

# EXCEL PROGRAM COACHING STAFF



**ROB  
KREPPS**

Excel Program Director

Rob has been the Head Coach of Curling Canada's National Training Centre in Edmonton since 2007. He has coached at 4 World Championships, 2 Winter Universiades, and the 2010 Winter Olympics. Rob also played on the World Curling Tour for 25 years. Since retiring as a competitor he has been a team coach at most of the major events in elite curling.

As our Excel Program Director, Rob is responsible for overseeing our Excel Team Program, Excel Skills Camps, and Excel Cups. He also plays a leading role in the Excel Coaching Academy, which delivers NCCP Competition Coach courses, conducts certification evaluations, and offers professional development opportunities.



**RENEE  
SONNENBERG**

Regional Excel Coach

Renee had a long and successful career as an elite curler. She skipped in the 2013 Olympic Trials, 3 Canada Cups, and 2 Scotties. Renee has also coached at numerous international events, including the 2010 Winter Olympics, a World Championship, and a World Juniors all for Denmark, along with 3 World Championships and the 2018 Winter Olympics for Canada.

Based at our Excel Training Centre in Grande Prairie, Renee supports regional teams involved in our Team Program and Skills Camps. She also delivers NCCP Competition Coach courses and conducts certification evaluations in the Peace Country.



**ATINA FORD  
JOHNSTON**

Regional Excel Coach

Atina won a gold medal at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan as the alternate for the legendary Sandra Schmirler team. She also won the 1991 Canadian Junior Championship, and went on to have a successful career on the World Curling Tour playing for the likes of Michelle Englot, Heather Nedohin, and our own Renee Sonnenberg.

Based at our Excel Training Centre in Okotoks, Atina supports regional teams involved in our Team Program and Skills Camps. She also delivers NCCP Competition Coach courses and conducts certification evaluations in the Southern part of our province.



**JEFF  
HOFFART**

Regional Excel Coach

Jeff has been an Assistant Coach at Curling Canada's National Training Centre in Edmonton since 2017. He was also a member of the Canadian coaching staff at the 2019 Woman's World Curling Championship. Prior to that, Jeff coached teams at most of the top events in elite curling including all of the Grand Slams, the Trials, the Canada Cup, the Brier, and the Canadian Juniors.

Based at our Excel Training Centre in Edmonton, Jeff supports regional teams involved in our Team Program and Skills Camps. He also gives us a strong international connection in his role as a Curling Canada Team Leader at the World Juniors.



**GARRY  
CODERRE**

Roving Excel Coach

Garry has been the Assistant Coach at Curling Canada's National Training Centre in Edmonton since 2011. He has been a Team Leader at 3 World Junior Championships, winning gold in 2013 and 2014. Garry has also coached at 3 World University Games, winning gold in 2017. In addition, he has been a team coach at most of the top events in elite curling, and has Canada Cup and Canadian Open titles to his credit.

As our Roving Excel Coach, Garry supports programming at all 3 of Curling Alberta's Excel Training Centres. He also contributes to the success of the Excel Coaching Academy by serving as a NCCP coach evaluator.