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A Heartfelt Thank You from Curling Alberta

As another incredible season of provincial competition comes to a close, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our events possible—from our very first qualifier in December all the way through to our final provincial championship in April.

To Our Host Clubs and Facilities

Thank you for opening your doors, preparing exceptional ice, and creating welcoming environments across Alberta. Your dedication behind the scenes allowed our athletes to compete at their very best, and the pride you bring to hosting is felt by every team that walks through your doors.

To Our Sponsors and Partners

Your continued support is the foundation upon which these events are built. Because of your generosity and belief in curling, we are able to provide meaningful competitive experiences for Albertans of all ages and skill levels. We are truly grateful for your commitment to growing the game.

To Our Volunteers

You are the heartbeat of every event. Whether you were greeting athletes at the door, keeping scoreboards updated, running hospitality, or stepping in

wherever you were needed, your time and energy made all the difference. None of this happens without you.

To Our Officials and Ice Makers

Your expertise and professionalism ensure that every game is played on a fair and competitive sheet. The countless early mornings and long days you put in are a testament to your passion for the sport; we are so grateful for your craft.

To the Athletes and Families

Thank you for your commitment to the season, your sportsmanship on and off the ice, and for reminding us why we love this game.

From our qualifiers to our provincials, this season was a true reflection of what makes Alberta's curling community so special: the people in it. We are already looking forward to next season and the opportunity to do it all again together.

With sincere appreciation,

Curling Alberta

Thank You!

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INDIGENOUS FLOOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP/FNHCC



A Weekend of Connection: Inaugural First Nations Ready to Rock Program a Resounding Success

By: Lesley McEwan, Youth Director, Curling Alberta

A shared vision between **Curling Alberta, Curling Canada,** and the **First Nations Health Consortium (FNHC)** has culminated in the tremendous success of the inaugural First Nations Ready to Rock program. This 18-month collaboration proved to be a deeply rewarding experience, breaking down barriers and introducing the spirit of curling to a new generation.

Building Foundations of Trust

The journey began with **Sam Laboucan** (FNHC) personally reaching out to First Nations school principals, recreation directors, and teachers. His mission was to build the community trust necessary to bring the sport into their schools.

"I'm so blessed to be a part of this great event... a big part of working in communities is just building up community trust. I went there numerous times just so they know that hey, I'm not going away." — **Sam Laboucan**

This dedication set the stage for a three-day event at **WinSport** in "beautiful Calgary," hosted from March 5–7. The program welcomed 19 students from three Nations:

- Cadotte Lake
- Swan River (traveling nine hours from the north)
- Alexander First Nation



Students from Cadotte Lake, Swan River, and Alexander First Nation gather at WinSport Calgary.

Day 1: Breaking the Ice

The experience kicked off at the **Calgary Best Western Plus Village Park Inn**. Students from the different Nations quickly connected over the hotel's amenities, beginning the process of turning strangers into teammates.

Day 2: Culture, Inspiration, and Competition

Friday was the heart of the program, blending traditional values with athletic inspiration.

- **Identity & Pride:** Students were gifted custom First Nations Ready to Rock hoodies.
- **Cultural Blessing:** Elder **Vanessa Goodeagle** (Siksika Nation) led a moving ceremony. Sam Laboucan noted the importance of the moment, teaching students that while they are all First Nations, each Nation carries unique and diverse traditions.
- **The Three C's:** Olympian **Cori Morris** held a sharing circle, passing around her silver medal. She spoke on **Curiosity, Courage, and Community**, celebrating the students for showing the curiosity to try a new sport and the courage to be present.
- **Olympic Stories:** Olympian **Carolyn McRorie** shared humorous stories from her journey and introduced students to an **Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame book**, where they recognized many familiar professional athletes.



Cori Morris & Carolyn McRorie, sharing medals & experiences.

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The Floor Curling Bonspiel

After getting creative by making signs for the “Big Show,” students took to the floor. Led by **Rocks & Rings** leaders, the floor curling bonspiel saw competitive spirits shine. The day ended with a medal ceremony and a closing message from Curling Alberta President, **Gord Copithorne**.



Day 3: The Big Event

The energy reached its peak on Saturday as students and chaperones returned to WinSport to cheer on **Team Canada** at the **BKT Women's World Curling Championship**. Armed with their handmade signs, the group joined the “Big Show,” leaving the arena with joy and lasting memories.



A Collective Effort

The success of this program is a testament to the power of partnership. Immense gratitude is extended to the FNHC team:

- **Rob Kerr, Sam Laboucan, Nathan Phillips, and Kayla Minde:** For their months of behind-the-scenes work and unwavering commitment to making this experience accessible.
- **Nathan Phillips:** For his dual role as Sport and Recreation Coordinator and a personable event emcee.
- **Rebecca Rankin (Curling Alberta):** For her creativity and for fostering the vital relationships that made this vision a reality.

We also thank our generous sponsors—**Montana's BBQ & Steak, UFA, and Tourism Calgary**—for providing the support necessary to deliver a top-notch program.

Looking Ahead

As the students returned to their communities with medals around their necks and new friendships formed, the organizers are already looking toward the future. We look forward to expanding this vision and seeing where this collaborative path leads in the seasons to come.

It truly does take a village!



First Nations Health Consortium;

Nathan Phillips &

Sam Laboucan



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PARTNERS TRANSFORMING CURLING



“Our House is Your House”: Everyone belongs in Curling

While an event such as the BKT World Women’s Curling Championship 2026 is — quite rightly — a spotlight for the talents and performance of curling’s elite athletes, it also brings together many other aspects of what makes the curling family so special. This includes enthusiastic fans, friendly volunteers, fair-minded officials, and a welcoming host community.

This all combines to make the world of curling a better place, but this diverse environment can always be improved, and how to do that was the focus of a special ‘Our House is Your House’ seminar hosted by the Partners Transforming Curling (PTC) project team.

Research and action for a more inclusive sport

PTC is a collaboration among community sport researchers from several academic institutions and curling stakeholders. The partners include Curling Canada and World Curling.

The PTC team delivering the seminar included Doctor Heather Mair from Waterloo University in Ontario, Dr Simon Barrick from Cape Breton University, and project co-ordinator Laura Leitch.

Speaking about PTC’s work, Heather said, “This work is about diversity, equity and inclusion and building curling spaces that are more welcoming, more accessible and more easily understandable — basically more accessible, easier to understand, and more comfortable.”

Heather has been researching curling for several years, and she has some interesting observations.

“When I was doing my first couple of projects, I would say to people: why did you join? And they’d say, because my dad curled and my mom curled. Now, when I talk to people and ask why they joined, they’d say because someone invited them.”

Heather sees that as an improvement in how welcoming



curling clubs have become, “So, there isn’t a problem in welcoming people, but we love this game so much we always need to ask ‘how do we get more people?’”

Voices of change

Heather also explained the format of the seminar. “For the first hour, we’ve brought in three presenters who are doing work in breaking down barriers — passionate changers of our game!”

These three people were Nicky Kaufman, whose particular interest is in helping people of all neurotypes feel they belong on the ice; Neville Headley, who has a spirited commitment to making curling a welcoming place for everyone; and wheelchair-bound Wendy Frazier, a passionate champion of inclusive curling for people with disabilities.

They all took the audience through their experiences, exploring strategies to expand curling’s impact with diverse communities.

DEI: A permanent commitment

For the second half of the seminar, Heather explained, “We wanted to try to share — to get people who love the game to share with one another things that they see that are working well and things that we can maybe address.” It will come as no surprise to learn that Dr Heather and Dr Simon are both members of World Curling’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission.

This Commission is tasked with raising awareness of what diversity, equity and inclusion means across the sport of curling and advising how DEI can be embedded into programmes and initiatives in curling.

Their work at the BKT World Women’s Championship is a welcome example of how curling is taking this agenda forward.

- Author, Mike Haggerty, World Curling



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CHINESE INTER-CITY BONSPIEL



43rd Annual Chinese Inter-City Bonspiel: A Legacy of Sport and Community

The **Chinese Inter-City Bonspiel** is a prestigious curling tradition and social landmark organized by the Edmonton Chinese community. This event unites curlers from across Canada for a weekend defined by friendly competition and deep cultural connection. Renowned for its exceptional value, generous prize offerings, and diverse range of awards, the bonspiel serves as a testament to the community's commitment to hospitality and sportsmanship.

Event Highlights: 2026

The 43rd edition of the bonspiel was hosted at the **Granite Curling Club** in Edmonton, Alberta.

- **Dates:** February 14-15, 2026 (Family Day Weekend)
- **Participation:** 20 teams competed over two days of play.
- **A-Event Champions:** Team Chin

A History of Resilience and Growth

The roots of the bonspiel trace back to **1965** in Edmonton. Originally an annual rotation between Calgary, Red Deer, and Edmonton, the event quickly expanded.

- **The Early Decades:** By 1971, hosting duties shifted exclusively between the Calgary Chinese Curling Club and the Edmonton Chinese Recreation Club.
- **The Revival:** Following a hiatus in the late 1990s, a dedicated group of Edmonton-based curlers revived the tradition in 2005, establishing it as a **biennial event** based in Edmonton.
- **Legacy & Longevity:** When the Edmonton Chinese Recreation Club disbanded in 2011, their remaining funds were donated specifically to ensure the future of this tournament.
- **Family Focus:** To better encourage multi-generational participation, the event schedule was moved from Easter weekend to the **Family Day long weekend**.

Today's Global Reach

What began as a regional gathering has transformed into a vibrant, inclusive competition. The bonspiel now attracts a diverse roster of participants, ranging from teenagers and beginners to competitive athletes and seasoned curlers in their 80s.

While its heart remains in Western Canada, the event's reputation now draws players from across the globe, including:

- Western Canada: Vancouver, Kelowna, & Calgary
- Eastern Canada: Toronto & Ottawa
- International: Participants from as far away as Scotland.

The Chinese Inter-City Bonspiel continues to be a cornerstone of the Canadian curling calendar, celebrating heritage through the "Roaring Game."



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UMPIRES CORNER



Celebrating Our Umpires & Volunteers

As the 2025–26 season comes to a close, Curling Alberta would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all umpires who contributed throughout the year. Their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the sport were essential to the successful delivery of **23 Provincial Qualifiers** and **12 Provincial Championships across Alberta**.

This season also highlighted the strength of Alberta's officiating community beyond the provincial level. Several umpires were selected for international competitions, reflecting the high standards, experience, and respect earned by officials from our province, including:

- **Brett Waldroff** – 2026 Milano/Cortina Olympic Winter Games and World Women's Curling Championship, Calgary
- **Cheryl Minns** – 2026 Milano/Cortina Paralympic Winter Games
- **Andy Lessard** – World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, Geneva, Switzerland

These opportunities speak not only to individual achievement, but to the depth and quality of officiating within Alberta curling as a whole.

We were also extremely fortunate this year to see Calgary host the World Women's Curling Championship. The event showcased the incredible volunteer base within our community, with many Alberta umpires contributing to important roles such as timers, statisticians, and members of various committees. Strong on-site leadership from the three local Vice-Chairs - Atina Ford Johnston, Britney Andersen, and Michael Heeb - helped support these efforts and ensured a positive experience for all involved. Walking the halls and seeing so many familiar faces engaged underscored just how invested and connected our curling community truly is.

Whether supporting local events, provincial championships, or world-class competitions, Alberta's umpires and volunteers continue to play a vital role in growing and strengthening the sport. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and expertise this season—your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.



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READY TO ROCK



Front row seats Curling Alberta's first on-ice Ready to Rock School-based program - It was "a Rockin!"

By Lesley McEwan & Rebecca Rankin

Program Success: Ready to Rock Makes its On-Ice Debut

The **Ready to Rock** program, designed for students in Grades 1–6, officially launched its on-ice component this fall. The journey begins in the classroom with a "Rocks & Rings Day," followed by four immersive, one-hour sessions at a local curling club. Built on the pillars of safety and inclusivity, the program ensures every student can participate by providing all necessary equipment.



A Milestone Moment in Edmonton

Curling Alberta is thrilled to celebrate the successful completion of our first on-ice program with the students of **Thrive Edmonton Elementary School**. These young "Champions" and their teachers were fully engaged from the very first slide.

The sessions were hosted across two premier locations:

- **Jasper Place Curling Club** (Sessions 1 & 2)
- **Crestwood Curling Centre** (Final Session)

Impact and Feedback

The response from the 50+ students, teachers, and volunteers was overwhelming, with many noting that the experience far exceeded their expectations. The newfound love for the sport was palpable; each session concluded with energetic cheers and heartfelt gratitude from the students.



"There is nothing more rewarding than witnessing youth experience curling ice, rocks, brooms, and teamwork for the first time. The sheer joy displayed by these students filled our hearts."

Looking Ahead

We feel incredibly fortunate to have had front-row seats to this inaugural journey. As the Ready to Rock program continues to grow and flourish across the province, we look forward to introducing the spirit of curling to many more schools throughout Alberta.

Key Program Details

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| Target Audience | Grades 1 through 6 |
| Structure | 1 In-school day + 4 On-ice sessions |
| Duration | 60 minutes per session |
| Accessibility | Fully inclusive; all equipment provided |



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CLUB DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



The Benefits of Membership!

Curling Alberta exists to support its clubs. We orchestrate conditions for member clubs to be successful and sustainable businesses, which ultimately create more and better curlers. solutions for growth and success.

[Membership Benefits | Curling Alberta](#)
[Member Services Handbook – Curling Canada](#)
[Member Club News | Curling Alberta](#)
[What does it mean to be a member?](#)

Personal Sport Accident Insurance

A Member Curler Benefit

This season, Curling Alberta is partnering with Wawanesa to offer Personal Sport Accident Insurance to all registered member curlers. Casual curlers may also opt in for just \$1 to access this unique coverage, providing added peace of mind while on the ice.

Serving Clubs, Strengthening the Curling System

Curling Alberta exists to support curling across the province by serving member clubs and working collaboratively within the Canadian curling system. By connecting clubs, communities, and national partners, we help ensure curling remains strong, accessible, and sustainable—today and into the future.

Our focus is on making sure clubs have the tools, resources, and support they need to deliver safe, welcoming, and high-quality curling experiences for everyone who steps on the ice.

Through education, programs, partnerships, and coordinated development efforts, Curling Alberta invests in the systems that support participation, growth, and long-term sustainability at all levels of the sport. This work helps create clear pathways for lifelong involvement in curling and supports healthy, resilient clubs that continue to serve their communities across Alberta.

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Supporting the Curling System Through Club Affiliation

When clubs are affiliated with Curling Alberta, they—and their members—are part of a coordinated provincial and national curling system. Through affiliation and the Curling Development Fee (CDF), every registered curler contributes to the collective health of the sport.

Club affiliation supports:

- Club Development & Support
- Competitions & Hosting Opportunities
- Marketing, Communications & Insights
- Funding, Discounts & Curling Alberta Partnerships
- Training, Certification & Program Delivery
- Advocacy & Club Voice

The Curling Development Fee (CDF) is assessed on a per-capita basis and helps turn individual contributions into collective impact. Working in partnership with Curling Canada, Curling Alberta uses these shared resources to deliver programs, services, governance support, and system infrastructure that strengthen club sustainability, support participation, and create consistent pathways for curling across Alberta and Canada.

Curler Participation Definitions

(Aligned with Curling Canada)

To help ensure consistent understanding, reporting, and data collection across the country, Curling Canada has established standard participation definitions. A brief overview is shared below.

Regular Curler

An individual registered with a Member Club or Facility who participates in recognized curling activities **four or more times** during the membership year (July 1 – June 30).

Examples may include:

- Regular league participation (traditional or rental usage)
- Ongoing facility use for training or competition

Casual Curler

An individual who participates in programs, services, or activities within the curling system up to three times per membership year.

Examples may include:

- Bonspiels or competitions (a multi-day event counts as one participation)
- Try Curling or Open House events
- Private ice rentals
- School or youth group curling programs

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Regular Contributor

An individual affiliated with or registered through a Member Club or Facility who contributes to curling through employment, contracts, or volunteer service.

Examples may include:

- Facility operations and building support
- Governance & board roles
- Ice maintenance
- Coaching or instruction **four or more times** per membership year

Additional guidance and reporting resources related to these participation definitions will be shared as they become available.

Share Your Voice & Help Shape Curling's Future

Curling Alberta and Curling Canada value the voices of clubs, curlers, and communities across Alberta. Sharing experiences and ideas helps strengthen curling today—and plan for what comes next.

This season, **Curling Canada invited clubs and communities to share stories** highlighting how curling is growing and evolving post-Olympics. These national features spotlight creative programs, community initiatives, and people helping welcome new and returning curlers to the sport.

At the provincial and national levels, **club feedback and surveys** also play an important role—helping identify what's working well, where support is needed, and how curling can continue to grow.

Taking part helps:

- Share successes and best practices
- Build a clearer picture of club health across Canada
- Inform future programs, services, and investments

Participation is voluntary, confidential, and surveys can be completed in stages.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to share their perspective. Your voice helps shape the future of curling across Alberta and Canada.

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Learning & Training Opportunities

Curling Alberta continues to support strong, sustainable curling clubs through **education, training, and learning opportunities** for coaches, ice technicians, and club leaders.

Coming Soon: A new **Club Development Webinar Series** will offer practical, online learning on topics such as energy cost savings, curling management systems, strategic planning, and insurance and risk management. Dates and details will be shared soon.

Registration Now Open: In-person education and training courses for the 2026–27 season are also available, including:

- **Head Ice Technician Course** – June 15–16, Red Deer
- **Assistant Ice Technician Course** – July 8, Red Deer
- **Competition Coach Course** – August 12, Leduc

These opportunities help build skills, confidence, and capacity across curling communities in Alberta. Click here for more - [Course Schedule | Curling Alberta](#)

In addition, curling club boards and volunteers can access **free online learning opportunities** this spring through Government of Alberta non-profit education sessions. Topics include board roles and responsibilities, financial oversight and risk management, strategic planning, succession, and grant writing. Self-paced resources are also available through the Alberta Non-Profit Learning Centre.

Together, these learning opportunities help build skills, leadership, and capacity—supporting healthy clubs and positive curling experiences across Alberta. Click here for more - [Curling Alberta Website](#)

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National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25, 2026

National Volunteer Week is a chance to recognize the volunteers who make curling possible in our communities. Clubs are encouraged to thank volunteers in ways that are meaningful to them. Looking to promote volunteer opportunities, click here - [Volunteer Connector](#)

Curling Alberta in the Community

This season, Curling Alberta brought curling into communities across Alberta through **fanfest activations, pop-up events, express rinks, Try Curling experiences, and Ready to Rock programs**—welcoming new participants and celebrating the sport beyond the rink.

From **Girls Rock! events** to major showcases like **Curling Day in Canada, Olympic fanfests, and the World Women's Curling Championship**, these community activations helped introduce more people to curling and grow the game across the province.

Member Club Milestones

Curling Alberta proudly celebrates the incredible achievements of our member clubs!

Congratulations to:

Diamond Valley – Oilfields Curling Club – Celebrating 100 years of curling in the area!

Whitecourt Curling Club – Celebrating 75 Years!

North Hill Curling Club – Celebrating 100 Years!

Westlock Curling Club – Celebrating 100 Years!

Red Deer Curling Club – Over 125 Years of Serving the Curling Community!

Is your club celebrating a milestone?

We'd love to help share your story! Email us at info@curlingalberta.ca

Weekly Club Updates

New programs, events, funding opportunities, and discounts—shared weekly with affiliated clubs.

Questions or ideas? Reach out to [Atina Ford Johnston](#), Director of Curling Club Development. **Stay up to date:** [Member Club News](#) | [Curling Alberta](#)



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HEC GERVAIS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE



SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Don't Miss the Deadline: Hec Gervais Scholarship Applications Close April 30th

The clock is ticking for student-athletes across Alberta. If you are a young curler with aspirations of pursuing both your sport and your studies at the post-secondary level, this is your moment—but you must act before the **April 30th** deadline.

A Legacy Built on Education and Curling

Since 1999, the **Hec Gervais Academic & Curling Scholarship Foundation** has championed the belief that being an elite curler and a dedicated student go hand in hand.

The Foundation was established to honor the memory of Hec Gervais, affectionately known as “The Friendly Giant.” More than just a tribute to a curling legend, the Foundation embodies Hec’s core values:

- **Commitment to Education:** Prioritizing academic excellence.
- **Competitive Spirit:** Fostering drive and determination on the ice.
- **Leadership:** Building champions who contribute to their communities.

Over \$170,000 Awarded — And Counting

Through a valued partnership with **Curling Alberta** and the continued generosity of the curling community, the Foundation has awarded **over \$170,000** to deserving recipients. Each scholarship represents a young athlete who refused to compromise their passion for curling for their academic future—a legacy Hec would be proud of.

How to Apply

Applications for the 2026 scholarship cycle are now open. If you or someone you know is a student-athlete with drive, academic dedication, and leadership potential, we encourage you to apply.

Requirements & Next Steps:

- **Review Eligibility:** Visit the Foundation’s website for full criteria.
- **Prepare Documents:** Ensure all application materials are ready for submission.
- **Deadline:** All applications must be received by April 30th.



[Visit the Foundation Website to Apply Today!](#)



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ANNUAL CURLING ALBERTA AWARDS - SAVE THE DATE



2026 Curling Alberta Awards

Mark your calendars! The Annual Curling Alberta Awards are set for **Sunday, May 24th**, and this year's celebration will take place at the **Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in Red Deer**.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements, dedication, and passion within Alberta's curling community. From athletes and teams to volunteers and builders of the game, this event shines a spotlight on the people who make our sport so special.

The afternoon kicks off at **2:00 PM with registration and cocktails**, followed by the **Awards Celebration and lunch at 2:30 PM**, and will wrap up around **5:30 PM**.

Formal invitations and registration details will be released soon—stay tuned for your chance to be part of this unforgettable celebration of curling excellence in Alberta!

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Curling Alberta Awards

WHERE
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame
4200 Queen Elizabeth II Hwy #102
Red Deer AB T4P 0E7

WHEN
Sunday, May 24th

Itinerary

- 2:00 PM - Registration & Cocktails
- 2:30 PM - Award Celebrations & Lunch
- 5:30 PM - Wrap-Up

Formal invitations & registrations opening soon!

CLASSIFIED & BONSPIEL LISTINGS

As a member club looking to promote an upcoming bonspiel or a team starting to plan your upcoming season?

To see what events are on deck in all levels of competition within our boundaries, visit the [BONSPIELS](#) section of Curling Alberta's website, under Curling Centres, where a detailed list of Bonspiels will be listed and updated as soon as clubs add to them.

Curling Alberta's Classifieds are a great resource whether you are looking to build a new team, fill a vacancy or recruit a coach. It also offers our members a platform to buy and sell Curling equipment or supplies.

Listings are posted on behalf of the teams, curlers, and member clubs. Head to the, [CURLING CENTRES ON THE CURLING ALBERTA WEBSITE](#) and again, find Bonspiels, Classifieds and posting your ad.



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HOSTING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)



Host with Curling Alberta: 2026 - 2028 Seasons

As we look toward the **2026–27 and 2027–28 seasons**, Curling Alberta invites member clubs to submit **Expressions of Interest** to host events, programs, and development courses. Hosting is a premier way to grow your membership, engage your community, and showcase your facility.

1. Premier Events: Qualifiers & Championships

Host a multi-day Provincial Qualifier or Championship. These events bring the province's best athletes to your ice, driving local economic impact and community pride.

2. Grow the Game: Youth & Adult Programs

Introduce new families to your club and build your junior base with turnkey programs. We provide the resources; you provide the ice.

- **Youth:** Ready to Rock, Hit Draw Tap, U15 RockFest.
- **Coming Soon:** Expanded adult and adapted curling pathways.

3. Build Capacity: Courses & Clinics

Help develop the local experts who keep our sport running. Hosting a clinic makes training more accessible for your own volunteers and staff.

- **Coaching:** Club Coach, Youth Coach, and Competition Coach.
- **Technical:** Assistant & Head Ice Technician, Umpire Skills Reviews.

[View Course Schedule](#)

Why Host?

- **Boost Membership:** Attract new players and families.
- **Develop Talent:** Build local coaching and technical expertise.
- **Sustainability:** Support the long-term growth of curling in your region.

Get Involved

Ready to bring the action to your club? Submit your interest for the upcoming seasons via the link below.

[Submit Your Expression of Interest Here](#)

Questions? Contact us at info@curlingalberta.ca.



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COURSES



Curling Alberta: 2026-2027 Courses & Certifications

Registration is now open for upcoming education pathways. These courses are designed to build local expertise and support sustainable club operations across the province.

Ice Technician Courses

Build the skills needed to maintain top-tier ice.

- **Head Ice Technician:** June 15–16 | Red Deer
- **Assistant Ice Technician:** July 8 | Red Deer
- **Pathways & Info:** [Ice Technician Education](#)

Contact: Atina Ford Johnston (atina.johnston@curlingalberta.ca)

Coaching Courses

Support your athletes with certified leadership.

- **Competition Coach:** * Self-paced online curriculum (Available now/Pre-requisite)
* 1-Day In-Person: August 12 | Leduc CC
* Contact: Jason Ginter (jason.ginter@curlingalberta.ca)
- **Club Coach & Youth Coach:** More dates coming soon.
* Contact: Rebecca Rankin (rebecca.rankin@curlingalberta.ca)

Umpire Certification

Access training and online course modules to support fair play at your club.

- **Access Here:** [Umpire Education Pathways](#)

Ready to Register?

Check the full calendar for new dates and locations as they are added:

[Curling Alberta Course Schedule](#)



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HIT, DRAW, TAP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Hit, Draw, Tap: 2026 Provincial Championship Recap

The 2026 Hit Draw Tap season concluded with a thrilling Provincial Championship at the **Red Deer Curling Centre**, celebrating the skill and sportsmanship of Alberta's next generation of curlers!

What is Hit Draw Tap?

Hit Draw Tap is a national youth skills competition for athletes **ages 6–12**. Participants compete individually in three core shots—the **Hit**, the **Draw**, and the **Tap**—with difficulty levels tailored by age. Following local club competitions, the top five athletes in each division advance to the Provincial Championships. **Note:** In the ages 6-7, Emily and Jordan decided to share 2nd place!

2026 Provincial Podium

| Rank | Ages 6–7 | Ages 8–9 | Ages 10–12 |
|------|----------------|----------|------------|
| 1st | Leo | Leif | Nolan |
| 2nd | Emily & Jordan | Ayla | Bree |
| 3rd | — | Levi | Zayne |
| 4th | Stella | TJ | Judah |
| 5th | Andrew | Brady | Ain |
| 6th | — | Max | — |



The Impact of Club Hosting

The success of this program relies on the dedication of our member clubs. By hosting local events, clubs provide a fun, accessible entry point for both seasoned juniors and brand-new participants.

This season by the numbers:

- 23 Host Clubs
- 172 Youth Participants

Looking Ahead

Each year, Hit Draw Tap reinforces the value of community and skill development in youth curling. We are incredibly proud of this year's athletes and look forward to seeing even more young curlers take to the ice next season!

Want to host a local Hit Draw Tap event next year?



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