



4th Annual Virtual Curling Competition

Memo

Special Olympics BC Burnaby is inviting you to participate in our **4th Annual Virtual Curling Competition** from **November 23rd - 29th**. The reason the competition runs over a week is so locals can participate on their scheduled curling practice day!

If you would like to register your curling team(s), please complete the [Virtual Curling Registration form](#) no later than **Saturday, November 16th**.

This virtual curling competition has been well received with more teams registering each year...

- 2023 - 16 locals and 42 curling teams
- 2022 - 15 locals and 29 curling teams
- 2021 - 8 locals and 15 curing teams

DIVISIONING

Last year's approach of divisioning teams by ability (A/B or C/Developmental) was successful, so we'll be using the same format this year. To keep rankings less obvious to athletes, divisions will be given random names like Polar Bears, Penguins, Walruses, etc.

FORMAT

As part of the registration process, you'll be asked whether you have sufficient practice ice time to complete 6 virtual ends. Based on your registration response, you will be placed in either a division where teams play 4 ends or a division where teams have enough time to play 6 ends.

Most of you are now familiar with how virtual curling works. If you are new to coaching Special Olympics curling or would like a refresher, please check out the attached powerpoint presentation which features "Burnaby vs Quesnel" testing out the concept in 2020. In the



presentation you will read about the benefits of virtual curling as well as see preset rock layouts for each end along with the results for each team after the end is completed.

COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

On **November 22nd**, coaches will be emailed preset layouts. On competition day (the day you normally practice), coaches set up the house with rocks that mirror the 1st preset layout. The curlers would then deliver 2 rocks each with the goal to score as many points as possible. If they are not shot rock(s), then no score is noted. Repeat with remaining preset layouts. Skips & sweepers are definitely part of the game! Also there is no 5 guard rock rule in virtual competition. Rocks can be removed anytime during the end. Coaches are welcome to coach the team during the game. There are no tie-breakers so teams may end up in a tie.

RESULTS

Once registered, stay tuned for an email with instructions on how to submit your results. Once all results are received and tabulated, they will be distributed to the coaches to share with their team(s).

NOTE

We'd like to give a shout out to Nancy Farrell, SOBC Invermere, who hosted virtual Bocce this past summer, using the same concept as used for Curling! They crushed their 1st year with 19 locals and 67 teams registering!

REGISTRATION LINK

Link to Registration Form: [Virtual Curling Registration form](#)

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