



The **Ontario School Curling Championships** compliment OFSAA Championships, allowing curlers further opportunity to compete, develop their skills, make new friends, and represent their schools.

This championship leading to a provincial trophy, with its inception in 1948, is the oldest such high school sport competition in Ontario - oldest of ALL sports. The qualification process begins with Zone Qualifiers in January. Please visit the **[OFFICIAL WEBSITE](http://www.gorecurling.com)** of the Gore Mutual Insurance Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Curling Competition at <http://www.gorecurling.com> . Registrations and results will all be recorded here – as well as pictures and a wealth of other information about the competition...

The competition is open to all male and female students enrolled full-time in high school in the year of competition. They must be in regular attendance, be making satisfactory academic progress and meet all OFSAA eligibility requirements. There is no limit to the number of teams that may participate from a school. Bring them all!

The structure of the first two levels of competition is "double knockout". A team must be defeated twice in order to be eliminated from the next level of competition. The first level of competition for our area are Zone 16 play-downs, which are to be held on Saturday & Sunday, **12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January** at the **[Chatham Granite Club](#)**. Then, from that weekend's competition two boys' teams and two girls' teams advance to Regional competition to be held on Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the **[Sarnia Golf and Curling Club](#)** and from there two boys' and two girls' teams advance to the Provincial finals which this season are being hosted by the **[Pembroke Curling Centre](#)**, Thursday through Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February, where Eight boys' and eight girls' high school teams from all across Ontario will compete for the coveted Gore Trophy and Gore Bowl. **In addition**, there are awards for all-star teams and academic scholarships drawn from the provincial finalists and selected based on their high school transcript and an essay competition. All accommodations and meals are provided by the host committee!

Competition rules are found on the Gore Ontario School Curling website  
<http://www.gorecurling.com/>.

**The deadline for entry is midnight on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Email is the preferred method of entry - with cheques and "hardcopy" of the official entry form bearing your principal and coach's signatures sent to me, along with your entry cheque, by Canada Post (or courier) at the same time. The entry form is on line at <https://www.gorecurling.com/Forms/REGISTRATION%20FORM.pdf>

In your email please include your preferred email address(s) as well as home and/or business phone number(s), as well as contact information for your alternate/assistant coach (optional), and/or school advisor (optional).

The cost of entry this season is **\$ 150.00 per team.**

As soon as your cheque arrives I will immediately contact you to confirm its arrival. You can be certain that they will not be cashed until after the event (and could be returned should you in the end decide not to participate).

Please make your cheque(s) payable to me personally: "**Anthony Braithwaite**" - with a memo or note on the cheque such as: "for OCA - Gore Mutual Schoolboy/Schoolgirl Curling". After the event all cheques from participating teams will be deposited into a local bank account, and I'll send one cumulative cheque for all our zone entries together to The Gore Curling Committee. Mail (or courier) cheques and "hardcopy" entry forms to: Tony Braithwaite, 60 Queen Street, Kingsville, N9Y 2A2.

I will make up the zone draw and notify all teams on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> or Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Contact will be by email and/or telephone with details of the draw including the time of your first game. Friday evening games will ONLY be played if so dictated by a large number of entries. It has been quite a few years since we last had need for a Friday evening draw.

Please encourage all your teams to enter the competition as a means of sharpening their skills, making new (or renewing old) curling friendships, enjoying a great weekend of curling, and then possibly advancing to a higher level of competition in Sarnia, and perhaps ultimately represent our "quarter of the province" in Pembroke in February!

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