



HOSTING GUIDE 2025-2026





NORTHERN ONTARIO MESSAGE

Curling Canada is so excited to provide youth curlers a premiere youth skills competition! Hit Draw Tap (HDT) is a province / territory wide individual skills competition for youth ages 6-12.

HDT taps into the individual competitive spirit of youth curlers who are aspiring to be the next generation of Champions.

Participants will have a chance to compare their skills to their peers, not only from around the province, but all scores will be entered into the national database!

HDT is fun, inclusive, age & stage appropriate, easy to administer and offered at a minimal cost for affiliated Member Centres and participants. We are thrilled to provide an additional program to our Member Centres to help them further develop their youth programs! We encourage all Centres to take part in HDT this season!

We are excited to host two provincial showdowns in 2026:

EAST: Saturday, February 8 - McIntyre Curling Club - Timmins

WEST: Saturday, February 22 - Fort William Curling Club - Thunder Bay

The following pages contain the event information. If you require additional information please email info@curlnoca.ca for more details on the HDT local and Provincial Shootouts.

Good Curling & Have Fun!



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ABOUT HIT DRAW TAP

Hit Draw Tap (HDT) is a youth skills competition where kids age 6-12 compete as individuals. HDT will group kids into three different age categories, and perform three different shots – a “Hit”, a “Draw” & a “Tap”.

Curling centres all across Northern Ontario are encouraged to host an HDT competition as part of their Youth Programming or whenever it best suits your centre.

All competition results are entered into the Curling Canada database for National Scoring!

The top participants will be compared to those in similar age groups from Member Centres across Canada on a “National Leaderboard” found on hitdrawtap.ca.

This amazing program will wrap up with two provincial showdowns:

WEST: Sunday, February 8th - McIntyre Curling Club (Canadian U-18)

EAST: Saturday, February 21st - Fort William Curling Club

Along the way participants will receive **ribbons, medals, certificates, swag** and a chance to be named the Hit Draw Tap Champion!

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. The competition is open to all youth curlers ages 6-12. Curlers will compete against each other, but in their appropriate age categories.
2. The three age classifications are based upon the child's age as of December 31, 2025.
3. All participants may be asked to show proof of age at the Provincial level of competition.
4. Participants may enter a club competition as many times as they wish, club registration rules apply for each entry.
5. All participants' guardians must complete a Hit Draw Tap Participant Registration Form/Assumption of Risk Form. Forms can be found at:

<https://curlno.ca/hit-draw-tap/>

2025-2026 Age Categories (as of December 31, 2025)

If you were born in:	You are in group:
2019, 2018	Age 6-7
2017, 2016	Age 8-9
2015, 2014, 2013	Age 10-12

RULES

1. No brushing is allowed during the competition.
2. Regulation curling rocks (i.e. no Little Rocks or Lite Rocks) are to be used by all age categories.
3. Sheet Modifications for each age group must be used. See page 7.
4. Someone (parent, volunteer or other curler) can hold the broom for the thrower.
5. All participants must wear head protection deemed appropriate by club organizers, clean running shoes or curling shoes.
6. All participants' guardians must sign the Participant Registration Form/Assumption of Risk Form before participating in any Hit Draw Tap competition. Forms can be found at: <https://curlnoc.ca/competitions/championship-events/hit-draw-tap/>
7. Each participant is allowed two practice shots (participant can choose whether they practice draws or hits) prior to their shots being scored.
8. Northern Ontario finalists will be given access to the ice for a 10-minute open practice session.
9. Scores are cumulative per event, with each participant repeating each score five times
10. Ties at the club and provincial / territorial level will be broken to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd with a "sudden death" draw to the button - draw is repeated until winner is determined. Officials will measure the distance from the pin to determine the winner.
11. If at any point a decision cannot be made as to the score of a shot, the decision shall always favour the participant.



DID YOU KNOW!
 Hit Draw Tap was created by our friends at Curling Ontario after watching the Drive, Chip & Putt Competition!

MEMBER CENTRE REGISTRATION



Affiliated Curling Centres are to register their event online with their Member Association

<https://noc.curling.io/en/products/9990-hit-draw-tap-2026>

Registration should be made by the person who will be responsible for the event, that person will be given “User” rights in the Online-Scoring App.

Member Centre Participation Cost: \$60 + HST

Member Centre will receive an HDT Hosting Kit upon registration.

Hosting Kit will include:

- Ribbons for first (1), second (2) & third (3) place finishers in each age category.
- Participation Certificates

Member Centre Hosting Resources:

Participation Certificates

Access to Promotional Video

Online Scoring App/Provincial Leaderboard with tutorial

***Access to all material can be found at:**

<https://curlnoc.ca/competitions/championship-events/hit-draw-tap/>

SKILLS AND SCORING



Pre Competition Practice:

It is recommended that each participant be permitted a maximum of two practice shots or an open practice time - whichever best suits the centre. An open practice of 10 minutes will be permitted at the Provincial Shootout.

Scoring:

Each athlete will have **five attempts** at each shot. The score is cumulative. In all situations, if a score cannot be clearly determined, the decision shall be made in the favour of the participant (i.e. round up to the higher of the two scores).

Game / Sheet Modification

- Ages 6-7 | Short Game - From the hack to the near house in a "short game" format.
- Ages 8-9 | **NEW** - Half sheet length
 - Option #1:
 - Placing a movable hack halfway down a sheet and throwing from it towards the house.
 - Option #2:
 - Pre-installed halfway house (throwing towards a full sized house, halfway down the ice)
 - *In both options, curlers must release the rock before the hogline.*
- Ages 10-12 | Full sheet length



THE HIT

Goal	Hit the positioned rock and stay in the rings		
Age Group	Age 6-7	Age 8-9	Age 10-12
Modifications	Short Game	Half Length	Full Length
Special Rules	- Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right-handed thrower uses left hack) - Contact with the pre-set stone must be made for any points to count, the stone does not have to be removed from play		
Set-up	Rock to be hit, is set up just behind the button.		
Scoring	Points are assigned by where the thrown rock rolls to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it touches the button • 4 points if it rolls but touches the four foot • 3 points if it rolls touches the eight foot • 2 points if it rolls touches the 12 foot • 1 point if contact with the set stone is made. Stone does not have to be removed from play. 		
Diagram			



THE DRAW

Goal	Draw as close to the pin as possible.		
Age Group	Age 6-8	Age 8-9	Age 10-12
Modifications	Short Game	Half Length	Full Length
Special Rules	- Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right-handed thrower uses left hack)		
Set-up	None		
Scoring	<p>Points are assigned by where the thrown rock stops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it covers the pin hole • 4 points if it touches the button • 3 points if it touches the four foot • 2 points if it touches the eight foot • 1 point if the touches the 12 foot 		
Diagram			

THE TAP



Goal	Promote a rock from the 12' to the button.		
Age Group	Age 6-8	Age 8-9	Age 10-12
Modifications	Short Game	Half Length	Full Length
Special Rules	- Must keep their hack foot in their designated hack (i.e. right-handed thrower uses left hack)		
Set-up	Rock is positioned bisecting the centre line, at the top of the rings.		
Scoring	<p>Points are assigned by where the tapped rock stops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points if it touches the button • 4 points if it touches the four foot • 3 points if it touches the eight foot • 2 points if it touches the 12 foot • 1 point if contact is made but the rock goes through the rings 		
Diagram			

REPORTING SCORES

A Web based Scoring Application will be available.

The instructions/access to this tool will be sent to the Member Centre's Event Coordinator.

If you do not have access to internet while on the ice, you may want to utilize a Manual Record Form. You will then need to transcribe the information into the Web based Scoring Application for the information to appear on the provincial leaderboard.

Manual Record Form can be found at:

<https://curlnoca.ca/competitions/championship-events/hit-draw-tap/>

All results must be entered by: **January 11th at 11:59pm ET**

Prizes and Advancement

Centre Prizes

1) Each HDT Participant in the centre will receive a Participation Certificate.

- These will be included in your HDT Hosting Kit.

2) 1st, place finishers of each age division (6-7, 8-9, 10-12) will receive a medal, 2nd & 3rd place finishers will receive ribbons.

- These will be included in your HDT Hosting Kit

3) 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers of each age division (6-7, 8-9, 10-12), at the Provincial Shootout, will receive a medal.

PROVINCIAL / TERRITORIAL SHOOTOUT

Provincial Shootout East

- Top 5 participants (based on total score) + ties in each division will advance to:
Provincial Shootout East - February 8th - McIntyre Curling Club (Timmins)
- Participants are responsible for all travel costs to get to and from the event.
- If a Top 5 participant cannot attend Provincial Shootout East, their spot will be forfeited and filled by the next highest score on the leaderboard.
- Qualified participants will receive an email communication on **January 12th**
- Parents/guardians will have until **January 15th at 4pm ET** to confirm their participants entry. After this date/time, the participant spot will be forfeited and the next highest score will be invited.

Provincial Shootout West

- The next top 5 participants (based on total score) + ties in each division will advance to:
Provincial Shootout West - February 21st- Fort William Curling Club
- **First priority** will be given to top 5 participants who could not attend Provincial Shootout East
- Participants are responsible for all travel costs to get to and from the event.
- If a participant cannot attend Provincial Shootout West, their spot will be forfeited and filled by the next highest score on the leaderboard
- Qualified participants will receive an email communication on or before
- Parents/guardians will have until **February 9th at 4pm ET** to confirm their participants entry. After this date/time, the participant spot will be forfeited and the next highest score will be invited.

All Provincial Participants will receive:

Toque

Event photo (to be emailed after the event)

Pizza party!



QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Questions about HDT should be sent to
info@curlno.ca or (705)358-3288

KEEP AN EYE ON WWW.HITDRAWTAP.CA
FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

Thank you for your participation – Have fun!!!

