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**NOCA Notes**  
December 19, 2014

**Bantam Region Playdowns**

This weekend will see the first berths to the Tim Bantam Provincials declared. Regional playdowns will take place in Keewatin, Kakabeka Falls, Blind River, Sudbury (Idylwyld G&CC), and Kapuskasing. [Results](#)

**Coaches Association of Ontario Coaching Conference:**

The CAO is hosting the Ontario Coaches Conference February 20-22, 2015. The conference welcomes more than 350 amateur coaches from across the province, ranging from community volunteers to full-time professional coaches. The Conference has become a can't-miss event on the provincial sport event calendar since 2007, involving coaches from as many as 50 sporting disciplines, including those working with Olympic and Paralympic athletes. [Information](#)

**2015 Amethyst Junior Curling Camp:**

Information packages will be sent to all campers from last year on in early January. Those campers have until January 25, 2015 to register. After that date spots will be filled with other applicants. General registration information will be on the NOCA website in early January.

**Travelers Curling Club Championship:**

Curling Clubs must register their intent to have a team (teams) represent their club in the Travelers Curling Club Region playdowns by Friday January 16, 2015. Clubs must register just their intent and pay for the registration online. The teams for the regional playdown must be declared at least a week prior to the region playdown. All region playdowns must be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Travelers Curling Club Provincials will take place March 26-28 at Soo Curlers Association. [Information](#)

**Grants Available:**

The Province has recently announced some grants that clubs might be interested in applying for. A full list of grants is available at [Grants Ontario](#). Of particular interest: [Age Friendly Community Planning Grant](#), and [Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund](#)

**Awards Available:**

- The Canadian Curling Association has several awards that they are seeking nominations for: CCA Hall of Fame ([Criteria](#)); Board of Governors Special Recognition Award; Ray Kingsmith Award; and Award of Achievement. The **deadline for nominations for these awards is December 31, 2014**. There are also other recognitions awards available. [Award Information](#)
- The Ontario Volunteer Secretariat's 2015 Volunteer Service Awards are now seeking nominations. Why not recognize that person (or people) at your club who are always there lending a hand as a volunteer, coach, ice assistant, concession worker, or event/bonspiel organizer [Information](#)

**C.A.P. Funding Reminder**

The Canadian Curling Association is once again offering financial assistance to clubs through the Curling Assistance Program. This program targets programs designed to grow the sport at the community level, or assist with capital projects. Funding is available in two categories: Bricks and Mortar, and Business Development. [Information](#) The deadline is 5:00 pm Friday January 9, 2015.

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

- [Tim Hortons Youth Challenge Fort William CC](#): Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- [Bantam Qualifiers](#): Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- [NOCA Women's Provincial](#): Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>
- [Travelers Men's West Qualifier](#): Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Holidays*

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