

## **NOCA Competitions**

To enter in competitive curling events sanctioned by the NOCA, a curler must:

Be a member of, and have paid the approved NOCA per capita fee, to a curling club which is affiliated and in good standing with the NOCA;

Be a resident of Northern Ontario.

### ***Junior & Bantam Competitions***

Junior - 20 years of age or under on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

Bantam – 16 years of age or under on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the Provincials.

### ***Men's Competition***

Men – 19 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

### ***Women's Competition***

Women – 19 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

### ***Seniors & Masters (men & women)***

Seniors – 50 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

Masters – 60 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

### ***Mixed Competition***

19 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National.

### ***The Dominion Curling Club Championship(men & women)***

20 years of age or older on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the National with two players between 15–20 years of age allowed.

## **National/Provincial Affiliations**

The NOCA pays annual fees to both the Canadian Curling Association and the Ontario Curling Council. Some of the benefits of these member fees include:

The ability to access national and provincial funding for programs and services to assist clubs, athletes, and coaches;

Televised coverage of national and world curling events;

The ability to advance teams to national events;

Exchange of current information between the national and provincial associations.

### **Board of Directors & Staff:**

(Contact information on website)

Stephen Chenier, President (Reg. 6)  
Marion Clark, Vice-President (Reg. 2)  
Ron Henderson, Sec./Treasurer (Reg. 5)  
Muriel Anderson, Region 1 Director  
Mike Szajewski, Region 1 Director  
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Leslie Kerr, Executive Director  
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Cindy McFeeters, Development  
Coordinator East  
Chris Ransom, Development Coordinator  
West

## ***NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION***

***Made in Northern Ontario for  
Northern Ontario***

### ***Membership Benefits***



### **Mission Statement**

***“To promote and develop  
curling as a recreational  
and competitive sport in  
Northern Ontario.”***

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## **Helping Curling Clubs, Coaches, and Curlers**

### ***Curler Benefits***

Membership card with sponsor discounts  
Eligible to participate in all NOCA events  
Discounted rates on Bearskin Airlines  
when travelling to competitions

### ***Club Benefits***

Information about membership and  
volunteer recruitment and retention,  
revenue generation, club operations and  
management from the CCA Business of  
Curling program, and an online Member  
Services Manual.

Access to draws for bonspiels.

Trained instructors for Learn to Curl,  
Intermediate and Advanced Clinics

Curling Week in Northern Ontario –  
November 16-24, 2013

### ***Annual Awards***

3 NOCA Volunteer of the Year

8-Ender Awards

NOCA Club Recognition award

Honourary Life Memberships

Pat O. Reid Coach Award

Quest for Gold Grants for Athletes and  
Coaches

### ***Curling Camps***

The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling  
Camp – July 2013

High Performance Team Training Camps

### ***Coach/Athlete Training***

Conferences and training workshops are  
provided to ensure that NOCA coaches  
and athletes are current in their training  
and development.

### ***Hosting Opportunities***

Membership in Provincial and Canadian  
Associations allows your club to host  
NOCA events and competitions, and  
possibly Provincial, National and World  
events which enhance the profile of  
curling locally with the potential for  
revenue and public exposure for the club.

### ***Hosting Assistance***

Hosting guidelines for regional and  
provincial events are available on the  
NOCA website. Regional directors and our  
Executive Director will work with your  
Host Committee to guide you.

Provincial Ice Technicians offer assistance  
to clubs to provide quality ice.

### ***Technical Assistance***

Courses for Volunteers, Boards, Coaches,  
Instructors, Ice Technicians, and Officials.

Technical Coordinator develops and  
promotes programs to meet the needs of  
the club, curlers, and coaches.

NOCA Head Official develops and trains  
officials for events.

Instructional Clinics for Wheelchair and  
Visually Impaired persons.

Printed technical and promotional material  
to assist clubs, club instructors, curlers,  
and coaches.

### ***Bursaries***

Bursaries to assist youth with their  
registration for the Amethyst camp are  
provided annually.

### ***Grants***

NOCA acts as a reference on grant  
applications, and will provide guidance  
with grant applications.

Clubs are eligible to apply for CCA Curling  
Assistance Program Funds.

### ***Insurance***

A Curling Club insurance program is  
offered at preferred rates.

### ***Website – [www.curlno.ca](http://www.curlno.ca)***

Course calendar for all courses in  
Northern Ontario

Playdown schedule

Direct link to all playdown results through  
[www.playdowns.com](http://www.playdowns.com)

Clubs may post their bonspiels

Facebook and Twitter presence

Links to numerous curling related sites

Contact information for all clubs, club  
delegates, and NOCA Board and staff

NOCA Notes written weekly during the  
curling season and emailed to your curling  
club or to your personal email address.

### ***Youth Development***

The NOCA is committed to providing  
opportunities for younger curlers to  
compete and improve.

**Youth Challenges** will assist Developing  
Youth teams. See the NOCA website for  
more information and a schedule.

### ***Trillium Foundation Grant***

The Trillium Foundation has funded a 3-  
year grant to hire two Development  
Coordinators to promote youth and  
Aboriginal curling and create two user  
manuals, and to purchase training and  
timing equipment.

### ***Planning***

Regional meetings are held twice per year  
for club delegates to share information.

The NOCA Board and staff have created a  
5 year Strategic plan to guide the  
organization through to 2016.