



Nicholas Umbach

Team Pierce



Biography

Nicholas Umbach is a dedicated kinesiologist and accomplished athlete who graduated in February 2023 from Douglas College with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Coaching, concentrating in kinesiology. His academic and professional pursuits have been deeply rooted in his passion for human movement and athletic performance, which led him to begin his kinesiology practice shortly after graduation. Since May 2023, Nicholas has been working with Columbia Integrated Health Centre, where he applies his expertise to help clients improve their physical health and achieve their fitness goals.

Alongside his professional career, Nicholas has a long-standing history in competitive curling. Starting the sport at just 9 years old, he quickly developed into a skilled competitor, representing his province at two national U-18 curling events. Over the past few years, he has regularly competed in the men's provincial championships, demonstrating his prowess on the ice. One of the highlights of his curling career came in 2018 when he captured gold at the College Curling National Championships, solidifying his status as a formidable athlete.

Nicholas is currently a member of Team Pierce, a highly competitive curling team based at the Royal City Curling Club in New Westminster. Entering its second year together, the team welcomed Mathew Blandford as a new addition this season. A standout achievement within the team is Brent Pierce's victory at the 2000 World Curling Championships, adding a legacy of excellence to the group. Last year, Team Pierce had an impressive run, competing in five events, not including the provincials. They secured victories in two of them, culminating in a 4th place finish at the provincial championships. By the end of the last season, Team Pierce had earned a final ranking of 30th in Canada and 62nd in the world. As of mid-October 2024, the team has improved its standing, ranking 22nd in Canada and 60th globally.

Nicholas continues to balance his professional and athletic endeavors, striving for excellence in both his kinesiology practice and his competitive curling career.