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## NOCA Notes

October 27th First Edition of the 16-17 Season

### Curling Week

Curling Week, presented by Bearskin Airlines, will take place November 19-27 this year. After the success last year, there will again be **THREE** Closest to the Pin contests: Youth under 12, Youth 12-17, and adults 18+. There are prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category including autographed items from Teams McCarville, Fleury and Jacobs, Goldline gift cards, and ticket packages to the National Grand Slam in Sault Ste. Marie in December. The winner Scotties in St. Catharines as well as a Best Western gift card. All of the adult finalists will be entered into a contest to win two tickets anywhere Bearskin Airlines flies. There will also be prizes for an online contest during the week.

Curling Week is a great opportunity to showcase your club to your community and invite new people to try curling. More information, including a poster to print and distribute around your community, is available at <http://curlnoca.ca/programs/curling-week/>

### Technical Courses:

Several Coaching Courses are currently scheduled in Northern Ontario as well as a Level 1 and 2 Officiating Course. Information and registration for all of the courses is available at <http://curlnoca.ca/programs>. [Course Calendar 2016-17](#)

If you are interested in having a course in your community, please contact Andrea Ronnebeck, NOCA Technical Coordinator. Andrea may be reached at 807-466-8351, or [andrearonnebeck@curlnoca.ca](mailto:andrearonnebeck@curlnoca.ca)

### Tim Hortons Youth Challenges:

Tim Hortons is proud to be an ongoing sponsor of the Tim Hortons Youth Challenges. These events are aimed at providing training and competitive experience for Developmental and beginning competitive teams. The schedule and registration for the Youth Challenges can be found at <http://curlnoca.ca/competitions/youth-challenges/>

### Region Meetings and Fall Mailout:

Fall meetings have now been held with most regions. Club Delegates from all clubs and other volunteers/staff were invited to participate in a web/teleconference meeting; the agenda for the meetings included discussion on: Programs and Services, Technical Coordinator's Report, Member Benefits, Jet Ice Contest, Curling Week, Adult Learn to Curl, Hit Draw Tap, and a Competitions Review and update

If you would like more information about anything discussed at the fall meetings, please contact your Club Delegate. Each club has a NOCA Club Delegate who is responsible for acting as the communications liaison between your club and NOCA. If you don't know who your Delegate is, please contact the NOCA office – 888-597-8730, or [info@curlnoca.ca](mailto:info@curlnoca.ca)

### Jet Ice Logo Contest:

Jet Ice and NOCA are pleased to announce the second year of an Ice Logo Contest. This year the contest is only open to youth 17 years of age and under and their submission must be accompanied by a story about their design. Clubs must submit designs for ice houses by March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the winning design will receive two full houses for next season from Jet Ice. The value of these houses is over \$700. [Jet Ice Logo Contest Information](#)

### Adult Learn to Curl Grant

The Adult Learn to Curl program has been one of the most successful recruiting tools that curling clubs in Canada have ever utilized. In partnership with the Ontario Curling Council and the Ontario Curling Association, NOCA is pleased to provide clubs with the opportunity to participate in an Adult Learn to Curl grant. Clubs can apply to be part of the program which includes having a trainer come into your club to train your volunteers to run an Adult Learn to Curl Program.

[Program Information](#)

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### **Competitions Updates:**

All sites are now set for the 2016-17 season. Please check the Competitions page of the NOCA website for any updates. Deadlines for all entries is NOON on the deadline date.

New this year:

- The Bantam events will now be called U18 and athletes under the age of 17 as of June 30, 2016 are eligible to compete. There is now a Curling Canada U18 national championship to be held April 17-22 in Moncton NB.
- Junior competitive events will now be called U21 and anyone under the age of 21 as of June 30, 2016 is eligible to compete.
- The top two CTRS points earners in the Men's division will earn automatic berths into the Traveler 2017 NOCA Men's Provincial Championship.
- Curling Canada has adopted a Sweeping Moratorium. NOCA will release a statement about the moratorium and how it will affect NOCA Competitions next week.
- [Sweeping Moratorium Statement from Curling Canada](#)

### **Member Benefits:**

NOCA members can receive discounts at AVIS and Budget as well as Best Western. All you need to do is call the toll free numbers or register online using the information on the back of your membership card to receive a discounted rate. All clubs were sent membership cards to distribute to members earlier this fall.

A new Member Benefits Brochure has been designed to review all of the programs and services NOCA provides to curlers and curling clubs in Northern Ontario.

[Member Benefits Brochure](#)

### **Trillium Foundation Grant Application Deadline Announcement:**

The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced this week that there will only be one application intake for the Seed, Grow, and Capital grants. [Read more](#)

### **Volunteer Awards:**

Curling Canada has opened their nominations for the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award. One winner from each of the 14 provinces and territories will be selected for the grand prize of a trip to the 2017 Brier. [Read more](#)

The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario is also now open for nominations. This award recognizes exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity in voluntarism and community service. New this year, is the Excellence in Volunteer Management category. Recipients of this award category can include individuals or groups of volunteer managers from not-for-profit and charitable organizations. [Read More](#)

### **Upcoming Deadlines (all close at NOON on the deadline date):**

- Level 1 Officiating and Refresher New Liskeard: October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Level 2 Officiating and Refresher New Liskeard: October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Thessalon Youth Challenge: October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Horne Granite (New Liskeard) Youth Challenge: November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Club Coach and Club Coach Youth Keewatin: November 9<sup>th</sup>
- U21 Regions: November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Club Coach Youth New Liskeard: November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Competition Coach and MED Timmins: November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Competition Coach and MED Thunder Bay: November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Fort William CC Youth Challenge: November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Senior Regions: November 25<sup>th</sup>

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