



ONTARIO CURLING COUNCIL

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2009-2010

ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM & SELECTION CRITERIA

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2009-2010 (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), and operated through the Sport and Recreation Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold* – OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of both *ACTIVE2010* and the *Canadian Sport Policy* – to improve the performance and number of Ontario athletes performing at the national and international level; thereby contributing to the improved performance of Canada at international competitions. Specific objectives of the program are:

- a) To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition;
- b) To encourage athletes to stay in Ontario to live and train;
- c) To compensate athletes for earnings lost while training;
- d) To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals;
- e) To increase athlete access to improved high performance coaching; and
- f) To enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

The program will provide direct financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes through an “Ontario Card” designation. “Junior-aged athlete” is defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range for the Canada Games - 11 to 22 years of age. (Consideration will be given to older junior-aged athletes if a PSO/MSO’s NSO-approved Long Term Athlete Development model (LTAD) identifies older athletes in the “Train to Train” and “Train to Compete” categories). The intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.

How does it work?

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines, the Ontario Curling Council is responsible for developing sport specific selection criteria and forming a Selection Committee that will apply the criteria to select those athletes who will be awarded Ontario Card status in 2009-2010. The Selection Criteria is approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed by MHP staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign and comply with an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and the Ontario Curling Council. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2009 ending March 31, 2010.

In 2009-2010, the Ministry of Health Promotion allocated a certain amount of OAAP Ontario Cards to each eligible Provincial Sport / Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/MSO). The Ontario Curling Council has been allotted a total of 8 full Ontario cards (split evenly as 4 male and 4 Female Cards) as well as 4 Cards for wheelchair curlers (split evenly as 2 male and 2 female Cards).

The Ontario Curling Council has also decided to exercise the option made available by MHP to split up to 30% of its carding allotment (i.e. issue ½ cards in designated categories). No wheelchair cards will be split due to MHP regulations. (all wheelchair curlers are in the same category).

A minimum of 70% of the Ontario cards will be allocated to what the Ministry of Health Promotion defines as junior-aged athletes (11 to 22 years of age). A maximum of 30% of the Ontario Cards may be allocated to athletes no longer eligible for "junior athlete" status, (athletes 23 and over).

As a result, the 8 cards issued to the Ontario Curling Council for Able Bodied Curlers and 4 Cards issued for the Wheelchair curlers * will be allocated as follows:

	Male	Female
Full Cards – Able Bodied Curlers	3	3
Half Cards – Able Bodied Curlers	2	2
Full Cards –Wheelchair Curlers	2	2

Cards will be specifically allocated to the following categories/disciplines:

Category	Number of Cards
Able Bodied – Junior Age, < 21 years of age	4 Full, = 2 male & 2 female
Able Bodied, Bantam Age, 12- <17 years of age	2 full (split into 4 ½ cards) = 2 male & 2 female
Able Bodied Curlers, - Older Junior Age, 21-29 years	2 Full = 1 male & 1 female
Wheelchair Curlers*	4 Full= 2 male & 2 female

*** Wheelchair Curlers – in all cases please read “Curlers with a Disability”**

In Able Bodied curling there are multiple age groups. “Junior” is defined as “maximum of 20 years as of Dec.31st of year prior to Canadian Championship” (Canadian Championship is in January)

“Bantam” is defined as “maximum of 16 years of age as of Dec 31st of year prior to Provincial Championship” (Provincial Championship is in March)

“Older junior” age is the Canadian Curling Association’s La Releve age of 21-29 years as of Dec 31st of the year prior to the Canadian Championship. They must be currently curling on a team ranked in the CTRS (Canadian Team Ranking System). These curlers are in the “Train to Train” and “Train to Compete” categories of the Canadian Curling Association’s Long Term Athlete Development Model.

There are no age restrictions for the wheelchair curlers. However the Ontario Curling Council must demonstrate that the curler being nominated has the real potential to get to the national team level.

Selection Committee

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines the Ontario Curling Council is responsible for forming a Selection Committee and sport specific selection criteria to nominate the athletes for Ontario carding status in 2009-2010. This selection Criteria has been approved by the Ontario Curling Council Board of Directors.

The Selection Committee is comprised of the following members:

John McCrae, Ontario Curling Council, Chief Administrative Officer

Kathy Ryan, Ontario Curling Council, Board of Directors

Ryan Lafraniere, Northern Ontario Curling Association, Learning Facilitator

Dick Henderson Northern Ontario Curling Association, Technical Coordinator, (excused from Junior Mens Competition)

Linda Corcoran, Ontario Curling Association, Technical Coordinator

Tom Ward, Ontario Curling Association, Technical Assistant *(will not serve on the Wheelchair Committee)

How much funding is available?

The exact level of funding for the 2009-2010 carding year will be determined by the Ministry after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31, 2010.

How will the Ontario Curling Council Selection Committee decide who receives funding?

The Ontario Curling Council Selection Committee will use both the Ministry of Health Promotion Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific Selection Criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated by the Ontario Curling Council for Ontario Card status in 2009-2010:

Ministry of Health Promotion Eligibility Criteria:

All athletes must also meet the Ministry of Health Promotion's minimum athlete eligibility criteria:

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status, with the following exception;
The residency requirement will be waived if the athlete is a direct family member of:
 - a regular force member, or
 - a reservist as defined in subsection 1 (1) of the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* who is deployed under a circumstance described in clause 50.2 (1) (a) or (b) of that Act, or who is deployed or in any other way placed on active duty under a circumstance described in regulations made for the purposes of clause 50.2 (1) (c) of that Act.
- Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions ("Residency Exceptions") will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
 - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
 - ▶ The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out of province. The athlete will submit written documentation to their PSO/MSO's Selection Committee clearly indicating how they meet these exceptions. The Ministry may require that the athlete provide supporting documentation from the athlete's PSO/MSO, National Sport Organization (NSO) or other sources to verify reasons for athlete's absence from the Province of Ontario.
 - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/MSO and NSO where applicable.
- Athlete must have entered into a Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement with his or her PSO/MSO and must be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of that agreement.
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- Athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent.
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary and secondary schools)
 - Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that preclude full or part-time attendance (e.g. Athlete with a disability (AWAD))
- Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level (i.e. high school) and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be given consideration.

- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario and/or Canada for one year from the date of the Minister's letter informing the athlete of acceptance into OAAP program, at Canada Games and other national competitions involving provincial team competitions. Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior-aged athletes ("junior-aged" refers to chronological age, not a sport's specific age category - only exception is for PSO/MSOs using 30% of Ontario Card allotment for Senior level athletes not funded by Sport Canada – see note below) who have been identified as a next generation national team athlete as demonstrated by:
 - Identification within the NSO pool of identified next generation national team athletes for the last two competitive seasons; OR
 - Results at regional championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the last two competitive seasons; OR
 - Representation on a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior). Athletes training for Canada Games or provincial teams may also be considered.

Important Notes:

- To be deemed a potential next generation national team athlete, the athlete must be age-eligible to compete on the national team in the year following receipt of Ontario Card funding.
- All athletes under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign their OAAP application form. Cheques will be processed in the name of the eligible athlete.
- Athletes who are attending any foreign post-secondary educational institution (including NCAA institutions) and are receiving an athletic scholarship in any sport are not eligible to receive OAAP support.
- An athlete that received Sport Canada Carding between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 and/or April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive *Quest for Gold* funding during fiscal year 2009-2010 (April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.) The intent of this rule is to prevent athletes whose performance levels and rankings no longer qualify them for Sport Canada carding from taking an Ontario Card from a future national-level athlete. However, exceptions may apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions may include, but may not be limited to logistical or administrative changes, injuries, etc.
- An athlete can only be nominated to receive *Quest for Gold* funding in one sport.
- The onus is entirely on the athlete to determine the impact of accepting OAAP funding on current or future NCAA eligibility and to decide whether or not to accept OAAP funding. The athlete will be required to acknowledge this onus and responsibility when signing the OAAP Ontario Card application form and agreeing to the related terms and conditions of the program. Athletes are strongly encouraged to contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the impact of *Quest for Gold* - OAAP funding on current or future eligibility for a NCAA scholarship or on eligibility to compete in a non-scholarship NCAA sport.
- In the event of a conflict or inconsistency, the selection criteria established by the Ministry and set out the Athlete Handbook provided to each nominated athlete shall prevail over the selection criteria established by the PSO/MSO.

Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria:

The following sport specific athlete selection criteria will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes for Ontario Cards:

The Athlete shall:

- a. Recognize the responsibilities of the coaches in coach-related decisions and follow the training and competitive program mutually agreed to by the following:

- The PSO/MSO representative responsible for developing and monitoring Provincial Team training and competitive programs (the Provincial Coach or his/her Assistant or High Performance Director);
 - The Athlete's personal coach and
 - The Athlete
- b. Avoid living in an environment not conducive to high performance achievements or taking any deliberate action that puts his or her ability to perform at risk or limits performance;
- c. Provide the Provincial Coach or his/her designate by mail, with an annual training chart and regular updates of changes to the chart or any other appropriate information that the PSO/MSO may request.
- d. Attend a week-long training camp in the summertime, either at the Amethyst Camp in Sudbury or the Trillium Camp in Guelph or attend either a High Performance Team Camp (north or south) or the High Performance Bantam Team Camp (north or south).
- e. Train between 5-10 hours per week in the off-season, mostly in fitness, team dynamics, mental toughness readings (work with a Sport Psychologist) and strategy (view of tapes, discussions with other players and coach about shots).
- f. In season spend a minimum of 20 hours per week training, in team practices, individual practices, competitions, bonspiels, fitness and other events, during the curling season.
- g. Work with the Provincial Coach and/or his designate in the areas of mental toughness, fitness, team dynamics and technical/tactical improvement in preparation for competitions.
- h. Notify the PSO/MSO immediately in writing of any injury or other legitimate reason that will prevent the Athlete from participating in an upcoming event recommended by the Provincial Coach or his/her Assistant and ensure in the case of an injury that a certificate from a medical doctor setting out the specific nature of the injury is forwarded to the PSO/MSO within three weeks of the injury.
- i. Dress in the Provincial Team uniform and other official clothing, if applicable, while traveling or participating as part of the Provincial team.
- j. Avoid any action or conduct that would reasonably be expected to significantly disrupt or interfere with a competition or the preparation of any Athlete for a competition.
- k. Avoid the use of banned substances, which are in contravention to the rules of the IOC, the World Curling Federation (WCF) and Canadian Policy on doping in sport. Agree to submit to, without prior warning, unannounced doping control tests in addition to other prior notice tests and at other times to doping control testing upon request of the WCF, CCA (Canadian Curling Association), Sport Canada, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, COC or any other authority designated to do so.
- l. Avoid the possession of anabolic drugs and neither supplies such drugs to others *directly or indirectly*, nor encourages or condones their use by knowingly aiding in any effort to avoid detection of the use of banned substances or banned performance-enhancing practices.
- m. Participate, if asked, by the CCA or the Ontario Curling Council to do so, in any Doping Control/Education Program developed by the CCA or the Ontario Curling Council in cooperation with Sport Canada and the CCES.
- n. Avoid participating in any competitions where federal government sport policy has determined participation is not permitted;
- o. Participate in sport-related, non-commercial promotional activities on behalf of the government of Ontario. The PSO/MSO usually makes such requests for participation and arranges the activities. Unless supplementary compensation is arranged, these activities do not normally involve more than two working days per athlete per year;
- p. Adhere to and comply with the PSO/MSO's dispute mechanism procedure in the event of a dispute relating to or arising out of this Agreement.
- q. Actively participate in all Ontario AAP evaluation activities. Athletes will cooperate fully in any evaluation of the Ontario AAP that may be conducted by the Minister or anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf and provide such data as the person conducting the evaluation considers necessary for the proper conduct of the evaluation.

- r. Spend the OAAP funding obtained only on the following items:
 - o Normal living costs
 - o Tuition & education related expenses (books, fees)
 - o Costs directly associated with training (coaching, facility fees, other athlete services)
 - o Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (entry fees, travel costs, accommodations)
 - o Sport specific equipment

The terms and conditions of the *Quest for Gold* program require athlete recipients to retain all records and documents related to the grant (e.g. receipts) for a three year period and must make them available for inspection by the Ministry of Health Promotion when requested. However, the Ministry will not be requesting receipts from carded athletes on an ongoing basis. *Athletes who receive an OAAP grant will not be issued a T4A form.*

- s. Always respect and comply with the Curling Code of Ethics
- t. Athletes who received Quest for Gold funding in 2008-2009 must meet all the terms of the 2008-2009 Ontario Curling Council Quest for Gold Athlete Agreement before the Ontario Curling Council will consider their application for carding in 2009 - 2010.

Both the MHP and the Ontario Curling Council Eligibility Criteria must be met before financial assistance can be awarded to any curler.

An athlete who previously received *Quest for Gold* funding and entered into a Sports Organization – Athlete Agreement must have complied with the terms of that agreement to the satisfaction of the Ontario Curling Council in order to be considered for funding in fiscal 2009 – 2010.

Selection Process – OAAP

- The Ontario Curling Council will conduct a formal process for nominating athletes for Ontario Cards. Rules and procedures for Ontario Cards are as detailed in this document.
- The Ontario Curling Council will have in place an Athlete – Ontario Curling Council Agreement signed by each individual athlete who is being nominated for an Ontario Card. The Athlete-Ontario Curling Council Agreement will contain in writing the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the athlete and of the Ontario Curling Council.
- All international and domestic results are used in the development of sport-specific criteria, (the Application Form) with points being given for every appropriate achievement. PSO/MSOs may also use objective measures of technical ability and skill levels
- Ontario Cards are applied for and granted to individuals not to teams.
- The OJRT, CTRS and OCCTRS, Ontario Junior Curling Tour, Canadian Team Ranking System and Ontario Curling Council Team Ranking for wheelchair teams, respectively, are the main vehicles for establishing the top team/individuals in Canada and Ontario. Each consists of a complex system of points for placings gathered at bonspiels and competitions. Only the top-ranked bonspiels and competitions are eligible for entry into these ranking systems. The Junior and Bantam categories will be ranked according to the OJRT only, the older-junior category will be ranked according to the CTRS and the wheelchair teams will be ranked according to the OCCTRS.
- The Ontario Curling Council will nominate athletes from three categories in the able-bodied category and one in the wheelchair category. However, cards allotted will be gender equal within total carding allotment. Two full cards will be granted in the older junior category, (1 each male and female), 4 full (2 each male and female), in the junior category, 4 half cards (2 each male and female) in the bantam division, and 4 full cards (2 each male and female) to the wheelchair curlers.

- No limit shall be placed on the number of years an athlete can be nominated for an Ontario Card, as long as the athlete meets the selection criteria.
- The curlers must apply for the Ontario cards using the attached multi-page Application Form for their correct category. (junior, bantam, older junior or wheelchair). Applications should be sent c/o John McCrae at the Ontario Curling Council Office (see address on page 8) and all applications must be received in the office by midnight December 3, 2009. Applications received after that date will not be considered.
- Each application will be given specific points (as noted on each question) and then totalled to arrive at that curler's score. The top scores in each category will be nominated for Ontario cards as per the number allotted to the Ontario Curling Council.
- *Ties will be broken by the total number of points gained and added together from five categories, namely 1.NCCP Courses taken, 2. Camp Experience, 3. Camp Instruction, 4.Scholarships/Awards (curling related) and 5. Volunteer work in the sport. The points awarded will not count towards the curlers final point count but will be used to break any ties should they occur.*
- Events that may earn points are described in detail on the Application Form. The curlers should read INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CURLING APPLICATION FORM and follow these instructions carefully before proceeding.
- Each athlete must enter into an athlete agreement with the Ontario Curling Council (agreement to be supplied by the Ontario Curling Council to the athlete)
- Applications from curlers from the Ontario Curling Association and the Northern Ontario Curling Association will be given equal consideration.
- Positions on the team are equally important – skip, vice, second, lead will all be considered equal.
- Only those achievements that have occurred since May 1, 2007 may be recorded. Achievements prior to May 1, 2007 may not be included. **The one exception to this rule is that NCCP courses (listed under Ties) taken at any time are eligible for points.**
- Mixed results may not be included except in the case of Wheelchair curling where all the competitions are mixed.
- Coaches must have a minimum of NCCP Level 2 Certification

Residency Exceptions:

Any athlete living/training outside of Ontario is required to **submit written documentation** to the Ontario Curling Council Selection Committee clearly identifying how they meet the following residency exceptions, identified in the Ministry of Health Promotion's General Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must be living and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
 - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
 - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province.

This information must be received by the Selection Committee by no later than December 3, 2009 in order to be considered.

Residency Exemption for Military Families: The one-year Ontario residency requirement is waived for any Ontario Card or Canada Card applicant who is a spouse or dependant of a: Regular Force member of the Canadian Forces; or Reservist currently deployed by the Canadian Forces into active service.

This means that eligible military family members now qualify for OAAP funding immediately upon becoming residents of Ontario. Please see the 2009-2010 *Quest for Gold* Athlete Handbook for details of this exemption, including a list of documents needed to verify eligibility for this waiver of the one-year Ontario residency requirement.

Alternates:

The Ontario Curling Council will also nominate alternates to those athletes nominated for Ontario Card status. Alternates will be those athletes who are ranked directly behind those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in a particular category/discipline. The names of alternates will be published along with the names of nominated athletes. If an athlete drops out or is removed from the OAAP an alternate will be substituted into that athlete's position, provided that:

- Alternate is substituted within 2009-2010 fiscal year;
- An alternate is available from the same category/discipline/card level (full/half);
- Funding for athlete being substituted is still available within fiscal year (e.g. full funding for card has not already been paid out to athlete no longer in program).

To Apply:

All required information must be submitted by email, fax, courier or regular mail) and must be received no later than midnight December 3, 2009.

The athlete agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program.

Include your:

- Application Form
- Coach's Letter of Recommendation
- Coach's NCCP CC number. (on front page of the Application form)

Submit to

John McCrae, Chief Administrative Officer, Ontario Curling Council
1400 Bayly Street, Office Mall 2, #2B, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 3R2
Phone:(905-831-3699) Fax: (905-831-1083)
Email: john@ontcurl.com

Breaking a Tie:

If there is a tie in the final score between athletes:

Ties will be broken by the total number of points gained and added together from five categories, namely 1.NCCP Courses taken, 2. Camp Experience, 3. Camp Instruction, 4.Scholarships/Awards (curling related) and 5.Volunteer work in the sport. The points awarded will not count towards the curlers final point count but will be used to break any ties should they occur.

The Ontario Curling Council will publish or make known the athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **January 18, 2010.**)

Appeals

Appeals will be allowed in writing from athletes who have not been nominated by a PSO/MSO for Ontario Card status. Appeals will be dealt with by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community and chosen by the Ministry.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to issues related to:

A) Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;

B) Whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

After hearing an appeal the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

1. Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;
2. Deny the appeal; or
3. Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.

The appeals will only be accepted on the MHP-provided template, in writing through regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery. Appeals that are delivered by regular post or registered mail shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of mailing. Appeals submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted. The Appeals Committee will discuss all appeals at once, after PSO/MSOs publish their list of nominated athletes. Appeals received in advance of the PSO/MSO announcing nominees will not be reviewed until after the Appeals deadline.

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is :

Cycle Two: **February 1, 2010.**

Appeals must be completed on the template below and will be directed to:

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee
c/o Sport and Recreation Branch
Ministry of Health Promotion,
18th floor, 393 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S1

2009/2010 Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeal Template

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is February 1, 2010 for Cycle 2. Appeals will only be accepted on the MHP-provided template, in writing through regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. **Please refer to the appeals section of your PSO/MSO's Athlete Selection Criteria document prior to completing this form.**

Full Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Sport / PSO: _____

Reason for Appeal (Check one only):

- Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- Whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

Provide a two-line summary of the reason for the appeal:

In the space below (continue on to next page as needed), provide a detailed account of the situation to allow the Appeals Committee to understand the basis of the appeal (please submit additional pages/supporting documentation if necessary):

Print Name of Appellant

Signature of Appellant

Date

Any/all information provided to the Appeals Committee may be shared with the athlete's PSO by the Appeals Committee.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CURLING APPLICATION FORM

Please read the following carefully and follow the guidelines before completing your form.

- Applications must be from individuals; no team applications will be accepted.
- Please complete the Application Form as completely as possible, answering all questions. **Give dates, including month and year, and locations in all cases.**
- The form must be received in the Ontario Curling Council Office no later than midnight, December 3, 2009.
- The names of those successful curlers will be published on the Ontario Curling Council, OCA and NOCA websites, no later than January 18, 2010.
- Accompanying the Application please include a **Letter of Recommendation from your coach.**
- **Your coach must hold a minimum of NCCP Level 2 Certification.**
- Please do *not* include your training schedule at this time.
- Include your achievements in the last two seasons only, from May 1, 2007 to December 3, 2009. Please watch your dates carefully and do not include achievements prior to May 1, 2007.
- Do not include any mixed results. (exception is for Wheelchair curling where all the events are mixed)
- There will be three different Application Forms since cards will be awarded in separate categories. Use the Application Form for your correct category.

Junior/Bantam Form for those curlers of CCA Junior or Bantam age.

CCA Junior age is a maximum of 20 years as of December 31st, 2009.

Bantam age is a maximum of 16 years as of December 31st 2009.

Curlers may report both Junior and Bantam achievements, if applicable, between May 1, 2007 and December 3, 2009.

Older Junior Age Form

“Older junior” age is the Canadian Curling Association’s La Releve age of 21-29 years as of Dec 31st of the year prior to the Canadian Championship. For the benefit of the OAAP Program, curlers in this age category must be curling on a team ranked in the CTRS (Canadian Team Ranking System) as of May 1, 2009.

Wheelchair Curlers Form. Age is open, with no restrictions, and all events are mixed events.

Full cards and half cards are available in specific numbers according to Ministry criteria. Half cards will be worth one-half the value of the full cards.

- Use the Application Form either directly from the OCA or NOCA websites, or as received from the Ontario Curling Council office. **Do not change the form in any way, by retyping it, changing the pages, etc.**

- When reporting “Volunteer Work” please ensure it relates to curling. Other volunteer work will not be counted. Give details such as dates, locations and the nature of the work (please be brief). Points gained from 1. NCCP Courses, 2. Camp Experience, 3. Camp Instruction, 4. Volunteer work and 5. Awards/Scholarships questions will only be used in the event of a tie. Under “Awards/Scholarships” please give dates and brief details; ensure the awards relate to your achievements in curling.
- Curling coaching, instructing and clinics done should all be put in the “Curling Volunteer Work” section. Please give date, locations and brief details. Do not include any volunteer work for which you received payment.
- When reporting participation at camps, dates and locations are required.
Trillium, Amethyst, Oakville Bantam, Northern Ontario Bantam, High Performance, other Canadian camps, Fussen, Eau Claire Camp in Wisconsin, are allowable. If other camps are noted, please give details such as date, location and length of camp.
- Two points will be credited towards each NCCP Course completed. This includes NCCP Technical, Practical and Theory, and will be credited regardless of date when the component was completed. Please provide details of date of completion and location. Give your NCCP CC # if known.
- Under “Other Competitions” (OCA and NOCA) do include Gore Mutual Championship, OFSSA, Ontario Winter Games, Canada Winter Games, Optimist International Competition, Branch Championship, Elementary School Championship, University or College Championships, and City/Area League Competitions (full annual season of play required for City/Area League Competitions))
- Do not include any bonspiel results, unless of an International or Canadian competition.
- If you want to put in your own marks, please put them on the same line as the question and at the extreme right-hand margin. The Selection Committee will be marking all entries completely.
- **Be sure to sign and date your application!!**

Thank you for your interest in the Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program.

Good luck and good curling!!

ONTARIO CURLING COUNCIL QUEST FOR GOLD ONTARIO CARDS

APPLICATION FORM

Male _____ Female _____ Able Bodied _____ Wheelchair _____

Bantam _____ Junior _____ Older Junior _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

1. NAME: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____
_____ Postal Code: _____

3. TELEPHONE: _____ email: _____

4. BIRTHDATE: ____ / ____ / ____ AGE: (as of Dec.31, 2009) _____
DAY MONTH YEAR

5. Northern Ont. Curling Assoc. _____ or Ont. Curling Assoc. _____

6. COACH'S NAME: _____

7. COACH'S TELEPHONE # _____ email: _____

8. COACH'S NCCP CERTIFICATION LEVEL _____ NCCP CC# _____

9. How many years have you been with this coach? _____

10. Club Represented _____

11. Points will be given for each achievement in the following categories:

a) Older Junior, b) Junior c) Bantam d) Wheelchair.

(Please refer to category descriptions on Page 2 of this document)

Every curler will be allocated points for each achievement, and the Ontario Curling Council will nominate the athletes with the highest accumulated point totals in each category for Ontario Cards.

It is only necessary to complete the questions in your stated category.

NOTE: Include all achievements since May 1, 2007 – Dec. 3 2009. This may mean Juniors and Bantams may be claiming points in both categories, which is allowable, because of category changes due to age changes.

Older Junior Curlers Only – Complete pages 13, and 14-17 only

A. State your CTRS standing at the end of the 2008-09 season:

CTRS = Canadian Team Ranking System. Ranking as of May 1, 2009

This is the main vehicle for establishing the top team/individuals in Canada. The top person listed from Ontario would receive 25 points, second would receive 20 points and so on down, 3rd =15 points, 4th = 13 points, 5th = 11 points, 6th = 9 points, 7th =7 points 8th = 5 pts.

The ranking in the Canadian Team Ranking System reflects the athlete's wins in major Canadian and International Competitions.

In order to qualify for an Ontario card in the Older Junior Category, the curler must be on a team that is ranked in the CTRS.

Team Skip's Name _____

OCA=Ontario Curling Assoc. NOCA=Northern Ontario Curling Assoc.

B. OCA and NOCA Competitions: Give month, year and location (points will be awarded for each competition). ie. (Zone 6, Nov 08, Dalewood);(Zone 6 Dec 07, Whitby), 1+1=2 points

OCA: A or B winner of zone, compete at Regions (1 pt)

NOCA: Winner of Region (Open Men only) (1 pt)

OCA: A or B winner of Regions or Challenge Round (2 pts)

NOCA: A or B Winner of Inter-Region (2 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Win Provincial Championship (3 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Silver or Bronze at Canadian Championship (4 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Win Gold at Canadian Championship _____ (5 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Medallist at World Championship _____ (6 pts)

C. OTHER COMPETITIONS (*Month, year and locations required*)

**Winner, City or Area League Competition (Year long, End of season result)
(2 pts)**

**University or College Championships (Give Team Name) (1 pt. each team)
i. e. Waterloo, March 2007, Waterloo, March 2008, =2 points**

Played on University or College Team _____ (1 pt)

Ontario College Provincial Finalist (top 4 teams) _____ (3 pts)

Ontario College Provincial Winner _____ (4 pts)

Ontario University Provincial Finalist (top 4 teams) _____ (3 pts)

Ontario University Provincial Winner _____ (4 pts)

Canadian University Championship Winner _____ (5 pts)

World University Medallist (top 4) _____ (6pts.)

TIES

N.B. The following information may be used if two or more individuals are tied in total score. The following total points will be used to break the tie.

1. COACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE (list month, year and location)

NCCP Coaching, Officiating and/or Ice Technician Courses (including Technical, Theory and Practical)

*Level 1, Club Coach, Club Coach Youth, Level 2 or Competition –Introduction Course)
You may claim these regardless of the date the component was completed.*

NCCP CC# _____

_____ (2 pts. each)

2. CAMP EXPERIENCE (Please give month, year and location)

Junior/Bantam 5-day camp participation _____ (2 pts. each camp)

Any other *approved* camp of 1-3 days duration _____ (1 pt.)

3. CAMP INSTRUCTION (Please give month, year and location)

Camp Assistant (either Trillium or Amethyst) _____ (1 pt each camp)

Camp Instructor /Coach (either Trillium or Amethyst) _____ (2 pts each camp)

4. AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS : give dates, locations and brief details

Local/club level, school, community _____ (1 pt)

Provincial Level (recognized by a Provincial organization) _____ (2 pts)

Canadian Level (recognized by a Canadian organization involving other provinces) (include all-star awards) _____ (3 pts)

International level _____ (4pts.)

5. CURLING VOLUNTEER WORK: give dates and brief details (what the curling volunteer work is; what period of time; and the number of hours involved)

Within club curling, school curling etc. _____ (1 pt)

Within community (town, village, city) _____ (2 pts)

Provincial Level (outside your own town or at a Provincial) _____ (3 pts)

Canadian Level (recognition outside Canada for volunteer work) _____ 4 pts)

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JUNIOR and BANTAM CURLERS (complete pages 13, 18-25)

Parts of this section will apply to Juniors only, other parts to Bantams only. However both groups should include their achievements in both sections since May 1, 2007. (If applicable) Attach separate sheet if more room is needed.

A. Rankings

Give your OJCT or NOCT ranking at the end of the 2008-2009 season _____

Skip's Name _____

OJCT = Ontario Junior Curling Tour NOCT = Northern Ontario Curling Tour

Points will be awarded as follows:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, 3rd place = 8 points, 4th place = 7 points, 5th place = 6 points, 6th place = 5 points, 7th place = 4 points, 8th place = 3 points, 9th place = 2 points, 10th place = 1 point

If you are not curling on a ranked team, leave that space blank.

OCA=Ontario Curling Assoc. NOCA=Northern Ontario Curling Assoc.

B. JUNIOR COMPETITIONS: Give month, year and location

(i.e. Zone 6: Ajax, Nov 2007; Port Perry, Nov 2008) 1+1=2 points

OCA: Compete at Zones or NOCA: Compete at Regions _____ (1 pt)

NOCA: Compete at Inter-Region _____ (2pts)

OCA: Win A or B side of Zone, _____ (2 pts)

NOCA: Win A or B at Inter-Regions _____ (2 pts)

OCA: A or B winner of Regions _____ (2 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Win OCA or NOCA Provincial Championship ___(4 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Bronze or Silver at Canadian Championship ___(4 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Win Gold at Canadian Championship _____(5 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Medallist at World Championship _____ (6 pts)

OCA=Ontario Curling Assoc. NOCA=Northern Ontario Curling Assoc.

C. BANTAM COMPETITIONS: Give month, year and location::

(i.e. Zone 6: Ajax, Nov 2007; Port Perry, Nov 2008) 1+1= 2 points

OCA: compete at Zones or NOCA: compete at Regions _____ (1 pt)

NOCA: Compete at Inter-Region _____(2pts)

OCA: Win A or B side of Zone _____ (2 pts)

NOCA: Win A or B at Inter-Regions _____(2 pts)

OCA: A or B winner of Regions_____ (2 pts)

OCA or NOCA: Win OCA or NOCA Provincial Championship __ (4 pts)

D. OTHER COMPETITIONS (OCA and NOCA) Junior and/or Bantam

State your successes in each of the following and in every case give details of month, year and location.

Ontario Winter Games Medallist (gold, silver, bronze)_____ (4 pts.)

Canada Winter Games Medallist (gold, silver, bronze)_____ (5 pts)

Optimist International Curling Team_____ (2 pts)

Optimist International Gold Medal Winner_____ (4 pts)

OFSSA Regional winner _____ (2pts)

OFSSA Provincial Champion_____ (4 pts)

OCA (Gore Mutual Championship): (give month, year and location)
i.e. (Zone 14: Harriston, Feb 2007; Listowel, Feb 2008, 1+1=2 points)

Gore OCA Zone winner (A or B)_____ (1 pt)

Gore OCA Regional Winner (A or B) _____ (1 pts)

Gore OCA Provincial Winner _____ (2 pts)

Winner, City or Area League Competition (Year long, End of season result)

_____ (2 pts.)

University or College Championships (Give Team Name) (1 pt. each team)

i.e. Waterloo, March 2007, Waterloo, March 2008, =2 points

Played on University or College Team_____ (1 pt)

Ontario College Provincial Finalist (top 4 teams)_____ (3 pts)

Ontario College Provincial Winner _____ (4 pts)

Ontario University Provincial Finalist (top 4 teams)_____ (3 pts)

Ontario University Provincial Winner _____ (4 pts.)

Canadian University Championship Winner _____ (5 pts)

World University Finalist (top 4) _____ (6 pts.)

SKILL AWARDS PROGRAM (Give date of completion)

For the first time points will be awarded for completion of the Skill Awards Challenges as follows: (Challenges have been revised in 2009 and are available from the Ontario Curling Association Office)

Bronze Bar Challenge _____ (1 pt.)

Silver Medallion Challenge _____ (2 pts.)

Gold Star Challenge _____ (3 pts.)

TIES

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NCCP CC# _____

_____ (2 pts. each)

2. CAMP EXPERIENCE (Please give month, year and location)

Junior/Bantam 5-day camp participation _____ (2 pts. each camp)

Any other *approved* camp of 1-3 days duration _____ (1 pt.)

3. CAMP INSTRUCTION (Please give month, year and location)

Camp Assistant (either Trillium or Amethyst) _____ (1 pt each camp)

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4. CURLING AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS : give dates, locations and brief details

Local/club level, school, community _____ (1 pt)

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Canadian Level (recognized by a Canadian organization involving other provinces) (include all-star awards) _____ (3 pts)

International level _____ (4pts.)

5. CURLING VOLUNTEER WORK: give dates and brief details (what the curling volunteer work is; what period of time; and the number of hours involved)

Within club curling, school curling etc. _____ (1 pt)

Within community (town, village, city) _____ (2 pts)

Provincial Level (outside your own town or at a Provincial) _____ (3 pts)

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WHEELCHAIR CURLERS ONLY –Complete (pages 13, 25-28)

A. State your OCCTRS standing at the end of the 2008-09 season

_____ Team Name _____

OCCTRS = Ontario Curling Council Team Ranking System

**This is the main vehicle for establishing the top team/individuals in Ontario based on their finish in wheelchair curling bonspiels during the 2008-2009 season. The top team members listed would receive 5 points, second would receive 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point
(Refer to “Ontario Curling Council Team Ranking System for Wheelchair Curling” at www.ontcurl.com)**

B. OCA, NOCA Association Competitions: Give month, year and location:

i.e. (London, Jan 2007; Windsor Jan 2008 = 4+4=8 points)

Compete at Provincials _____ (4 pts)

Win Provincial Championship _____ (5 pts)

Silver, or bronze medal at Canadian Championships _____ (6 pts)

Gold medal at Canadian Championships _____ (7 pts)

Medal at World Championships _____ (8 pts)

C. NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION POOL

If you have attended a National Team Training Camp or played in an International Bonspiel under the Team Canada banner, points are awarded in the amount of 3 points per Training Camp and 3 points per International Bonspiel. (may claim for one year only, May 1, 2008 – December 3, 2009)

Training Camps: Give month, year and location _____ (3 pts)

International Bonspiels: Give dates and details _____ (3 pts)

SKILL AWARDS PROGRAM (Give date of completion)

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1. COACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE (list month, year and location)

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NCCP CC# _____

(2 pts. each)

2. CAMP EXPERIENCE (Please give month, year and location)

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Canadian Level (recognized by a Canadian organization involving other provinces) (include all-star awards) _____ (3 pts)

International level _____ (4pts.)

5. CURLING VOLUNTEER WORK: give dates and brief details (what the curling volunteer work is; what period of time; and the number of hours involved)

Within club curling, school curling etc. _____ (1 pt)

Within community (town, village, city) _____ (2 pts)

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