



ENGLISH CURLING ASSOCIATION

National Championship Entry Forms: Guidance Notes (June 2017)

ENTRY MONIES

Entry monies for each championship comprise both an **entry fee** and a payment on account towards the championship **ice fees**.

ENTRY FEES

- Entry fees are £50 per team (£25 for Mixed Doubles).

ICE FEES

- Ice fees payment on account is £150 per team (£75 for Mixed Doubles).
- **The total payment to accompany each completed entry form is therefore £200 per team (£100 for Mixed Doubles).**
- Teams are responsible for settling the balance of their ice fees at the championship.
- Where there are only a small number of games played in the championship, the ice fees payment on account may not be fully used. Any unused element will be repaid at the end of the championship.
- The cost of the ice for the final will be shared out across the teams that are entered.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

The closing date for each championship is clearly shown on the relevant championship entry form. Forms must be received by post or email before midnight on the closing date. This closing date applies to ALL teams, including those who might be representing England after the closing date for entries.

Confirmation of entries and a draw for each Championship will be issued within a month of the closing date.

DATES OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The date of each Championship shown on the Entry Form is the Sunday on which the Championships will finish. The starting date of the Championship will depend upon the number of entries but could be as early as the Wednesday of the preceding week if there are a certain number of entries.

If for any reason the week of the Championship is changed by the ECA after the closing date for entry then each team will be asked to confirm that their entry is still valid and, if there is a *force majeure* reason which leads to their subsequent withdrawal, their entry fee and / or ice fees on account may be returned.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY FORMS

Team entries will only be accepted with receipt of a fully completed entry form **AND** payment of entry monies by the deadline date. Entry money may be paid by cheque or direct to the ECA Bank Account - details as follows:

Royal Bank of Scotland
Sort Code 16-20-16
Account 11384136

Please add your name and Championship code as a reference - eg EMCC, EWCC, ESMCC, ESWCC, EMDCC, EMXCC

There must be a minimum of 3 players included on the initial team list submitted, all of whom who have signed the form, except that entrants to the Mixed Doubles Championship must name and have signatures for both team members on the team list. Note that there are no alternates allowed in Mixed Doubles or in Mixed Championship.

TEAM CHANGES

Any changes and additions to the team from those submitted on the entry form must be notified in writing / by email to the Secretary or Competitions Convenor or umpire at least 24 hours prior to the start of the championship at which point at least 4 (2 in Mixed Doubles) players must be registered.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Where a minor (aged under **18** at the time of completion of the entry form) is an entrant, parental (or legal guardian) consent must also be obtained on the form.

TEAM WITHDRAWAL

- A team withdrawing after the closing date for entries has passed will forfeit all entry monies.
- A team withdrawing their entry prior to the closing date for entries will forfeit the entry fee but be refunded the ice fees payment on account.

ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

Section 7.2 of the ECA constitution states:-

- "7.2 (i) (a) To be eligible to play in the English Championships or to represent England in an International competition, a curler must have been born in England, **OR** must have a parent born in England, **OR** must have been ordinarily resident in England for a continuous period of at least two years immediately prior to the date of the Championships or the International competition, **OR** must be married to one born in England and be living in England at the time of the Championships or International competition **AND**
- (b) be a Full Member of the ECA.
 - (c) for the avoidance of doubt in the interpretation of paragraphs 7.2 (i) (a) to 7.2 (i) (b) the following will apply:
 - (A) Ordinarily resident shall have the everyday meaning of the place where a person has his only or main home.
 - (B) The Council may call for such evidence of qualification as it may think fit.
 - (C) No person who has represented another country which is a member of the WCF in an International competition shall be eligible to play for England until at least two years after their last representative appearance for that other country.

FULL MEMBER

All entrants to championship must have paid the appropriate Full Member annual subscription to a club which is affiliated to the English Curling Association before the start of the championship. Current affiliated clubs are: Glendale, London, Preston, SECC (South of England Curling Club), St George's, Bradford, Peterborough, Wigan & Haigh and KSJCC (Kent and Sussex Junior Curling Club).

progress to the final and the loser will play the winner of the 3v4 game with the winner of that game progressing to the final.

NO tie-breaker games will be played in any Championship.

The teams will be ranked after the Round Robin as follows:

(i) Teams will be ranked according to their win/loss record;

(ii) If two teams are tied, the results of the game(s) between them in the Round Robin will determine who is ranked higher. If in a double round robin they have won one game each then they will be considered equal for this ranking step and step (iv) below will be used to rank them;

(iii) Where three or more teams are tied, the record of the games between the tied teams shall provide the ranking (should this procedure provide a ranking for some teams but not all, then the record of the games between the remaining teams that are still tied shall determine the ranking);

(iv) For all remaining teams whose ranking cannot be determined by (i) or (ii) or (iii), ranking is determined using the Draw Shot Challenge (DSC). The DSC is the average distance of the Last Stone Draws (LSD) which were played by a team before each game during the Round Robin portion of a competition. Two LSD stones will be thrown before each game in the Round Robin stage of the Championships. The team with the lesser DSC receives the higher ranking. If the DSCs are equal, then the team with the best non-equal LSD receives the higher ranking.

At the time of writing the October 2016 version of the WCF Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition are those which will govern the Championships. More information on the format of the Championships will be distributed before they take place and these may include variations to take account of any rule changes which are implemented by the World Curling Federation before the date of the competition.

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