

## NOVICE ELIGIBILITY CLARIFICATION

There seems to be some confusion concerning Novices coming back to compete.

As per the Conditions of Play, requirements for all participants wishing to compete in **District/Provincial Novice competitions\*** are limited to those having not more than five (5) years of lawn bowling memberships anywhere in the world (including the current year) and of any type (including crown green) and who have previously **NOT** won an Ontario Championship in Fours, Pairs, Singles, Senior Triples, Mixed Pairs, Triples, Novice or participated in a Canadian Championship event.

District Novice Singles qualifiers competing in their club playdowns must meet these requirements.

Novice Singles and Novice Mixed Combo 4's: Winners of a Gold medal pin at the Ontario Novice Singles Championship will NOT be eligible to compete in either of these events

\*This may not prohibit a Novice Gold medal winner from competing at a club open novice tournament because a club will determine their own novice eligibility for their own event.

### Novice Eligibility for Provincial Competitions

YEAR JOINED	YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY LEFT
2015	none
2016	One (1) Last year 2022
2017	Two (2) Last year 2023
2018	Three (3) Last year 2024
2019	Four (4) Last year 2025
2020	Five (5) Last year 2026
2021	Five (5) Last year 2026
2022	Five (5) Last year 2026

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Given the cancellation of the 2020 and the 2021 Ontario Provincial and National Championships due to Covid 19, 2020 and 2021 will not count towards Novice eligibility.

**Youth Eligibility for Youth Provincials:**( taken from the Individual Youth Under 18 CoP)

Participants must be a minimum age of twelve (12) by July 2, 2022, and under eighteen (18) as of January 1, 2022.

Birth certificates will be required as proof of age.

**Youth in Eligibility in Novice Competition** (taken from the General CoP page 4)

- a. The Gold pin winners at the Youth Under 18 and the Youth Under 25 Canadian Championships are not eligible to participate in the Ontario Novice Championships.
- b. Novice experience will not commence until the year following their thirteenth (13th) birthday. Participants do not count any years prior to and including the year of their 13th birthday.

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