



TOUR TALK...Atlantic Curling Tour Newsletter Volume 2

Welcome to the second edition of Tour Talk. The response to our first edition was great! Please feel free to provide any suggestion and or comments to steering committee members.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The ACT Championship is set to go December 15-18. The event will be held in Fredericton, NB at the Capital Winter Club. **Qualification for the ACT Championship was as follows; Top 15 points as of Nov 27th and the winner from the previous year. If any team did not accept the invitation the steering committee continued numerically down the list until the event is full.**

For complete information please see <http://ca.geocities.com/sonya.sullivan@rogers.com/ACT/ACT1.htm>

James	Grattan	NB
Mike	Kennedy	NB
Mike	Robinson	NS
Dan	Philip	NB
Scott	Saunders	NS
Kevin	Saccary	NS
Jamie	Murphy	NS
Peter	Gallant	PE
Jim	Sullivan	NB
Mark	Kehoe	NS
Rod	MacDonald	PE
Matt	Hughes	NB
Russ	Howard	NB
Charlie	Sullivan	NB
Robert	Shaw	PE
Tim	Comeau	NB

TOUR RULES

The steering committee has reviewed the rules and come up with a new version to be made accessible to all players. Please review below. A copy of these rules will also be placed on www.curleast.com

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The ACT is funded from a combination of tour fees charged as event entry fees and associated sponsor funding. Teams will submit a fee to event organizers to participate in each event and in turn qualify for tour benefits.

ACT revenues will be disbursed back to the event participants and used to grow the ACT.

ACT Fee is set at 7 % of entry fee for each competing team.

EVENTS RESULTS

Rodd Curling Classic

Winner – Peter Gallant Rink

Bally Hally Cash

Winner – Mark Noseworthy Rink

Sobeys Curling Classic

Winner - Mike Kennedy Rink

Travelspiel

Winner –Mark Noseworthy Rink

Pharmasave Hampton Skins Classic

Winner – Paul Dobson Rink

Molson Mayflower Cashspiel

Winner – Kevin Saccary Rink

Labatt-Atlantic Superstore /Journal

Pioneer

Winner – Mike Robinson Rink

Next Events –

ACT Championship - CWC Fredericton,
NB – Dec 15-18th

*Central Home Improvement Hammer
Classic* – Antigonish – Jan 5-8th

Mark's Work Warehouse Cashspiel –
Charlottetown, PE Jan 20-22nd

Please note the ACT will now work on the calendar year. As a result, points acquired in the January events will be carried forward until November/December 2006. The only condition is that all teams will require 3 of the original members to hold any points gained in January.

For complete event listing please refer to the calendar at www.curleast.com

SPONSORS

The ACT committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all event sponsors, and organizers. Without financial support and volunteering of time most events would not be possible. We hope that these commitments will continue, and we look forward to working with you in the coming years.

You may have noticed that we did not have a title sponsor for the 2005 season. Plans are now in the works to secure another sponsor for the 2006 season. Many thanks go out to Labatt Breweries and Dooly's for their past support.

ROAR OF RINGS PROMOTION

Over the 2005 each event had the opportunity to hold a draw for a week past at the Tim Horton Canadian Olympic Trials. The committee would like to thank all events that took part in this promotion. Congratulations to all winners!

For additional information on the ACT, please contact a member of the Steering Committee or visit the ACT website www.curleast.com

The Atlantic Curling Tour Committee would like to wish you and your entire family all the best over the Holiday Season!

ATLANTIC CURLING TOUR RULES

Events on the Tour:

The ACT will attempt to affiliate a minimum of three (3) events from each region, although regions will not be limited to three events. See Tour Points Section for a description of the number of events that are counted by each team for standing purposes.

ACT Season:

The tour shall run from January 1st through to the last event in November / December each season.

Event Applications:

Events may apply to be part of the Atlantic Curling Tour. All events must comply with the Event Requirements defined in the following sections. Applications must be received prior to your event and confirmation must be received back before the event is officially sanctioned.

Event Commitment:

The commitment of each event will be for a two (2) year term. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice prior to September 1st of the competing year.

Event Requirements:

All Atlantic Curling Tour Events must comply with the following criteria:

Format: Double knock-out, Triple knock-out or Round Robin

Purse: To be a minimum of \$ 3200.00 with a first prize of no less than \$1000.00.

Entry Fee: To be a minimum of \$200.00, not including ACT fees.

Number of Teams: Events will be required to make available a minimum of 16 spots for competition.

Type: Events may be open to all genders. A minimum of 75% percent of teams must be ACT teams (ie. Male ACT Members). Teams that are not made up of four male players shall not be eligible for tour points. Events that are unable to maintain the 75% male competitors will be reviewed and may be excluded from future ACT Participation.

Team Entries to event: Events must consider all team entries in one of the following ways:
open (first come first served)
open (based on past patronage)
invitational (with a defined and sanctioned criteria)

ACT Fees:

ACT fees will be 7% of the event entry fee. Event organizers will be responsible for:
- the collection of the fees
- remitting the fees to the ACT Steering Committee (no later than 2 weeks after the conclusion of their event).

It is recommended that events socialize the ACT within their event information distributed prior to and at the events.

Delinquent ACT Fees:

Any team or event that is delinquent remitting ACT fees may be deemed In-eligible for ACT standings and participation. That is, any points earned by a team at an event that has delinquent fees, may be deemed as in-eligible points towards overall standings.

Team Eligibility:

Teams must reside in Atlantic Canada and be members in good standing with the Atlantic Curling Tour and be members of an Atlantic Canadian Curling Club. All teams shall be made up of a minimum of four (4) male members.

Fifth Players:

Fifth players can be registered with the ACT. This must be done in writing prior to using a player in any event. Once registered, a fifth player cannot be changed for that team for future events in the competing year. A fifth player cannot be registered with any other ACT team. A registered fifth player may be considered an original player.

Spares:

Spares may be used at ACT events. Spares can be of male or female gender. A maximum of three (3) spares can be used at ACT events. Teams must have a minimum of two (2) original players present but can

only play with 2 spares for a maximum of 2 games in the entire event to receive tour points. 3 original players are required for all remaining games.

Original Players:

Original players for any team will be those players registered at their first ACT event. If registration occurs at the first event without your intended original line-up, this must be stated at registration.

ACT Points System:

1st place = 1000 pts + 20% of money winnings

2nd place = 750 pts + 20% of money winnings

3rd & 4th place = 500 pts + 20% of money winnings

5th – 8th place = 250 pts + 20% of money winnings

Other Money won by non playoff round teams:

50% of money winnings. ← **NOTE: Changing to 20% for 2006 ACT year**

Consolation Section:

50% of dollars won up to a maximum of 75% of the lowest qualifiers points.

NOTE: SOFM in effect for 2006 (not 2005)

Strength of Field Multiplier - for those ACT events not meeting minimum requirements (see Event Requirements):

1st place = (16 / number of eligible teams) * (1000 pts + 20% of money winnings)

2nd place = (16 / number of eligible teams) * (750 pts + 20% of money winnings)

3rd & 4th place = (16 / number of eligible teams) * (500 pts + 20% of money winnings)

5th – 8th place = (16 / number of eligible teams) * (250 pts + 20% of money winnings)

Other Money won by non-playoff round teams:

(16 / number of eligible teams) * (50% of money winnings). ← **NOTE: Changing to 20% for 2006 ACT year**

Tour Points:

Tour points will be awarded for the season using the ACT Point

System. Note, each team entered in the event may claim points for one team only.

Only events that are part of the ACT will qualify for points based on the ACT Points System above. All points and standings related issues will be dealt with by the Steering Committee. Final decision on all matters will be at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

ACT Standings:

ACT standings will reflect the sum of the highest points gained in any three (3) ACT events. ACT standings will be published on the tour web site no later than Tuesday of each week.

Seeding:

ACT events will be encouraged to use the ACT Standings to seed their events. The ACT will publish Start of Year Seedings for each year. These will be based on the following criteria:

- Playdown results
- ACT points (previous year)
- points awarded as 25% of team points per player
- Weekly seedings will be published on the ACT web site.

To Determine Tie Break in ACT Points

Ties in ACT points will be broken using the following criteria:

- 1) Best finish in ACT event
- 2) Most ACT events entered
- 3) Money Winnings
- 4) Head to Head record
- 5) Discretion of ACT Committee

Canada Cup East Travel Subsidy:

A travel subsidy has been set aside for the ACT Representative to the Canada Cup East. The subsidy is design to offset the significant cost of travel to the Canada Cup East event.

NOTE: In the event there is not a Canada Cup East Spot, the dollar amount and usage shall be determined by the ACT Committee.

Subsidy details:

Not to exceed \$1000.

The amount eligible for reimbursement is the difference between the cost of travel and the offsetting amount received by the team from the Canada Cup East.

Travel Fund.

Application for this assistance requires adequate detailed receipts and demonstration of funds received from the Canada Cup East Committee.

The ACT Steering Committee reserves the right to change the specifics of the subsidy.

ACT Championship:

- 16 team triple
- top 15 from point list as of the Tuesday following the last event of the season.
- 16th spot goes to defending champion
- spots needing to be filled as done so as follows:
- points list for deciding the invitees

If any team does not accept the invitation the steering committee will continue numerically down the list until the event is full. The event will be a 16 team triple, starting Thursday evening and ending on Sunday. There will be an entry fee and the payout will be determined by the ACT Committee and availability of funds.

It is recognized that circumstances will arise which require the Organizers and ACT executive to grant exemptions. Any exemptions will be as a result of a majority vote of the ACT Steering Committee for any event.