



Policy Name: Awards
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Purpose

Annually, The Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) recognizes and presents six types of awards: NOCA Volunteer, NOCA Club Recognition, Honourary Life Member, NOCA Coach, NOCA Ice Technician, and Leslie Kerr Builder.

The purpose of this Policy is to describe NOCA awards and the nomination process for each award.

NOCA Volunteer Awards

NOCA Volunteer Award is an opportunity for NOCA member Clubs to recognize their volunteers. Three (3) awards are presented each year.

A worthy recipient of a NOCA Volunteer Award is always willing to help whether it be through registration, teaching juniors, doing repairs or renovations, running a league, conducting clinics, working behind the bar, doing kitchen duty at a bonspiel, or any other volunteer effort that helps make the club successful. This award is for anyone in your club, and age is not a factor.

Nomination Process: Write a letter of nomination to NOCA outlining the reasons why the individual is deserving of this recognition. NOCA staff and board members are not eligible to receive this award. All nominations must be received by February 28th annually.

NOCA Club Recognition Award

The NOCA Club Recognition Award is awarded by the board to a club that has demonstrated outstanding efforts to promote and develop the sport of curling in its community. These efforts may include providing training to curlers and staff, promoting curling development, upgrading facilities, hosting events, or any other effort which enhances the profile of the club and curling in the community or region.

Nomination Process: Write a letter of nomination to NOCA outlining the reasons why a club is deserving of this recognition. All nominations must be received by February 28th annually.

Honourary Life Member

Honourary Life Membership will be awarded to a person who is a Champion (Canadian, World or Provincial) or has contributed greatly to the development and promotion of amateur curling in Northern Ontario. There is no limit to the number of Honourary Life Memberships that may be granted in any given year.

Nomination Process: see **Appendix A**. A committee of three members, one member from each inter-region (1-2, 3-4, 5-6), will evaluate the nominations.

NOCA Coach Awards

Two (2) NOCA Coach Awards will be presented to individuals who have shown a great deal of commitment and passion to the development of athletes both on and off the ice. These awards are available to all types of coaches and are not limited to those who have coached high performance teams.

Nomination Process: See, complete and submit Appendix B

NOCA Ice Technician Award

This award will be presented to an NOCA Club Ice Technician who exemplifies practices of the Ice Technician program: providing quality ice, always working to improve the ice and rocks, working with the club to ensure the best playing conditions possible, and any other qualities that make this person an asset to your club.

Nomination Process: Write a letter of nomination to NOCA outlining the reasons why the individual is deserving of this recognition. NOCA staff and board members are not eligible to receive this award. All nominations must be received by February 28th annually.

Leslie Kerr Builder Award

This award will be presented annually to one person who has served the sport of curling as a builder in an outstanding manner deserving of the honour. The person will have worked on a voluntary basis to promote curling without remuneration. Nominations will be in the form of a letter clearly outlining the nominee's achievements, both past and present, that has furthered the sport of curling.

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Criteria: (Choose one of the following)

- a) The nominee is or was a curler who won at least one Canadian Championships or one World Championship
- b) The nominee is or was a curler who won three Provincial Championships
- c) The nominee has contributed greatly to the development and promotion of amateur curling in Northern Ontario

Application:

Anyone may submit a nomination for a past or active member or team in category A or B. Complete the form below in full and submit it to the Northern Ontario Curling Association **no later than February 28th**. Please Print

Nominee	
Name:	Deceased: Yes No
Address:	
Telephone Number:	E-mail:
Curling Club Name:	
Selected Category (Choose one)	
Canadian and/or World Champion	
Provincial Champion	
Nominee's Accomplishments (attach separate sheet if required)	

Nominator	
Name:	
Telephone Number:	E-mail:

Appendix B

NOCA Coach Awards:

Nominee Information:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
Curling Club:	
Certification Level if applicable:	

Coaching Involvement:

Please provide details regarding the number of years the nominee has coached, the types of teams, and the accomplishments of those teams.

Club Involvement:

Please provide details of the nominee's club involvement in addition to the coaching shown above (ie. Organizing curling activities, serving on committees etc.)

Athlete Development:

Please describe how the nominee contributes to the overall development of his/her athletes and others in the club or community.

Future Goals:

Please provide information regarding the nominee's future goals with respect to personal growth and goals for his/her athletes and teams.

References:

Name	Phone #	Email address