



**NOCA Notes**  
**December 13, 2013 REVISED**

**Congratulations Team Jacobs:**

Team Jacobs (Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, fifth Caleb Flaxey, and Coach Tom Coulterman) won the men's side of the Roar of the Rings last week and will now represent Canada at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Jacobs came through the Roar undefeated and won the final against the John Morris rink with a 7-4 victory. Full Article:

<http://www.curling.ca/2013roaroftherings-en/2013/12/08/team-jacobs-books-trip-to-sochi-with-roar-of-the-rings-win/>

The team was greeted at the airport in Sault Ste. Marie and escorted to Soo Curlers Association for a welcome party. See more on this at [www.sootoday.com/content/news/details.asp?c=65487](http://www.sootoday.com/content/news/details.asp?c=65487)

**Bantam Regions and NOCA Women's Provincials this weekend:**

December 12-15 will see six Bantam regional playdowns take place with 36 teams competing. The Bantam playdowns will declare 1 team of each gender from each region to advance to the provincials. The final two teams of each gender will be decided in the Bantam Challenges January 10-12, 2014. **The Bantam Provincial will take place at the Soo Curlers Association January 30 – February 2, 2014.** The top three teams of each gender from the provincials will advance to the Ontario Winter Games. Results and event info: <http://curlinoca.ca/competitions/bantam/>

The NOCA Women's provincial also takes place this weekend at Soo Curlers Association. Five teams will compete for four spots at the Ontario Scotties January 5-12, 2014 also at Soo Curlers Association. This is the last year that teams from NOCA will compete with teams from the OCA to declare Team Ontario for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Starting in 2015 Northern Ontario will have the opportunity to participate in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The NOCA team will have to earn the right to compete by participating in the pre-event competition.

Results and event info: <http://curlinoca.ca/competitions/women>

**Let's GO Curling Promotion:**

NOCA is pleased to announce a new program in conjunction with the Ontario Trillium Foundation: **Let's GO Curling**. The program will provide curling clubs with fun curling activities that will address the needs of both new and experienced curlers of all ages to numerous aspects of the game. This program also provides an opportunity for certification as an instructor or coach, who will then be available in the club as a resource for years to come. Ideally, this program of curling activities would be scheduled at any time during the curling season which best fits with your club's schedule. It may also be used as a special event for your club. In every case, NOCA will endeavour to bring a NOCA Provincial champion to the event.

Curling Club staff or volunteers are asked to submit a proposal to the NOCA office. Clubs will be awarded a **Let's GO Curling** weekend based on the merits of their application. Creativity is encouraged. For more information go to <http://curlinoca.ca/lets-go-curling-program/>

**Awards:**

The CCA, NOCA, and the Ministry of Citizenship all have awards available. Take this opportunity to nominate someone deserving from your club. Deadlines are approaching soon.

CCA: [www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/](http://www.curling.ca/about-the-organization/awards-and-certificates/)

NOCA: <http://curlinoca.ca/programs/awards/>

Ministry: <http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honoursandawards.shtml>

**Coach Conferences – Date change:**

The west conference will take place on the Family Weekend, February 15-17, 2014 and the east conference will take place later in the season, dates TBD. More information will be available in the new year.

**Upcoming Registration Deadlines (all at 12:00 pm (NOON) ET):**

**PLEASE NOTE – THE CLOSING TIME FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12:00 pm (NOON).**

Men Qualifier West: December 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Men & Women: January 10<sup>th</sup>

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