Curling Alberta Announces Excel Team Program Application Process

Curling Alberta is pleased to announce our new application process for the 2021-22 Excel Team Program. Curling Alberta will once again select two male and two female teams in the U25 category, and three male and 3 female teams in the U20 category. Successful teams will receive benefits including on-ice access with Regional Excel Coaches (Renee Sonnenberg, Atina Ford-Johnston, and Jeff Hoffart), access to all Excel Program webinars, financial assistance (Alberta Curling Tour and sport science expenses), and much more! An added bonus for U20 teams this season will be automatic entry into Curling Alberta's U20 Excel Cup! The Excel Program will continue to host U18 and U20 Excel Skills Camps, with a major change being that this year, there will be camps open to any team outside of the Excel Team Program. Dates, locations, and registration date for Excel Skills Camps are still to be determined. To see full details of the U20 and U25 Excel Team Program benefits, please click here.

Curling Alberta and its regional Excel coaches have made some changes to the application process this year due to the lack of curling events in the COVID-19 shortened 2020-21 season. In order to be selected for the Excel Team Program, teams will be asked to submit a document via email to Jason Ginter at jason.ginter@curlingalberta.ca. Teams will be asked to submit detailed answers to questions pertaining to their prior curling experience, past performances, and individual training and competition plans. We ask all teams to submit applications by **August 12, 2021.** After receiving your application, an impartial group of evaluators will be used to evaluate each team's application using this rubric. Each application will remain anonymous to evaluators. Teams will be chosen based on their application, so please provide detailed answers to each category. Once teams have been selected, they will be directed to another link to pay their program fee.

Please follow this document for more information in order to begin your application process.