

## NOCA OFFICIATING STRUCTURE

The certification process and structure for umpires in the NOCA follows the Curling Canada five level system.

To become certified Officials at Levels 1 and 2, individuals must successfully complete officiating courses and receive a positive evaluation following completion of the appropriate practical experience working as an official at a recognized curling championship. The officiating courses include open-book written examinations requiring a minimum 70% passing grade. Following certification at each level, umpires are encouraged to work at officiated events wherever possible to gain experience and confidence.

### Level 1

- learn how to become a **Game Observer, Time Clock Operator, and Hogline Observer**
- practical experience is a minimum of six (6) games experience as an official at a NOCA event supervised by a Level 2 or 3 Chief Umpire and receive a positive evaluation
- *may act as Chief Umpire at NOCA Region events under the supervision of a NOCA Head Umpire*

### Level 2

- learn how to become a **Game Umpire**
- must possess Level 1 Certification
- practical experience is a minimum six (6) games as a Game Umpire (on-ice supervisor) at a NOCA Provincial Championship supervised by a Level 2 or 3 Chief Umpire and receive a positive evaluation
- may act as Game Observer or Timekeeper at Curling Canada championships
- *may act as Chief Umpire at NOCA Provincial events under the supervision of a NOCA Head Umpire*

### Level 3

- learn how to become a **Provincial Chief Umpire**
- Umpires are appointed by the NOCA based on their training, experience and evaluation
- must possess Level 2 Certification and have served as a Deputy Chief Umpire at a NOCA Provincial championship, and have satisfactorily performed all duties including: run a team meeting and pre-game practice, enforce rule infractions, perform all measures, provide rule interpretations, maintain the scoreboard, and act as an observer
- must receive positive evaluations from the Provincial Championship Committee Chair or Association and/or a recommendation from a NOCA Chief Umpire
- may act as Game Umpire at CCA & WCF championships
- may act as Deputy or Chief Umpire at selected CCA events

### Level 4

- must possess Level 3 certification
- must serve as Game Umpire at a CC arena-based championship, and receive a positive evaluation from the Chief Umpire
- must receive a recommendation from the NOCA
- may act as CC Game Umpire, Deputy Chief Umpire at CC arena-based championships and WCF championships

### Level 5

- must possess Level 4 certification
- must serve as Chief Umpire at a CC arena-based championship, and receive a positive evaluation from the Director, Championship Services and a host committee representative
- demonstrate qualities of leadership, ability to negotiate and arbitrate and the ability to effectively liaise with athletes, media, game umpires, CC event staff and host committee
- may act as CC Chief Umpire, WCF Deputy or Chief Umpire at arena-based championships

