



## 2026 NOMINATION PACKAGE

### Curling Community Hero Award Individual or Group

This award serves to recognize those who made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of curling and their community. As nominator, this is your opportunity to recognize the tireless contributor at your club who makes it a better place, always willing to lend a hand for the common good.

#### Eligible Candidates

- Must be a member of a Curling Ontario curling club/center (club in good standing). This individual or group can be a volunteer, administrator, ice technician, official, curler, instructor, coach, team.
- Involved in the promotion and development of community and/or charitable initiatives to help others, going beyond their regular day to day duties;
- Must have exhibited consistent and outstanding dedication to making their community a better place;
- Must be recognized as an individual or group of outstanding character.
- Must not have already won the award for the same program and/or initiative.
- At least one award will be awarded for an individual/group who have made an impact on youth development.

#### Ineligible Candidates

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

#### Selection Process

Curling Ontario's Nominations and Awards Committee will review all nominations put forward by the deadline. The committee will aim to select a maximum of three award recipients at its discretion annually, one being specifically focused for youth initiatives. All candidates will be contacted by the Nominations and Awards Committee Chair by **August 1, 2026**.

Recipient(s) will receive their Curling Community Hero Award at Curling Ontario's Annual General Meeting in September 2026.

### Submission Details

Nominators will complete an online form [HERE](#). The deadline to receive nominations is 4:00 pm ET on **March 31st, 2026**. If there are any questions, feel free to contact [nominations@curlingontario.ca](mailto:nominations@curlingontario.ca). Please note that successful nominations will be requested to send photos/ images to Curling Ontario of the recipient or program in action for marketing purposes.

### Award Evaluation

The following criteria will need to be completed on the online form in order for the Nominations and Awards Committee to determine the award recipient(s). The committee will score each criteria based on the allowable amount of points. Candidate(s) with the highest points will receive the Curling Community Hero Award.

1. Select all that apply to highlight the **club/regional contributions** made by the nominee.
  - Enhancing recreational competition opportunities
  - Enhancing or increasing recreational or learn to programs through implementation, development or education
  - Mentorship/coaching/instructing at any level within the club
  - Promoting Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity
  - Board representative
  - League or bonspiel convenor
  - Facility/club sustainability, maintenance, or development
  - Other - please specify

**(Scoring: No point allocations)**
2. Please describe how the nominee has made contributions in the area (s) selection in the previous question. Please provide specific examples: "John increased our recreational programs by x% or #".

**(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**
3. Describe in detail the nominee's **values driven leadership/contributions and dedication to making their community a better place**. Please provide specific examples of their contributions in one or more of Curling Ontario's values (inclusiveness, integrity, accountability, synergistic, progressiveness, excellence) and how they have positively impacted the club or community AND/OR have demonstrated the values of their local curling club/community.

**(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**
4. List in bullet form how the nominee **enhances the image and reputation of curling** in the community. Please be specific in your response.

**(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**

5. Please list in bullet form how the nominee **is committed to growth and development in their community**, and provide specific example(s).  
**(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**
  
6. Describe the nominee's **impact on the lives of others**. Please include specific examples of interactions that support the nomination, and/or the positive outcome as a direct result of the nominee's actions.  
**(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**