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# Road to the 2022 Mixed Doubles Olympic Curling Trials

Curling Canada | 2021 Trials process revised

The Mixed Doubles (MD) Olympic Curling Trials will be held December 28 – January 2, 2022, at Stride Place in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba with 16 qualified teams competing in 2 pools of 8.

## Teams already qualified for the MD Trials:

- Jocelyn Peterman/Brett Gallant (CMDR as of May 20, 2020)
- Jennifer Jones/Brent Laing (CMDR as of May 20, 2020)
- Nancy Martin/Tyrel Griffith (CMDR as of May 20, 2020)
- Rachel Homan/John Morris (CMDR as of May 20, 2020)
- Kerri Einarson/Brad Gushue (2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Champions)
- Kadriana Sahaidak/Colton Lott (2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles 2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

# Additional Information on the CMDR and MD Olympic Curling Trials Qualification Process:

- A team's Canadian Mixed Doubles Ranking (CMDR) will consist of each athlete's best 7 events (max 3 CTRS) from March 15, 2019, to December 14, 2021 ("the qualifying period").
- CMDR points will continue to be earned on an individual basis, meaning you still do not need to be playing with your teammate to earn CMDR points in a MD event.
- The current CMDR totals (including a separate list excluding CTRS) are displayed on the Curling Canada website. Individual point totals for MD athletes can also found in the CMDR detail spreadsheet posted on the Curling Canada website.
- There is no minimum MD event requirement for a team to be included on the CMDR at the start of the 2021-22 season. Each individual is still required to play in a minimum of 2 MD events over the qualifying period to be considered eligible for a CMDR Olympic Trials Berth, including a minimum of 1 event together with your teammate prior to November 29, 2021.
- After having been suspended for the full 2020-2021 season, CMDR points will once again start being awarded on August 12, 2021.
- As of July 20, 2021, there has been no official announcement on the resumption of the World Curling Team Rankings (WCTR) or the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS). If the WCTR/CTRS has not resumed by the time 4-person events start being played in Fall 2021, Curling Canada will award points to 4-person events for the express purpose of Mixed Doubles qualification to ensure fairness and consistency across the entire qualifying period. Each 4-person event will be assigned point values prior to the event being played and each individual participating in the 4-person event will receive 25% of the points earned by their 4-person team.



\* If a registered MD teammate is ineligible to compete in the MD Olympic Trials because they have qualified to be part of the Canadian Olympic team in the 4-person discipline, the remaining teammate will be permitted to use a replacement player for the MD Last Chance qualifier and MD Trials while still retaining their original CMDR team points towards MD Trials qualification. A final decision on a replacement player for a MD Olympic Trials qualified team must be made by December 15, 2021. A replacement player for the MD Olympic Trials must have been on a Top-10 CTRS team from the 2019/20 season or on one of the Top-32 CMDR teams as of November 29, 2021.

The remaining ten (10) Mixed Doubles Trial berths will be awarded in order as follows:

#### A. One (1) berth each at the two Tier-1 Mixed Doubles Qualifying Events:

## Aly Jenkins Mixed Doubles Memorial, Martensville, SK - September 15 to 19, 2021

- \* 36-team event, round-robin format (6 pools of 6 teams) with 12 qualifiers.
- \* The highest eligible non-qualified Top 4 finisher will be awarded a Mixed Doubles Trials berth. The two players on this team will be nominated for 5 months of MD Carding, if they are not already part of the Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).
- \* Prior to August 1, 2021, registered teams who will be assured entry include:
  - 1) Teams previously qualified for the 2020 or 2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship via CMDR or CTRS.
  - 2) Teams within the Top 20 on the CMDR, excluding CTRS, list (as of July 31, 2021)
  - 3) CTRS teams who previously registered but did not receive an invite to 2021 CMDCC.
- \*All remaining available spots will start being filled from the waitlist on August 2, 2021. 4 spots will be reserved for the Martensville Host Committee, followed by registered teams based on CMDR totals (combined individual CMDR points of the entrants as of July 31, 2021).
- \* Your entry is not confirmed until you have received confirmation from the host committee and your entry has been paid in full.
- \* Teams already qualified for the MD Trials will be permitted to compete.

#### Qualico Mixed Doubles Classic, Banff, AB – September 30 to October 3, 2021

- \* 36-team event, round-robin format (6 pools of 6 teams) with 12 qualifiers.
- \* The highest eligible non-qualified Top 4 finisher will be awarded a Mixed Doubles Trials berth. The two players on this team will be nominated for 5 months of MD Carding if they are not already part of the Sport Canada's AAP.
- \* As an existing Tier 1 MD event, invites have been sent to the Top 24 CMDR ranked teams who were registered for the cancelled 2020 Qualico MD Classic. 4 spots will also be reserved for teams invited by the Qualico MD Host Committee.
- \* The remaining 8+ available spots will start being filled from the waitlist on August 2, 2021. Invites will be distributed to registered teams based on CMDR totals (combined individual CMDR points of the entrants as of July 31, 2021).



- \* Your entry is not confirmed until you have received confirmation from the host committee and your entry has been paid in full.
- \* Teams already qualified for the MD Trials will be permitted to compete.
- B. Two (2) berths at the Last Chance Mixed Doubles Qualifier:

### Brantford Mixed Doubles Classic, Brantford, ON - December 9 to 12, 2021

- \* The two highest non-qualified Top 4 finishers will be awarded a Mixed Doubles Trials berth.
- \* Invites will be the Top 32 teams listed on the CMDR as of November 29, 2021.
- \* 32-team event, triple knockout format, 13 qualifiers.
- \* Teams already qualified for the MD Trials will be permitted to compete.
- C. Four (4) CMDR Olympic Trials berths awarded to the next 4 highest ranked teams on the CMDR as of December 14, 2021.
  - Each athlete on the qualified MD team must have played in at least 2 MD events in the qualifying period and at least 1 event together.
- D. Two (2) CMDR Olympic Trials berths awarded to the next two highest ranked teams on the CMDR, excluding CTRS, as of December 14, 2021.
  - If there is a tie for the second berth between MD teams, the berth will be awarded to the team who has earned their point total in the least number of events, and if still tied then by the team who earned the highest number of points in a lesser number of events (6 then 5 then 4...) until the tie has been resolved.
- E. Any remaining berths not awarded during the qualifying events due to the Top-4 finish requirement, berths earned but declined due to 4-Person Olympic commitments, or berths declined for any other reason.
  - These berths will be the last awarded to the next highest ranked team remaining on the CMDR, including CTRS.
  - Each athlete on the qualified MD team must have played in at least 2 MD events in the qualifying period and at least 1 event together.