



Curling Alberta Male Athlete Representative Volunteer Position Posting

Curling Alberta believes that athlete representation is essential to developing a sport system that promotes excellence and an enduring love of curling. By having a seat at the table during the decision-making process, athletes can ensure their opinions and needs are being heard and respected. To that end, Curling Alberta is seeking a volunteer male athlete representative who will help to empower athletes, tackle key issues, and shape the future of competitions and competitive curling in Alberta. This will be a two-season term, with potential for a second, two-year term.

Primary Roles

- Liaise - Acts as a link between competitive curlers and Curling Alberta.
- Consult - Provides feedback to Curling Alberta through its Executive Director, staff, and other committees/working groups as directed.
- Do – Participates as a voting member on Curling Alberta's Competitions Working Group.

Other Responsibilities

- Assist to develop open lines of communication with competitive curlers.
- Provide players' perspective regarding competition-related issues.
- Connect and share best practices with interprovincial counterparts and councils.
- Interact with and support Curling Alberta's Youth Advisory Panel.
- Keep Curling Alberta updated on key issues from an athlete perspective.
- Assist to ensure a fair, supportive, and transparent environment within Curling Alberta.

Curling Alberta's Competitions Working Group

The mandate of Curling Alberta's Competitions Working Group is to assist the Executive Director in achieving the strategic goal(s) related to competitive structure as set by the Board of Directors. This working group is entrusted to create and revise policies, procedures, rules, and decisions related to the competitive structure within Curling Alberta's boundaries and the approved parameters. The Working Group meets monthly at minimum via tele-conference and once per year in-person.

All decisions and efforts should be aimed to:

- support the mission, vision, and values of the organization as well as the strategic goal of the competitive structure pillar: to build a robust and accessible calendar of sanctioned events that will provide relevant competitive opportunities for players of all abilities and ages. The system will support both the sport for life and performance pathways.

- Build a competitive structure that will provide relevant competitive opportunities for players of all abilities and ages. That system will include a route for those who wish to excel, and options that promote “sport for life” for enjoyment, health, participation, and achievement.
- Qualify Alberta’s best players for Provincial and National Championships in a manner that promotes accessibility (geography, cost, etc.), inclusivity, fairness, and transparency.
- Protect the interests of Curling Alberta, its member clubs, partners, and our sport, as well as current and future players.
- Consider elements of risk to the association (e.g., financial, reputational, participation, etc.) which should be minimized wherever possible.

Qualifications and Characteristics

- Candidate must be currently competing in Alberta Curling Tour events and have experience in provincial playdowns and competitive tour events.
- Coach training and certification is considered an asset.
- Priority will be given to candidates who demonstrate characteristics of being reasonable, affable, fair and open-minded, and capable of considering and respecting all risks and stakeholder perspectives. Applicants should be skilled listeners with a reputation for integrity.

Application & Selection

To apply, please send a curling resume and cover letter to Curling Alberta’s Executive Director, Jill Richard, at jill.richard@curlingalberta.ca by February 6th, 2022. The cover letter should describe why you are interested in becoming Curling Alberta’s Male Athlete Representative. The interview and selection process will be conducted by a small panel. Out-of-pocket expenses including travel to in-person meetings will be reimbursed as per Curling Alberta’s expense policies.