# **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)

Muriel Anderson, President (Reg. 1) Stephen Chenier, Vice-President (Reg. 6) Ron Henderson, Secretary/Treasurer (Reg. 5)

Don DeBenedet, Region 1 Director Kris Woznesensky, Region 2 Director Bev Junnila, Region 2 Director Jennifer Widera, Region 3 Director Karen Saarimaki, Region 3 Director Kathy Ingram, Region 4 Director Ian Fisher, Region 4 Director Roma Lundgren, Region 5 Director Bob Hardy, Region 6 Director

Leslie Kerr, Executive Director Dick Henderson, Technical Coordinator Bill Charlebois, Head Official Dave Kawahara, Wheelchair Coordinator

# 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 the NOCA Best Practices Committee.

Discounted website development and hosting with website template for clubs.

Access to draws for bonspiels.

Trained instructors for Learn to Curl, Intermediate and Advanced Clinics

Curling Week in Northern Ontario – February 24 - March 4, 2012

## Annual Awards

3 NOCA Volunteer of the Year

8-Ender Awards

NOCA Club Recognition award

Honourary Life Memberships

Pat O. Reid Coach Award

## **Curling Camps**

The Dominion Amethyst Junior Curling Camp – July 2012

High Performance Team Camp July 2012

# 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, competitions, and possibly Provincial, National and World events which enhance the profile of curling locally with the potential for revenue 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.

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

## Technical Assistance

Courses for 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.

Wheelchair Coordinator works with NOCA to develop wheelchair curling.

Printed technical 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, and World Curling Federation Funding.

## Insurance

Curling club related insurance program is offered at preferred rates.

Liability coverage for all participants and volunteers at NOCA sanctioned events.

#### Website - www.curlnoca.ca

Course calendar for all courses in Northern Ontario

Playdown schedule

Direct link to all playdown results through www.playdowns.com

Clubs may post their bonspiels

Forums for clubs and members to post and find information

Links to numerous curling related sites

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

NOCA Notes weekly throughout the curling season to your curling club or to you at your personal email address.

## Youth Development

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

A Bantam Cup series will assist

Competitive Bantam Teams.

Youth Challenges will assist Developing Youth teams.

See the NOCA website for more information and a schedule.

In the 2011-12 season, the NOCA will provide **High Performance training** to teams advancing to the Ontario Winter Games, and to the M&M Meat Shops Junior Canadian Championships.