



Welcome NOCA

Northern Ontario Curling Association's membership application was approved at the August CSCA Executive meeting, making NOCA the 10th member of the CSCA.

A NOCA 2-person stick championship will be held this season and plans are for their champion to be in Toronto in April to compete for the Canadian Open title.

Bilingual Logo

CSCA has recently adopted a bilingual logo. You'll see it from time to time when appropriate.



Championship Committee Update

The Championship Committee has completed a review of the Hosting Package and Championship Logistics documents. A few recommended changes which will impact the mechanics of championship hosting and organization are currently being reviewed by the Provincial Representatives.

Already approved is the addition of a CSCA Competitor Fee of \$10 per player added to entry fees for the 2024 Open & Women's Championships in Toronto. This fee will offset awards costs (banners, medals, crests) and allow CSCA to utilize our limited revenue for non-championship projects and services.

Thank you to committee members Brad Childe (BC), Ed Willson (AB), and Betty Mattson (NS) for their efforts on behalf of CSCA.

Rules Committee Update

The Rules Committee has completed a review of the CSCA Rules of Play. Formally these are the rules for the CSCA Championships but, of course, they provide guidance for league & bonspiel play across the country. There are several wording changes and some re-formatting to make the rules and their intent clearer to the reader. One new section dealing with equipment has also been added.

The EQUIPMENT section includes details which have been understood but were not written down. Key points include: players must use the same brush for the entire game, players must use the same delivery stick for the entire game, and footwear (gripper & slider) are subject to review by officials if they are damaging the ice.

The Rules document is currently being translated and English & French versions will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Thank you to Lawrence Forbes (NB), Rick Thurston (ON), Derrell Sears (BC) and Rick Robinson (BC) who joined the committee to ensure the wheelchair player perspective is considered.

If you have suggestions about the 2-person stick curling rules, please send them forward (to cdnstickr.e@gmail.com) for consideration by the committee.

(Sept. 1, 2023): If you are planning to attend the 2024 CSCA Championships at Toronto's Leaside Club, be on the watch in the next couple of weeks for the entry details. General entries will open on November 1st – provincial associations are reminded that they will have until October 31 to confirm intent to utilize their four assured entries.

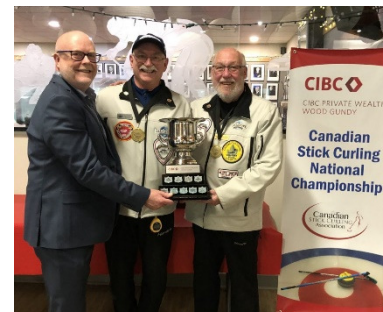
MEMBERS OF CSCA: With the addition of Northern Ontario, there are now ten official members of the CSCA. They include FOUR provincial stick associations, FIVE Curling Canada provincial associations, and ONE league. The members and their voting reps are:

- CurlBC: Derrell Sears
- Northern Ontario (NOCA): Laura Forget
- CurlON: Rick Thurston
- Curl Quebec: Cathy MacCallum
- Curl PEI: Ernie Stavert
- Alberta Stick Curling Ass'n: Ed Willson
- Manitoba Stick Curling Ass'n: Warren Johnson
- New Brunswick Stick Curling Ass'n: Lawrence Forbes
- Nova Scotia Stick Curling Ass'n: Betty Mattson
- Regina 266 Stick Curling League: Darren Beach

It is noted, with appreciation, that the provincial associations are also very supportive in the five provinces where stick associations and league are the CSCA official member.

IS THIS THE BIGGEST LEAGUE? Randy Olson wonders – the St. Albert (Alberta) CC may have the largest 2-person stick leagues in Canada with over 500 spots filled (6 sheets – 11 leagues). Eleven leagues (3 Tuesday, 3 Thursday, 5 Friday) is up from nine last year. They play a split season with a half year fee of \$90.

WELL DONE NANAIMO – PART 2: While we congratulated the Nanaimo committee in the last edition – we should have also congratulated the champions. So better late than never - congrats to OPEN Champions *Keith Landry & Paul Bennett (NS)* and to WOMEN'S Champions *Kerrylyn Richard & Marion Radcliffe (BC)*. Per CSCA policy the champions will be invited to defend their titles in Toronto. They have an assured entry if they accept the invitation by the deadline!



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