



## **Curl Atlantic Championship**

September 23-26, 2011  
Sackville, New Brunswick

In an effort to better prepare our Atlantic High Performance teams to compete on the national and international stage, Curl Atlantic is pleased to announce the first annual **Curl Atlantic Championship** on arena ice. This year's event will be held at the Tantramar Veterans Civic Centre in Sackville, New Brunswick.

Three men's teams and three women's teams will qualify from each of the four Atlantic Provinces. Both the men's and women's divisions will have two pools of six teams and a round robin will be played so that all teams will be guaranteed five games on arena ice. Head CCA Ice Technician Jamie Bourassa will be installing and maintaining the ice throughout the event and the NSCA high performance rocks will be used. The Championship will be open to any team not receiving financial funding from Sport Canada, the Canadian Curling Association or Own The Podium.

After the round robin portion has ended, there will be two crossover games for the semi-finals with the winners advancing to the final game. This year the championship prize is an opportunity to participate in a European bonspiel. Curl Atlantic will provide airfare for four people, entry fee into the event and hotel accommodation for four nights. The men's event is the Perth Masters from January 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Perth, Scotland and the women's event is the International Bernese Ladies Cup from January 13-15, 2012 in Berne, Switzerland.

Entry fee for each team is \$1000. The schedule for the event is as follows:

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – practice ice in the afternoon. CCA High Performance Director, Gerry Peckham, National Women's Team Coach Elaine Dagg-Jackson and Ice Technician Jamie Bourassa will host a session with all athletes and coaches on training at the elite level and what you can do to help improve your performance. Gerry and Elaine will be around for the weekend to work with any teams that are looking for some feedback.

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Round robin games begin. All round robin games are 8 ends and there will be a draw to the button for hammer. Each team will have two rocks up and

two rocks back for practice before each game. Draw to the button distances will be used to break a tie for playoffs if needed. Draw times are 8am, 12pm, 4pm and 8pm.

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Round robin games at 8am, 12pm, 4pm and 8pm.

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Round robin games at 8am, 12pm, 4pm and 8pm.

**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Semi-finals at 9am and Finals at 2pm. All games today will be 10 ends.

There was a significant amount of change in lineups from the end of provincial play in some provinces so we have had to alter the criteria in order to best ensure we have our top teams competing. The criteria for this year's competition will be based solely on performance at your 2011 Scotties or Tankard provincials. Each individual will be able to earn points toward your 2001-2012 team line up.

The individual point system will be:

First place finish = 30 points

Second place finish = 20 points

Third place finish = 10 points

Played in provincials = 5 points

I would ask one member of your team to submit the names of the players, positions for the upcoming season and points that you accumulated from last year's provincials. The deadline for submitting your points will be **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. You can only submit points for four players.

Please submit via email to Helen Radford at [curlatlantic2001@gmail.com](mailto:curlatlantic2001@gmail.com). I will notify all teams of the invitations after the June 24<sup>th</sup> deadline. Team will then have to send in a cheque for \$1000 by July 15<sup>th</sup> to secure your spot in the Championship.

If you have any questions, please email or call me at 902-497-6655. Thank you, Helen.

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Skip					
Third					
Second					
Lead					
	<b>Total Points →</b>				

For your information, there will also be Level 1 and Level 2 Ice Technical Courses offered so if you know anyone interested in attending, please have them contact me directly.