



Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship 2025





CANADIAN VISION IMPAIRED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (CVICC)

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

2025



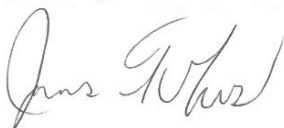
Welcome to the 2025 Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championship

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Tokos".

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



**Council of Canadians
with Disabilities**

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avec déficiences**

CETTE VOIX QUI EST LA NOTRE

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

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

TEAM CANADA, Edmonton (defending champions)

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

ALBERTA, Edmonton

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

SASKATCHEWAN, Saskatoon

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

MANITOBA, Winnipeg

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

ONTARIO, Toronto

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

NOVA SCOTIA, Sydney

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

NEW BRUNSWICK, Fredericton

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

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

Ice 2 –

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

Ice 4 –

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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