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## NOCA Notes

October 30, 2015 First Edition of the 15-16 Season

### Curling Week

Curling Week, presented by Bearskin Airlines, will take place November 21-29 this year. We've expanded the event to include **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 Teams Fleury and Jacobs brooms and jerseys and Goldline gift cards. The winner of the adult contest will receive tickets to the opening weekend of the Brier in Ottawa 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.

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/>

### New Technical Coordinator:

Andrea Ronnebeck of Kenora has been hired as the organization's new Technical Coordinator. In this role Ronnebeck will be responsible for coordinating the technical development of athletes and coaches through courses and training camps, as well as the general promotion of curling in Northern Ontario. Andrea replaces Dick Henderson who has retired from this position. Henderson will continue to be involved as the Youth Challenge Coordinator and Learning Facilitator. Andrea may be reached at 807-466-8351, or [andrearonnebeck@curlnoca.ca](mailto:andrearonnebeck@curlnoca.ca)

### Courses:

Several courses are scheduled for this fall:

- Club Coach – Atikokan, Nov. 21-22
- Club Coach Youth – Atikokan, Nov. 22
- Club Coach Youth – Cochrane, Nov. 29
- Ice Technician/Volunteer Refresher Day – Kenora, Nov. 7

Information and registration for all of the courses is available at <http://curlnoca.ca/programs>. If you are interested in having a course in your community, please contact Andrea Ronnebeck.

### Ice Technician Refresher / Instruction Day:

In partnership with Curling Canada and Jet Ice, an Ice Technician Refresher Day will be held Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> in Kenora. This session is designed to review pebbling, scraping, rock maintenance, plant equipment, and share best practices. More Refresher Days will be held in other regions this season. [Information](#) [Register](#)

### 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 all 6 regions. Club Delegates from all clubs and other volunteers/staff were invited to participate in either a web/teleconference meeting, or an in person meeting. The agenda for the meetings included discussion on: Business Practices, Technical Coordinator's Report, Running a Successful Youth Program, Jet Ice Contest, Curling Week, Adult Curling Programming including Doubles Curling, Competitions Review and updates, and Grant Writing. The fall mail-out was also reviewed.

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)

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### **Competitions Updates:**

All sites are now set for the 2015-16 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 Season:**

Curling Canada's Competitor Fee is now payable for each event entered by a player, ie. if a person enters Men's, Mixed, and Senior competitions, the fee is now payable for each event. This fee is collected by NOCA when a team registers, and is then forwarded to Curling Canada. This fee also now applies to Juniors. Because this fee is new to Juniors, The NOCA Board of Directors has approved lowering the entry fee for this year for Juniors in order to offset a major entry fee/competitor fee increase.

At Curling Canada's Annual General Meeting a new Residency Policy was approved for Men's and Women's teams competing to advance to the Brier or Scotties. This new policy allows for one "free agent" on each team. This allows teams to have a player on the team who is not a resident of the home provincial/territorial association.

With the cancellation of the Ontario Winter Games, Bantam playdown dates have been moved to allow the Bantams a longer competitive season. See the Competitions page for the new dates.

### **Ontario Curling Council:**

The Ontario Curling Council is the official Provincial Sport Organization for curling in the province of Ontario and has recently embarked on a project to provide High Performance programming to Bantam teams and Mixed Doubles teams.

The Bantam program is called the Next Generation Program and two teams from Northern Ontario, Megan Smith, and Tanner Horgan, have been selected to participate in the program. These teams attended a training weekend in Toronto Oct. 24-26 and will continue to access training and support from a team of consultants throughout the season.

Mixed Doubles is now an Olympic Sport, to be debuted in 2018, and through this program, three training camps will be held, one each in Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Grimsby.

The Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program is now accepting applications. Cards will be awarded to curling athletes in the 21-29 age group, and to Wheelchair curlers.

More information about the Ontario Curling Council and its programs is available at <http://ontariocurlingcouncil.com/>

### **Jet Ice Ice Logo Contest:**

Jet Ice and NOCA are pleased to announce an Ice Logo Contest. 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. [Information](#)

### **RBC Sports Day**

The sixth annual RBC Sports Day in Canada, presented by ParticipACTION, CBC and True Sport, will be held on November 21, 2015 in communities from coast to coast to coast. Register [here](#).

Clubs can also register existing league games and events taking place between Nov. 14 - 21 are eligible to participate. Any club that registers before October 31st will receive a Celebration Kit that includes SDIC branded items such as t-shirts, posters, banners, water bottles, sport balls, frisbees, etc. These can be used to promote the event or as prizing for participants.

### **Everest Ferbey Contest**

Enter your club in the Everest Ferbey National Pro-Am Contest. This contest is aimed at Senior Curlers. Monthly prize packs will be awarded and at the end of the contest period four ballots will be selected to win one of four VIP trips to the 2016 Everest Canadian Senior Championships in Digby, NS to and curl in the Everest Ferbey National Pro Am with Randy Ferbey and other pro curlers.

[Information](#)

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

- Kenora and Horne Granite Youth Challenges: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Ice Technician Refresher Day: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Region Playdowns: Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

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