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## U21 & Under Alcohol Policy and Testing Consent Form

**All teams who will be competing in the 2021 Junior Nationals at the and/or the 2021 U18 National Championships, along with any subsequent qualification events (ie. Regional playdowns and qualification bonspiels) leading to a U21 & Under National Championship are required to read and acknowledge this form. This includes all players, the coach, and the parents of any player under the age of 18. The Chief Umpire for the event will check to see that every player and coach on each team has acknowledged this form before the team will be allowed to begin the competition.**

### Policy and Penalties

The undersigned player or coach has read and will abide by the junior alcohol policy as stated in the Player/Coach Agreement, which is as follows:

**JUNIOR & U18 EVENTS:** THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO COACHES, TEAM PERSONNEL AND ATHLETES IN UNDER 21 COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS.

- a. **No alcohol** consumption by any athlete from the time of departure from the city of home/school residence, through the competition, and until the return to the city of home/school residence, including, without limitation, any banquet or post-championship/event celebration. Coaches agree to follow the U.S. Olympic Committee Coaching Ethics Code section 3.08; Coaches refrain from tobacco and alcohol use while they are coaching and make every effort to avoid their use while in the presence of their athletes.
- b. If proven after due process that an athlete consumed or was in possession of any alcohol or banned substance purchased or received by the player from anyone *including a coach, relative or friend* during an under 21 specific event (Junior Nationals, and U18 National Championship) USCA, WCT and WCF Competitions and Events, the athlete may be subject to banishment from competition for the remainder of this year and suspended from participating the following curling year in any competition leading up to regional, national, world or Olympic competition. Also, if there is sufficient evidence of consumption or possession of alcohol or a banned substance by an athlete during any under 21 specific event, The player will be excluded from the competition and sent home.

### Consent to Testing



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The undersigned acknowledges that junior players, coaches, and team personnel are subject to testing for alcohol as stated in Section II, item 4 of the Championships Rules. The undersigned consents to testing for alcohol by use of alcohol testing strips. Testing procedures are as follows:

- 1. Selection of person and time to test.** Testing is conducted by randomly selecting names from a list that includes all players and coaches registered for the championship event. However, the USCA reserves the right to test non-randomly, if there is any reason to believe consumption of alcohol may be occurring with respect to a particular group or person. Once a day, names will be randomly drawn for testing. A person's name may be drawn more than once. Tester will consult the day's game schedule to determine the best time to test the chosen individual.

Tester will communicate the name and testing time to the player's coach approximately one hour before the testing time. (All coaches must provide a cell phone number to the chief umpire for this purpose, and players will need to keep in contact with their coaches in case of testing. Coaches will also need to provide to the Chief Umpire the hotel and room numbers where the team will be staying.) Barring extraordinary circumstances, the player is expected to be at the testing site within one hour of receiving notification. Unless otherwise specified, testing will take place at the curling club. Testing may also take place at the player's hotel and closing banquet location.

- 2. Administering the test.** The test is to be administered according to the manufacturer's specifications.
  - a. Person to be tested must have a coach or other adult representative present during testing.
  - b. The procedure will be explained. Tester then opens packet containing testing strip and places it in person's mouth to obtain a sample. If a person tests positive, tester shows the person the strip, informs them there will be a second test, and asks if the person has consumed anything or put anything in his/her mouth in the last fifteen minutes.
  - c. If yes, tester observes person for 15 minutes after the first test to make sure that nothing is consumed or anything put in his/her mouth and a second test is administered.



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- d. In all cases where a person tests positive, a second backup test will be administered. The second test may be conducted using another strip or may be a breath test. If the second test does not indicate the presence of alcohol, the person tested will be deemed not to have violated the rule.
- 3. Player's Option of Hospital Blood Alcohol Test.** Nothing precludes a person from obtaining, at that person's expense, another form of testing for the presence of alcohol. Parental consent will be required.
    - a. The USCA will consider additional tests if conducted within two (2) hours of the last USCA administered test and if conducted by certified medical personnel or another person certified to conduct blood draws or breath testing for the presence of alcohol.
    - b. If the test described in and conducted pursuant to Paragraph 3(a) shows no presence of alcohol, the person is deemed not to have violated this rule.
  - 4. Refusal to be tested.** If a person refuses to submit to the test, the presence of alcohol in that person's body is assumed, and the player is subject to all the penalties pertaining to a test showing the presence of alcohol.
  - 5. Administration of Sanctions for failing a test.** The results of all tests showing the presence of alcohol will be presented to the Chief Umpire. Any issues relating to the administration of the test or whether the violation occurred will be decided by the Chief Umpire, subject to review by the on-site Board of Review. The sanctions for violation of the junior alcohol policy are stated below and will be communicated to the offending player and be enforced by the Chief Umpire.

**I acknowledge that I have read and understood the alcohol policy and penalties for violation, and I agree to abide by it. I consent to being tested for consumption of alcohol by use of alcohol testing strips. Also, I consent to blood alcohol testing by the local hospital medical staff.**

**Player:**

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**Player Sign above**

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**Date**

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**State or Region Represented**



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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent of Player under 18 (consenting for the child to be tested using alcohol strips). If my child so requests, I also consent to blood alcohol testing by the local hospital medical staff.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE-Acknowledgment and acceptance of this policy/agreement will be collected during the registration process. No need to print and submit directly unless you wish to keep for your own records.*

### Question after waiver:

**By signing your full name, relation (parent/legal guardian of minor or athlete over 18 as of 1/18/2020) and date, you are consenting to have your minor child (or self if over 18), to being tested for consumption of alcohol by use of alcohol testing strips or blood alcohol testing by the local hospital medical staff.**

### Coach/Volunteer

**I acknowledge that I have read and understood the below alcohol policy and penalties for violation, and I agree to abide by it. I consent to being tested for consumption of alcohol by use of alcohol testing strips. Also, I consent to blood alcohol testing by the local hospital medical staff.**

