



2026 NOMINATION PACKAGE

Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Impact Award – Individual or Club Award

This award celebrates and recognizes an individual or curling club/centre that welcomes, promotes and supports underrepresented and/or marginalized communities. This individual or organization demonstrates the appreciation and celebration of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) in the sport of curling.

Inclusivity is an organizational effort to create an environment that allows people of all backgrounds to feel like they belong, are valued, and included. **Diversity** is to understand as well as respect the individuality of each person and the demographic characteristics that they possess. **Equity** is to actively create, make decisions and work to provide similar opportunities for all participants. **Accessibility** is to ensure people of all abilities have equitable access to workplaces, facilities, programs, services, and opportunities.

Eligible Candidates

- Must be a member of a Curling Ontario curling club/centre in good standing
- Candidate(s) can be a volunteer, administrator, ice technician, official, curler, instructor, coach, partner, team or curling club/centre.
- Have implemented an event, initiative, or program that benefits under-represented or marginalized communities within their curling community
- Have positively impacted participation or curling development as a result of the event, initiative, or program
- Have demonstrated dedication to embracing the values of inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) when creating and implementing the event, initiative, or program
- Must not have already won the award for the same program and/or initiative.

Ineligible Candidates

- Self-nominations will not be accepted with the exception of curling clubs who will be able to nominate themselves.
- Only one IDEA award can be awarded for a specific initiative and/or program.

Selection Process

Curling Ontario's Nominations and Awards Committee will review all nominations put forward by the deadline. The committee will select a maximum of three recipients annually. All candidates will be contacted by the Nominations and Awards Committee Chair by **August 1, 2026**.

Recipient(s) will receive their award at the Annual General Meeting in September **2026**.

Submission Details

Nominators will complete an online form [HERE](#). The deadline to receive nominations is 4:00 pm on **March 31st 2026**. If there are any questions, contact 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 questions will need to be completed on the online form in order for the Nominations and Awards Committee to review submissions. Committee will score each question based on the allowable amount of points. Candidate(s) with the highest points will receive the Inclusivity, Diversity Equity and Accessibility Impact Award. Please ensure to provide specific examples to highlight your nominee(s) and to receive maximum points available.

1. Please share a brief overview of the new event, initiative, or program created by the nominee(s) and how it has benefited underrepresented or marginalized people in the curling community. **(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**
2. Describe how the nominee(s) demonstrated dedication to embracing the values of inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility when creating and implementing the event, initiative, or program. **(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**
3. What impact have these project(s) and/or initiative(s) done to promote IDEA and Curling Ontario's mission 'To grow the game of curling, with our member facilities and their participants through meaningful programs, services and competitions'? Please be specific with measurables in your response (ex: participation increase, testimonials, etc.) **(Scoring: 10 points)**
4. Please describe the sustainability and future plans of this program, event, or initiative, to continue the efforts to diversify curling in the community. **(Scoring: Maximum 5 points)**