydney-Victoria.**

**It is a tremendous privilege for our community to host this prestigious sporting event at the Sydney Curling Club.**

**Thank you to those that have worked tirelessly to ensure the success and organization of this event, and best of luck to the athletes participating!**



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# TEAMS

## BRITISH COLUMBIA, Prince George

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**Skip** - Eric Rosen  
**Third** - Fraser Hiltz  
**Second** - Russell Gervais  
**Lead** - Terry Pipkey  
**Coach/Guide** - Leona Gervais  
**Sweeper** - Victor Santos

## TEAM CANADA, Edmonton (defending champions)

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**Skip** - Natalie Morin  
**Third** - Dave Erno  
**Second** - Ann LaFontaine  
**Lead** - Lori Hysert  
**Coach/Guide** - Mandy Collins  
**Sweeper** - Sharon Greswick

## ALBERTA, Edmonton

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**Skip** - Bruce Macdonald  
**Third** - Jim Haydon  
**Second** - David Megyes  
**Lead** - Richard Lefebvre  
**Coach/Guide** - Garth Klassen  
**Sweeper** - Ron Banks

## SASKATCHEWAN, Saskatoon

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**Skip** - Darcy Sherbrook  
**Third** - Brennan Lane  
**Second** - Murray Rudolph  
**Lead** - Charlene Young  
**Coach/Guide** - Kristen Rowe  
**Sweeper** - Allison Gaunt

## MANITOBA, Winnipeg

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**Skip** - Norm Lyons  
**Third** - Hunter McLaughlin  
**Second** - Bill Liggins  
**Lead** - Mariam Hesselbart  
**Coach/Guide** - Brian Fredrickson  
**Sweeper** - Matthew Hesselbart

## ONTARIO, Toronto

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**Skip** - Lloyd Pike  
**Third** - Craig Sherman  
**Second** - Dale Slingsby  
**Lead** - Jasmine Schuchardt  
**Coach/Guide** - Lise Beaupre  
**Sweeper** - Paul Hilts

## NOVA SCOTIA, Sydney

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**Skip** - Louise Gillis  
**Third** - James Simmons  
**Second** - Michael Vrooman  
**Lead** - Mary Campbell  
**Coach/Guide** - Sidney Francis  
**Sweeper** - Anthony Shaw

## NEW BRUNSWICK, Fredericton

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**Skip** - Denis LeBlanc  
**Third** - Alexander LeBlanc  
**Second** - Sylvie Roy  
**Lead** - Natalie Fougere  
**Guide** - Tony Benoit  
**Coach** - John Marusaik  
**Sweeper** - TBA

# Schedule of Events

All curling referenced activities listed below take place at the Sydney Curling Club, 619 George Street, Sydney, NS, (902-539-4012).

## Sunday, Feb.2/25

5:00 pm	Practice ice made available for BC, AB, SK, CAN
5:30 pm	Practice ice made available for ON, NB, MB, NS
6:00 pm	Skip and Coaches/Guides meeting at rink
6:45 pm	Meet and Greet, Pizza served, Bar open

## Monday, Feb.3/25 – Wednesday, Feb.5/25

8:30 – 9:00 am	Teams will have a 15 minute on ice practice with draw to the button for hammer.
9:00 – 11:00 am	Morning Draws (1, 3 & 5)
11:30 am	Lunch served at the rink
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Teams will have a 15 minute on ice practice with draw to the button for hammer.
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Draws (2, 4 & 6)

(On February 3rd there will be an opening ceremony just before the afternoon practice and draw at approx. 12:15 pm)

(February 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm the Sydney Curling Club has an Open Mic. evening. Everyone is invited to attend, good time guaranteed. The bar will be open.)

## Thursday, Feb.6/25

8:30 – 9:00 am	Team practice for last round robin game. Teams will have a 15 minute on ice practice with draw to the button for hammer.
9:00 – 11:00 am	Final round robin draw (7)
11:30 am	Lunch served at rink
12:30 pm	Ice is available for instructional and/or sharing purposes. We encourage some of our more skilled curlers to share their expertise with others. (No obligation to participate)
1:30 pm	The future of VI Curling meeting. Location: Simon Hotel. No agenda, very informal, let's have a chat about this event and its future. Each rink is invited to send 1 or 2 participants.

## Friday, Feb.7/25

8:30 – 9:00 am	Teams involved in Playoffs will have a 15 minute on ice practice
9:00 – 11:00 am	Playoffs begin, teams 2 vs 3, teams 4 vs 5, teams 6 vs 7 (team 1 gets the bye, team 8 eliminated from additional play)
11:30 am	Lunch served at rink
12:30 pm	Teams involved in Gold and Bronze medal games will have a 15 minute on ice practice.
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Gold Medal Game (ice 2), Bronze medal game (ice 3)
3:15 pm	Medal presentations
5:00 pm	Banquet at the Pensioners Hall (30 Inglis Street, (902-539-8000) – transportation provided)
6:00 pm	Dinner served, brief presentations after

8:00 pm

Dance to follow (after 8 open to public)

**Saturday, Feb. 8/25**

All curlers depart for home. Thanks for coming, see you next year!



# DRAW

All games played are 8 end games, with a tie during round robin decided by a mini extra end (i.e., each player throws one rock only), and during playoffs by a full extra end played to determine the winner.

All games will have a practice before the game where teams will be permitted to throw 1 rock up and 1 rock back, followed by a draw to button in round robin play.

(During round robin play, teams listed first will practice first.)

	Feb.3 9:00 am	Feb.3 1:00 pm	Feb.4 9:00 am	Feb.4 1:00 pm	Feb.5 9:00 am	Feb.5 1:00 pm	Feb.6 9:00 am
	Draw 1	Draw 2	Draw 3	Draw 4	Draw 5	Draw 6	Draw 7
Ice 1	SK	ON	NB	NS	CAN	MB	AB
	vs						
	MB	BC	AB	ON	SK	NS	CAN
Ice 2	NS	NB	SK	CAN	AB	BC	ON
	vs						
	AB	CAN	BC	MB	ON	NB	SK
Ice 3	NB	MB	CAN	SK	NS	AB	BC
	vs						
	ON	AB	NS	NB	BC	SK	MB
Ice 4	CAN	SK	MB	BC	NB	ON	NS
	vs						
	BC	NS	ON	AB	MB	CAN	NB

**BC = British Columbia**

**AB = Alberta**

**CAN = Team Canada (Edmonton)**

**MB = Manitoba**

**NS = Nova Scotia**

**ON = Ontario**

**NB = New Brunswick**

**SK = Saskatchewan**

**Friday, Feb. 7/25**

8:30 am Practices begin before Morning Draw

9:00 am Morning Draw

Ice 1 –

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**Team ranked 2** vs **Team ranked 3**  
(Winner to GOLD medal game, loser to BRONZE)

Ice 2 –

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**Team ranked 6** vs **Team ranked 7**  
(Consolation Final)

Ice 4 –

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**Team ranked 4** vs **Team ranked 5**  
(Winner of this game plays for BRONZE)

12:30 pm Practices begin before afternoon Draw

1:00 pm Afternoon Draw

Ice 2 –

**Team ranked 1** vs **Winner of 2-3 game**  
(GOLD MEDAL GAME)  
(Winner gets GOLD, loser gets SILVER)

Ice 3 –

**Loser of 2 - 3 game** vs **Winner of 4 – 5 game**  
(BRONZE MEDAL GAME)

3:30 pm      Medal Presentations following the Gold medal and Bronze medal games

5:00 pm      Banquet



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