

TORONTO CURLING ASSOCIATION - 2025/2026 MIDSEASON NEWSLETTER

The 2025/2026 curling season is well underway, and the TCA is taking this opportunity to update curlers on TCA matters.

TCA Events

Goldline Men's

Registration for the TCA Men's Goldline Curling Championships is well underway. Entries are being updated on the TCA website weekly.

The "Goldline" runs from January 10 to 17, 2026.

The event offers 5 divisions:

- Open, age 19+, limited to 64 teams
- Senior, age 50+, limited to 48 teams
- Master, age 60+, limited to 32 teams
- Grandmaster, age 70+, limited to 32 teams
- Novice, age 19+, limited to 32 teams (see Rules regarding eligibility)

All ages are as of the start of the Championship.

The Master and Grandmaster Finals will be held at Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club on Friday January 16, 2026.

The Open, Senior, and Novice Finals will be held at The Thornhill Club on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

Entry Fees:

- Open & Senior divisions are \$180 per team.
- Novice, Master, & Grandmaster divisions are \$160 per team.

Register online at:

https://torontocurling.ca/event/welcome-to-the-tca-goldline-mens-championship/#goldline

Entry fees are paid via e-transfer to payment@torontocurling.com

All teams must enter and pay online. The registration deadline is December 28th.

Starting locations and times will be posted on the TCA website by January 4th.

If you have any questions, please visit the event website (https://torontocurling.ca/event/welcome-to-the-tca-goldline-mens-championship/#goldline) for more information, or contact

- Drawmaster, Fausto Giannini, at <u>reg.tca@gmail.com</u> with questions about your entry and payment, or to change players on your team
- Head Umpire, Lee Beamish, at <u>tca.mens.umpire@gmail.com</u> with questions about championship rules, including eligibility

Mixed

The TCA Mixed starts February 4, 2026 and runs through February 8, 2026 with the Finals once again at The Thornhill Club. The Mixed has three divisions, Novice, Open and Senior. The comradery and the competition are always first rate. Put your team together and enter today. Registration is now open. A flyer for the event is attached.

Junior Interclub

Junior Interclub bonspiel (U21) for 16 teams which runs over multiple weekends (December 13th at Tam Heather and January 31st at Oshawa) culminating with the finals on March 28th at Dixie Curling Centre.

Other TCA events

The TCA continues to look for volunteers to restart the TCA Women's events. Anyone interested in participating in helping re-establish these events please contact Chris Wai, TCA Competitions Director at chris.wai@torontocurling.com

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The TCA's Annual General Meeting was held on October 22nd. Thanks to all who attended. The meeting minutes and audited financial statements can be found on the TCA website.

Directors

As discussed at the AGM the TCA is looking to increase the size of the Board. This is a formal call for TCA club members to nominate individuals to serve on the TCA Board of Directors. The Board is looking for individuals with interest and experience in communications, sponsorship, event management and administration. For any questions regarding joining the TCA Board please contact General@torontocurling.com

In conjunction with the TCA clubs, the TCA Board of Directors plays a critical role in growing the sport of curling in the Greater Toronto Area. We need passionate, energetic individuals to help us with our mission.

Any member of a TCA Member Club is eligible to nominate an individual who is a member in good standing of a TCA Member Club. Additional information regarding the process to nominate a potential Board member is included with this newsletter.

Facility Manager meetings

With Chris Wai, General Manager of The High Park Club joining the Board, the Facility Manager meetings will be restarted. Chris will be sending out communication on these meetings to garner input on the frequency and potential topics.

Olympic Activation Opportunities

In partnership with Cadillac Fairview, the Canadian Olympic Committee is planning curling activations in nine shopping malls across the country, including three in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The goal of the activation is two-fold, to promote curling during the 2026 Olympics and to give local clubs the opportunity to increase participation.

The activation will run from Friday February 6th through Sunday February 22nd at the following Cadillac Fairview locations:

- Eaton Centre
- Sherway Gardens
- Fairview

Cadilac Fairview will be setting up an <u>Express Rink</u> at each location. One of the three Express Rinks will be available for the Toronto Curling Association to keep following the event.

Curling Canada is giving local clubs the opportunity to provide volunteers at the activation for:

- Friday February 6th Sunday February 8th
- Thursday February 12th Sunday February 15th
- Thursday February 19th Sunday February 22nd

Clubs will be able to interact with mall goers, hand out promotional material for their club, and ask for contact information for future mailings. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote our sport and connect with potential future members.

The expectation is that 2 to 3 volunteers would be required throughout the days to work at the booth. Curling Alberta has already been doing this with great success.

This is a fantastic opportunity for clubs to promote the sport and their club during the Olympics, a time of extremely high interest in curling. To volunteer, or for more information please contact general@torontocurling.com.

Scotties 2026

The first Scotties to be held in the GTA will soon be here. The event runs from Friday January 23rd through Sunday February 1st at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre and features 18 of Canada's best women's curling teams.

The 2025/2026 curling season has already been incredibly exciting with the recent Olympic Trials in Halifax. Congratulations to Team Epping who have three GTA curlers and had a very competitive week, just missing the playoffs.

The next major event is the Scotties followed by the Olympics.

How to buy Tickets

The recently renovated Paramount Fine Foods Centre is an exceptional venue to watch curling. Ticket sales are going well. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at

https://www.curling.ca/2026scotties/tickets/

Curling Canada has boxes available for sale and also Group Ticket packages where a large contingent of members can get a block of tickets to sit together for a draw, a day of draws etc... If you are interested in a box please contact General@torontocurling.com and the TCA will connect you with Curling Canada.

Individual draw tickets for all draws are now available for sale.

Volunteers - NOW FULL

We want to thank the almost 400 volunteers who have signed up. The volunteer portal is now closed. An event of this magnitude can't run efficiently without the dedicated effort of the volunteers, and we have a great crew eagerly awaiting the start of the event. A big shoutout to TCA clubs, who make up 2/3rd of the volunteers with the Dixie Curling Centre leading the way with 66 volunteers followed the Mississaugua Golf and Country Club with 53 volunteers.

Scotties Sponsorship

There are still sponsorship opportunities. The sponsorship opportunities include gas for the transportation fleet, SUVs for the transportation fleet, and food and beverages for the volunteer and player lounges. If you have any members interested in learning about sponsorship opportunities contact General@torontocurling.com and the TCA will connect you with Curling Canada.

Scotties 50/50 draw Early Bird is now live

The 2026 Scotties Early Bird 50/50 draw is now live.

The link to start buying tickets is on the poster. It is https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/stoh2026

Activities happening around the Scotties

The Scotties not only offers the best in women's curling, it also offers many associated activities.

The other activities include:

- Four Try Curling events in conjunction with Curling Canada and Rocks & Rings
 - o Sunday December 7th Dixie Curling Centre successfully completed with over 100 participants
 - o Saturday January 10th Chinguacousy Curling Club
 - o Saturday January 17th Brampton Curling Club (morning)
 - o Saturday January 17th Dixie Curling Centre (afternoon) this session is already full
 - o Use the link below to sign up for the Chinguacousy or Brampton sessions

Try Curling - 2026 Scotties

- Leading up to the Scotties
 - o Rocks & Rings sessions with Mississaugua area schools
 - Opportunities for schools to get tickets to bring students for a 9:00 am weekday draw – over 6,400 ticket requests have already been received through the Scotties School Ticket program
- Saturday January 24th Women in Curling Summit offering meaningful networking and professional development opportunities, as well as the Scotties Legends reception to celebrate Ontario's former women's curling champions.
 This will be held at the Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre (5787 Hurontario Street, Mississauga). Information can be found at the following link

Https://www.curling.ca/about-us/gender-equity/women-girls-in-sport/

- Sunday January 25th First time curling experiences through Girls Rock, presented by Scotties, events at Chinguacousy Curling Club and Dixie Curling Centre – Over 100 registrants have been received for this exciting program
- Throughout the event (until the playoffs) Future Stars where 4 young curlers get up close to the action each draw. Over 150 requests have been received for the 72 available spots.

Sunday February 1st – "#OurHouselsYourHouse: Strategies for Inclusive
Curling Spaces" meeting at Dixie Curling Centre for management,
stakeholders, and anyone else who wants to be a part of the conversation about
issues such as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, along with other relevant topics
such as member retention and recruitment

Legacy fund

One of the benefits of the Scotties is the legacy fund that is created for the TCA through ticket sales and the 50/50 draw. While the TCA has developed ideas for the legacy fund we are open to creative ideas on how these funds can be used to support the growth of curling in the Greater Toronto Area.

ON BEHALF OF THE TCA, WE WISH ALL GTA CURLERS AND YOUR FAMILIES A HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



TORONTO CURLING ASSOCIATION - DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee
Name of Nominator
Information on Nominee (previous Board experience, reason for wanting to join the Board)

By submitting this nomination, the nominator acknowledges that the Nominee is aware of the nomination.

** The Board term is three (3) years.**