



September 6, 2012

We are pleased to invite you and your team to enter the 2013 Pomeroy Inn & Suites Prairie Showdown. The event will take place at the Grande Prairie Curling Club in Grande Prairie, AB, from **Thursday March 14 to Sunday March 17, 2013.**

This event is expected to fill a void in the curling schedule as teams prepare for the Player's Championship and make one final effort for valuable CTRS points.

The event will also be the first event on the 2013-2014 Alberta Curling Tour.

The format of the event will be triple knock-out with six qualifiers. Sixteen men's and sixteen women's teams will compete for a \$100,000 purse (\$50,000 each).**

The prize purse of **\$50,000** for this year's event will be distributed as follows.

CASH

1st	\$15,000
2nd	\$10,000
3rd	\$ 7,500
4th	\$ 7,500
5th	\$ 5,000
6th	\$ 5,000

Games will be 8 ends with a full extra end to break a tie. A draw to the button will determine hammer. The first draw will be at 5:00 pm Thursday and the final is set for 3:30 pm Sunday.**

The deadline for entries will be **February 1, 2013** and only paid entries will be considered. The entry fee is \$1000 payable to GP Cash Spiel. The cheque may be post-dated to February 15, 2012 and must accompany your entry form. No refunds will be issued after the February 17, 2012 unless your spot can be filled (exception to this will be granted to teams that have qualified for the World Championships).

If at any point there is a change to team personnel as it was submitted, we must be notified immediately.

If you have any questions, you could contact me at the number listed below. Entries can be mailed to the address below.

Please view the criteria on the following page.

Sincerely,



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**We reserve the right to increase the number of teams should entries far exceed the limit. Should more teams be accepted, the prize money will increase. This may affect the draw times, an earlier start on Thursday would be likely.

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Men's criteria

- Three Peace Region teams from the Pomeroy Inn & Suites Peace Curling Tour
- Three other Alberta men's teams (top World Curling Tour Year-to-date Order of Merit ranking as of February 1, 2013)
- One sponsor's exemption
- Top six finishers from 2012 are guaranteed entry should they meet the entry deadline and have a minimum of 3 players that played in the 2012 event. (G.Hill, R.Liu, M.McEwen, S.Laycock, K.Balderston, K.Martin)
- Remainder shall be the top World Curling Tour Year-to-date Order of Merit rankings as of February 1, 2013.
- Teams entering that win their provincial berth to the Brier shall obviously have their entry removed.

Women's Criteria

- Three Peace Region teams from the Pomeroy Inn & Suites Peace Curling Tour
- Three other Alberta women's teams (top World Curling Tour Year-to-date Order of Merit ranking as of February 1, 2013)
- One sponsor's exemption
- Top six finishers from 2012 are guaranteed entry should they meet the entry deadline and have a minimum of 3 players that played in the 2012 event. (J.Kaufman, D.Owen, V.Sweeting, B.Wang, S.Kleibrink, R.Sonnenberg)
- Remainder shall be the top World Curling Tour Year-to-date Order of Merit rankings as of February 1, 2013.

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Team Entry*

SKIP _____

Third _____

Second _____

Lead _____

Team Contact

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please note we will require a digital team picture sent via email by February 20. This is required for our official program which is distributed to our sponsors. We ask for your cooperation in this regard.

Pictures can be emailed to Lrsonnenberg@cool.ca.

Entries (with fee) can be mailed to:

PCA

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Deadline February 1, 2013

Cheques of \$1000 payable to GP Cash Spiel can be postdated to February 15, 2013.