



CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

One of Curling Alberta's favorite traditions is the Annual Awards, where we celebrate those special people who contribute at all levels of our sport to inspire the curlers of today and tomorrow. Specific award categories recognize clubs, players, coaches, officials, ice technicians, partners and volunteers who continue to step up, and show up, contributing significant time and energy within our curling community.

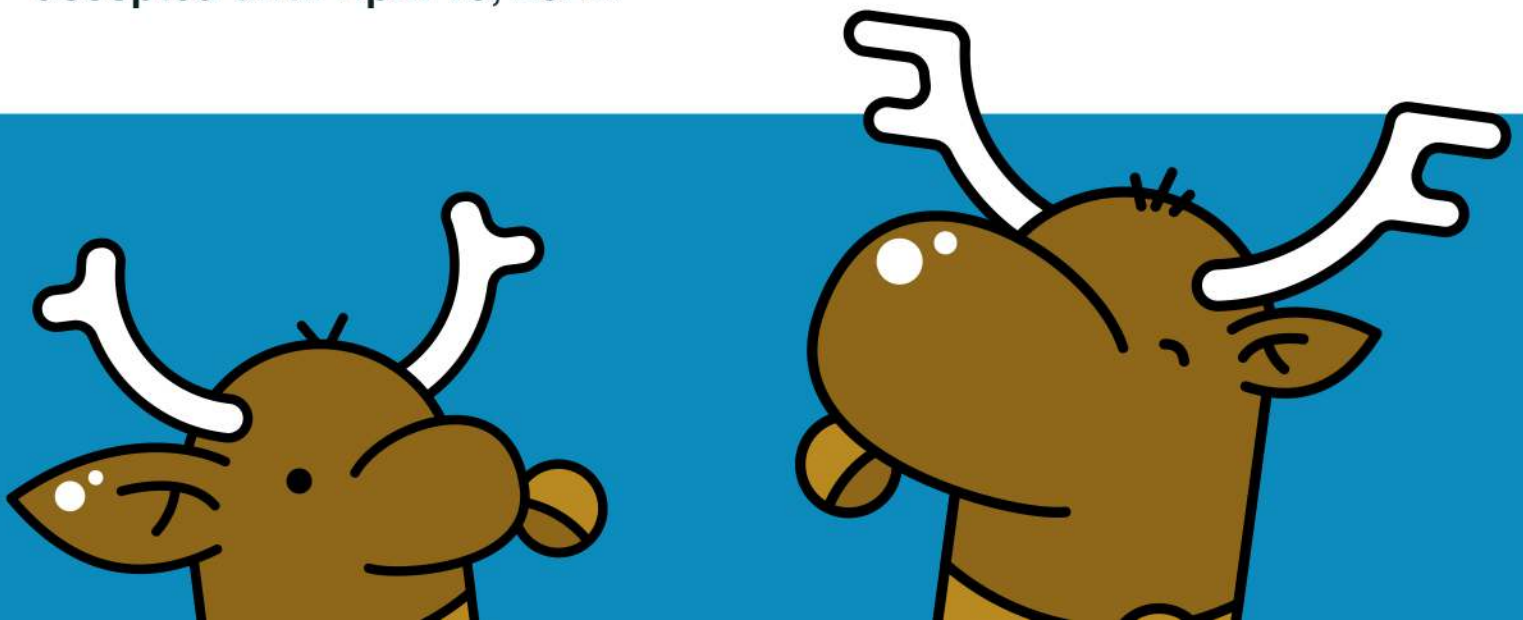


Nomination Process

It is important to say thank you and to acknowledge those who make a difference of any scope, from individuals and clubs, to officials and community partners. This is what keeps us all connected and will build our sport. To make a nomination, simply answer the following questions in an email or MS Word document and submit to paige.papley@curlingalberta.ca.

1. Award Category
2. Nominee Information (Include name, email, contact number, and curling club)
3. Nominator Information (Your name, email, contact number, and curling club)
4. Describe your nominee's exceptional achievements, contributions, or services as they relate to the award you are nominating them for.
5. What attributes has your nominee demonstrated to support this nomination?
6. Describe the impact of your nominee on the local, regional, national, and/or international level.
7. Is there anything else about the nominee you would like the committee to consider?

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, and self-nominations are welcome. We encourage you to be detailed in your submission and to include any stories, pictures, or additional documentation to support the nomination. Please keep in mind that the awards are open to recognize contributors of any scope, whether local or provincial. **Nominations will be accepted until April 19, 2024.**



Categories

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a team who is a shining example to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities, and community involvement. All ages, categories, and skill levels are eligible, but competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component. Team accomplishments are limited to Curling Alberta events in the most recently completed season.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a coach who has directed his or her team with sportsmanship and integrity. This individual possesses proper skills and knowledge to effectively mentor, support, and challenge their athletes while instilling a love of curling. This coach inspires continued learning and improvement, and demonstrates respect and care for athletes. A high standard of personal conduct is also clearly exhibited. The minimum coaching standard to be met by nominees is Club Coach “Trained” or Competition Coach “Trained” as recognized by Curling Alberta and the Coaching Association of Canada.

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an instructor who has been a difference-maker in his or her club and community. He or she has gone above and beyond to build membership, preserve and improve existing programs, and introduce beginners to our sport in a safe and enjoyable manner. This individual has a passion for teaching and has also demonstrated a high standard of personal conduct.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of curling.

YOUTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Awarded annually to a team or individual athlete who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship both on and off the ice with ethical behavior, fair play, respect for others, and a love for curling. The team or player must be eligible to compete in the U15, U18 or U21 categories.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a member club community curling centre which displays outstanding impact in and on the community. Areas of consideration may include: development of innovative programs and services; alignment to the provincial programs (e.g. whole of sport approach); evidence of volunteer management strategies (attract, develop, retain); evidence of financial sustainability / viability; sound leadership practices (role descriptions for committees and key club roles, robust governance practices); community engagement (e.g. with other clubs, schools, sponsors, external stakeholders or community groups); coach and/or instructor development processes in place; retention and growth of a diverse membership; success in fundraising and management of large capital projects; etc. Clubs are encouraged to self-nominate for this award. Only member clubs of Curling Alberta are eligible to be nominated for the Club of the Year award.

PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to a sponsor or partner of curling that has shown tremendous support to the sport.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an outstanding official who has demonstrated a high level of knowledge, strength, leadership, dedication, and integrity.

ICE TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Awarded annually to an ice-maker who has provided significant leadership, excellence, and dedication to their craft.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded annually to anyone as selected by the President of Curling Alberta for outstanding service to the sport of curling. Current Board members are not eligible. Nominations for this award will be considered but the recipient is usually self-selected by the President.



CELEBRATING AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year, award recipients will be honored at the Annual Awards Celebration in June 14, 2024, in Edmonton. Recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to the event as well as a keepsake award. Details and RSVP coming soon.

CELEBRATING THE NOMINEES

Curling Alberta will provide all award nominees with a certificate of recognition and gift to mark the nomination.

TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR NOMINATION

- Give specific examples of what your candidate or team has done that meets the award description.
- We encourage you to work jointly with others to nominate an individual, club, or team.

SELECTIONS

The awardee(s), with the exception of the President's Award, will be selected by an ad hoc Award Selection Committee of three to five members appointed at the sole discretion of the Board of Curling Alberta. The Selection Committee may recognize multiple awardee(s) for any category in circumstances in which the contributions of multiple nominees are viewed as being of similar importance.