



AWARDS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Curling NB endeavors to honor individuals, teams and clubs within our organization who have helped to inspire the sport of curling within our province. The Curling NB Awards Recognition Program is intended to celebrate the extraordinary people who contribute at all levels of our sport. Athletic Awards will be “selection” based (except for the Recreational Team of the Year) while the Non-Athletic Awards (which includes the Recreational Team of the Year) will be “nomination” based.

The Curling NB Annual Awards Gala is to take place in or about mid-June. Submit your nominations for Non-athletic and Recreational Team of the Year to ensure that deserving individuals and teams receive the recognition they deserve.

Nominations to be submitted to nbcaaward@gmail.com by May 1st.

ATHLETE AWARDS & SELECTION CRITERIA



Awards are based on NB curling accomplishments during the most recently completed season.

NOTE: Although listed among the Athlete Awards, the Recreational Team of the Year will require nominations.

RECREATIONAL TEAM OF THE YEAR (Non-Competitive Team, Nominations Required): May be awarded to a team consisting of recreational curlers only. The team will exhibit good sportsmanship, fair play and respect towards opponents and teammates. The team will have a high level of participation at the club level and commitment from all players. They will exhibit fun & enjoyment and will actively engage in supporting their club through fundraising and volunteer opportunities. Team category is open with no age restrictions.

Note: For this award, Recreational Players are defined as individuals who have not participated in any Curling NB event leading to a National Championship. Exception is granted to teams that have participated in the Provincial Curling Club Championships if the team does not include an "exempted player" as defined in the Curling Club Championship Eligibility Requirements.

TEAM OF THE YEAR (Competitive "Adult" Team): May be awarded to a team who participated in a Curling NB event leading to a National Championship and who is a shining example to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities and involvement within their local curling community. Competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component.

JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR (Competitive U18 or U21 Team): May be awarded to a team who participated in either the Curling NB U18 or U21 Provincial Championships. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities and involvement within their home club(s). Competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component.

50+ TEAM OF THE YEAR (Seniors, Masters): May be awarded to a team who participated in the Curling NB Seniors or Masters Championship and who is a shining example to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities and involvement within their local curling community. Competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component.

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD: May be awarded to a coach who has directed their 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 award recipient is Competition Coach Certified.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD: May be awarded to an outstanding official that has shown tremendous support to the sport.

MEN & WOMEN'S ATHLETE OF THE YEAR-JUNIOR: May be awarded to two athletes who are shining examples to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities and community involvement. Competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component.

MEN & WOMEN'S ATHLETE OF THE YEAR-21+: May be awarded to two athletes who are shining examples to others. Considerations include sportsmanship, dedication, positive leadership qualities and community involvement. Competitive achievement will be a highly weighted component.

AGING OUT OF JUNIORS CERTIFICATE: Presented to all athletes who have completed their final season of eligibility in the NB Junior Curling Program as based on age restrictions for the Canadian Junior Championships. Club Managers or Youth Development Directors or delegates are required to submit player name, home club & date of birth for each Aging Out member of their club.



BANNER CEREMONY: Presented to all Championship teams of Curling NB events leading to a National Championship during the most recent completed season.

ASHAM U18 & U21 COACH AWARDS: Although voted on and named during the Curling NB U18 & Junior (U21) Championships, awards will be presented during the Curling NB Awards Gala.

NON-ATHLETIC AWARDS & NOMINATION CRITERIA

Awards are based on NB curling accomplishments during the most recently completed season.

NOTE: *Although listed among the Athlete Awards above, Recreational Team of the Year is a "nominations based" award. See nomination process below.*

LES HARRISON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: May be awarded to any member of a Curling NB Affiliated Club who has, during the most recently completed season, shown exceptional dedication and contribution to their club through volunteerism. Nominations must include details on how the nominee has volunteered their time and the impact their activities have had on the club and its members. Examples may include individuals who have contributed in any of the following areas:

- Volunteer Club Ice Tech, Club Coach, Club Board or Special Committee Member
- Special event (i.e. championship hosted at the curling club)
- Building construction, renovations or upgrades (unpaid work)
- Program development for adults, juniors, youth or schools (elementary, secondary, collegiate, university)
- Specific fundraising campaign
- Successful membership campaign
- Successful volunteer recruitment
- Paid staff – where their contribution was above and beyond their job description
- Volunteers working on sanctioned national or international championships
- NB curling volunteers at the zone, provincial, national or international levels

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: This award was established to recognize contributions to curling in general, the growth of curling in our province, or advancements or innovations to curling by a person who receives remuneration for the work that they do in curling (for example Club Manager, Ice Technician, or Association employee).

SPONSOR AWARD: The Sponsor Award is presented to recognize the generosity of a sponsor towards curling in NB. Sponsorship must be for an event or program recognized by Curling NB and may be for a single event, series of events, a program or for continuous sponsorship over several years.

CURLING CENTRE OF THE YEAR: This award is presented to a member facility that has generously contributed to the sport of curling through hosting multiple competitions or events, in the current or previous years; Developed or operated outstanding curling programs; Demonstrated support for teams that experienced success at the provincial, national, or international levels.



BUILDER OF THE YEAR: To an individual who represents the spirit of volunteerism and whose outstanding dedication energy and commitment is critical to curling development and the advancement of curling in NB, and who has set an example of service for other volunteers. Any individual who is not immediate family of the person being nominated may submit a nomination.

YOUTH CURLING PROGRAM VOLUNTEER AWARD: This award is presented to an individual who has given extended and dedicated service to the youth and junior curling programs within a club, region, or the province. Any individual who is not immediate family of the person being nominated may submit a nomination.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

To make a nomination, simply answer the following questions in an email or Word document and submit to nbcaawards@gmail.com by **May 1st**:

1. Award Category
2. Nominee information (Name, email address, phone number, and curling club)
3. Nominator information (Your name, relationship to the nominee, email address, phone 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 a local, regional, national, and/or international level.
7. Is there anything else about the nominee you would like the committee to consider?

You are encouraged to submit any additional testimony, pictures, or documentation to support the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, and self-nominations are also welcome. Please keep in mind that the awards are open to recognize contributors of any scope, whether local or provincial. Nominations will be accepted until May 1st.

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.