



OVCA GRANT GUIDELINES

These guidelines are in effect as of July 30th, 2022, as approved at the 2022 OVCA AGM.

This document will help guide you through the requirements and qualifications for our suite of grants. When you're ready, go to grants.ovca.com to fill out an application.

*NOTE: It is important that the grant applications **are completed in full**. Grant applications are designed to be easy to complete and will speed up the processing of your application.*

It is YOUR responsibility to ensure your application meets the requirements of the grant guidelines.



Version Control	
Date	Revisions
June 1, 2019	Initial Guideline Release
July 30, 2022	Version 2 – updates to general guidelines and specific grants.
August 14, 2025	Updates approved by OVCA Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Added guidelines for Coach, Club Coach, and Ice Tech Grants2. Changed Team Grants to “Team Travel Grants”, and updated exception to the home municipality rule3. Updated rule for retroactively applying for Provincial event (from Apr 2024)



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Grant payments are subject to the budgetary limits set by the OVCA on a yearly basis, in addition to any specific grant guidelines that may apply.
- Only members in good standing of the OVCA, and their members are eligible to receive grants.
- Grant availability and funding limits may change at any time during the year due to unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances. The OVCA Board will be the sole arbiter and have full authority to determine what is an “unforeseen or extraordinary” circumstance.

For ALL grants, the recipient must publicly acknowledge the receipt of the grant from the OVCA to its members and/or participants and provide proof upon request.

Individual grants may have specific requirements in this regard.

OVCA LITE ROCKS GRANT

- The OVCA Lite Rocks Grant is designed to help fund the purchase of 22lb Lite Rocks for youth curling programs. The OVCA will grant \$1000 per set purchased. A “set” is defined as 16 stones.
- A request for this grant should be made a year in advance of the actual planned purchase to allow for budgeting and planning by the OVCA. Provisions can be made for an emergency replacement request.
- Priority will be given to clubs who:
 - Have not received a Lite Rocks grant from the OVCA previously or;
 - Are purchasing their first set of Lite Rocks or;
 - Are purchasing new sets to meet the needs of their program (i.e., a 4-sheet club has only 2 sheets of Lite rocks or;
 - Are upgrading from 17lb to 22lb rocks, or replacing damaged stones
- Grant will only be paid upon proof of purchase. The proof shall be submitted to the OVCA Treasurer who will then issue payment.



OVCA LEAGUE GRANTS

The League Grant is designed to help inter-club leagues offset the cost of renting ice for their operations.

There are 2 league grants:

- Youth League Grant
- "Curling is for Everyone" Grant

Youth League Grant

- The Youth League Grant is available to any league running a U21 or younger program.
- League MUST take place in 3 or more OVCA member clubs.
- MUST be used to pay for ice time. Cannot be used for any other league expense.
- **Grant is \$100 per competing team to a max of \$2000. Amount will be prorated for 1/2-year leagues**
- Grant is payable upon provision of a receipt

"Curling is for Everyone" Grant

The purpose of this grant is to encourage the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our sport.

This grant is available to leagues that offer programming for under-represented communities. This includes leagues for:

- Disability/Deaf Sports
- The LGBTQI2S community
- BIPOC communities

Grant Conditions

- **Grant is \$100 per team to a max of \$2000. Grant will be pro-rated for 1/2-year leagues.**
- Must be used to pay for ice time. Grant cannot be used to pay for any other expense.
- The "three-club" rule does NOT apply for this grant.



- Grant will be paid upon presentation of a receipt.

For any League Grant issued, acknowledgement of the grant MUST be included in any communication to league members (i.e.: printed or emailed schedules), on any league social media channels, and acknowledged at any season-end gatherings or banquets.

Failure to provide acknowledgement of a grant may disqualify a league from future grant opportunities.

OVCA TEAM TRAVEL GRANTS

Team Travel Grants assist teams that have qualified for their provincial/national/international championship tournament.

This grant only applies to team events and not individual events such as “Hit, Draw, Tap/Tic, Tap, Toc” or the Curling Canada Singles competition.

Grant:

- For Youth (U21 and below), Disability /Deaf Sport and Under-represented Community Teams
 - \$125 per team member that is a member of an OVCA club in good standing, to a maximum of \$500.
- For Adult Teams, including Seniors and Masters teams:
 - \$25 per team member that is a member of an OVCA club in good standing, to a maximum of \$100

There is no per-team grant “cap.” A team that qualifies for its provincial, national, and international championships in the same year can receive a grant for each step in the process.

Requirements:

- Teams may only apply for grants to provincial, national and international championships where **a QUALIFICATION PROCESS EXISTS in a given year**. Direct entry competitions are **NOT** eligible for funding for that season, regardless of whether a qualification process may have existed in the past.
- A list of currently eligible competitions is included below. The OVCA Board of Directors reserves the right to change the eligible competition list at any time during the curling season.
- Notwithstanding, teams who wish to enter a direct-entry competition for under-represented communities (i.e., disability/deaf sport championships, LGBTQI2S or BIPOC competitions) may still apply for this grant.
- For events that occur within OVCA boundaries, grants will NOT be available for teams competing in their home municipality, UNLESS the rules of the competition



require teams to use a host hotel or similar lodging regardless of the team's home municipality. (NEW for 2025-26)

- An application for the grant must be received within the curling season.
- The receipt of the grant should be acknowledged through any social media channels the team may have using the hashtag **#OVCAGrants**. **Failure to acknowledge the receipt of a grant may disqualify a team or its members from future grant opportunities.**

NEW FOR 2024 - 2025 - Teams that are representing Ontario at National competitions are eligible for the "Team Travel Grant + Prov Team Legacy" grant, and are eligible for DOUBLE the grant amount they qualify for. This matching amount is available through the World Men's Curling Championship Legacy Fund

Known Eligible Competition List – 2025/26 –

This list may not be exhaustive at the time of publishing, so events not listed may still be eligible for grants if they meet all criteria. Events currently listed may be de-listed if the provincial sport organization changes the qualification process such that an event no longer meets our criteria.



ONTARIO

YOUTH

- U21 Mixed Doubles - **Nov. 26 – 30, 2025, Guelph Curling Club**
- U18 Men's and Women's - **Jan 4-18, 2026, Penetanguishene Curling Club**
- Ontario Winter Games - **February 19-22, 2026, Orillia, Ontario**
- U20 Men's and Women's - **Feb. 25 – Mar. 1, 2026, KW Granite Club**

ADULT

- Runback Brewing Curling Club Championships - **October 31 - November 2, 2025, Royal Kingston Curling Club**
- Masters Men and Women - **December 10 - 14, 2025, Whitby Curling Club**
- Men's - **January 4 - 11, 2026, Woolwich Memorial Centre**
- Women's - **January 4 - 11, 2026, Woolwich Memorial Centre**
- Mixed Doubles - **Feb 5-8, 2026, Curling Club of Collingwood**
- Senior Men & Women - **March 11-15, 2026, Oakville Curling Club**
- Grandmasters - **March 19 - 21, 2026, Lindsay Curling Club**
- Best Western Challenge - **March 27-29, 2026, Niagara Falls Curling Club and Welland Curling Club**
- Mixed Championship - **April 1-5, 2026, Burlington Golf & Curling Club**
- Senior Mixed Championship - **April 1-5, 2026, Burlington Golf & Curling Club**
- Silver Tankard - **Apr 17-19, 2026, Oshawa Curling Club**

DISABILITY/DEAF SPORTS

- Wheelchair Doubles - **Jan 9 - 11, 2026, Ilderton Curling Club**
- Wheelchair Championships - **February 12-15, 2026, King Country Club**
- Parasport Winter Games - **Ontario Wheelchair Curling Open - Nov 28-30, 2026, Toronto Cricket Club**

QUEBEC

LES JEUNES

- U-18 Garçons & Filles - **7 - 11 janvier 2026, Des Collines**
- Double Mixte Junior - **29 janvier – 1 février 2026, Ville Mont-Royal**
- U-20 Garçons & Filles - **25 février – 1 mars 2026 Riverbend**

ADULTE

- Championnat provincial Tankard - **18 - 21 décembre 2025, Glenmore**
- Championnat provincial Féminin - **4-11 janvier 2026, Rimouski**
- Championnat provincial de curling Double Mixte - **5 - 8 février 2026, Brownsburg/Lachute**
- Championnat provincial Maître - **14 - 22 février 2026, Sept-Iles**
- Championnat provincial Senior - **14 - 19 mars 2026, Noranda**
- Championnat des Clubs - **27-29 mars 2026, Chicoutimi**
- Championnat provincial Mixte 2025 - **8 - 12 avril 2026, Des Collines**

CURLING EN FAUTEUIL ROULANT

Championnat provincial de curling en Fauteuil Roulant - **9 -11 janvier 2026, Rimouski**



NATIONAL

YOUTH

- Canadian Under-18 Curling Championships, **Feb. 8 - 15, 2026, McIntyre Curling Club, Timmins, Ont.**
- U Sports Canadian University Championships (where the team is representing a local post-Secondary institution and at least one team member is a paid member of an OVCA member club) - **Feb. 17-21, 2026, Callie Curling Club, Regina, Sask.**
- CCAA Canadian College Championships (where the team is representing a local post-Secondary institution and at least one team member is a paid member of an OVCA member club) - **Feb. 17-21, 2026, Callie Curling Club, Regina, Sask.**
- Under-21 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship - **March 24-27, 2026, Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex Sudbury, Ont.**
- New Holland Under-20 Curling Championships - **Mar. 28 – April 5, 2026, Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex, Sudbury, Ontario**
- Canada Winter Games – **Quebec City, Quebec, February 26 - March 15, 2027**

ADULT

- Canadian Mixed Curling Championships – **November 2 – 8, 2026, Assiniboia Curling Club, Sask.**
- Everest Curling Club Championships – **Nov. 18-23, 2025, Granite Curling Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba**
- Canadian Senior Curling Championships – **Nov.29 – Dec. 6, 2025, Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, Ont.**
- Scotties Tournament of Hearts – **Jan. 23 – Feb. 1, 2026, Mississauga, Ont.**
- Tim Hortons Brier – **Feb. 27 – Mar. 8, 2026, St. John's, NL**
- Canadian Firefighter Curling Championships (where a provincial qualifier is played, and one team members is a paid member of an OVCA-member club) - **March 19 - 28, 2026, in Truro, Nova Scotia**
- Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship - **Mar. 21 - 27, 2026, Cloverdale Curling Club, Surrey, B.C.**



OTTAWA VALLEY Curling Association

- Canadian Stick Championships – **March 25 - 29, 2026, Wolfville, Nova Scotia**
- Canadian Masters Championships – **March 30-April 6, 2026, Northern Ontario**
- Canadian Police Curling Championships – (where a provincial qualifier is played, and one team members is a paid member of an OVCA-member club) – **April 11 – 18, 2026– Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**
- Canada 55+ Canadian Senior Games – **postponed to 2028 due to funding challenges**

DISABILITY/DEAF CURLING

- Canadian Deaf Curling Championships – **TBA**
- Canadian Vision Impaired Curling Championships – **TBA**
- Canadian Wheelchair Championships – **Apr. 27 – May 2, 2026, Club de curling de Boucherville, Qué**



OVCA Hosting Grant

The OVCA Hosting/Sponsorship Grant is provided to help member clubs who:

- Host a provincial final, national or international competition or:
- Host a development clinic presented by a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO)

For hosting a provincial, national, or international competition, a maximum of \$1000 may be available on the following conditions:

1. A provincial event MUST be the immediately preceding step to a Curling Canada-sanctioned national final event as listed on their official website for that season. National or international competitions must be an official Curling Canada or World Curling Federation event.
2. The host club(s) must be a member in good standing with the OVCA
3. A sponsorship prospectus must be included with the online application.
4. The host committee/club must have a support structure in place to manage the event.
5. The host committee/club will ensure OVCA visibility at all events leading up to and during the event, commiserate with the financial level of sponsorship provided by the OVCA. Logos and other marketing collateral will be provided by the OVCA. The grant will need to be approved far enough in advance to allow for appropriate visibility, but will be guided by the governing body hosting the event
6. The OVCA has funds available at the time of application.

For hosting a development clinic presented by a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO)

The OVCA is working with our PSO partners to bring more development clinics to our area.

The OVCA encourages our member clubs to host development workshops provided by their PSO. The OVCA will provide funding at the following rates:

- Under 6 participants: \$50
- 6 – 10 participants: \$75
- +10 participants: \$100



Where a PSO provides hosting grants for these courses, the host club will still be eligible for this grant.

Conditions:

- The workshop must be a “training” workshop of the following types: Adult Learn-to-Curl, Coach (any level), Ice Technician (any level), Officiating
- Host club must be a member in good standing with the OVCA
- The OVCA has funds available at the time of the application
- The workshop MUST be open to all members of the respective PSO. The workshop cannot be a “private,” in-club workshop.



CLUB COACH and CLUB COACH YOUTH REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

NEW for 2025-26

With funds from the World Men's Curling Championship (WMCC) Legacy Fund, the OVCA will reimburse the registration fee for individuals who attend an official Club Coach or Club Coach - Youth seminar conducted by their respective Provincial or National Sport Organization (PSO/NSO)

Requirements

- This grant only applies to courses conducted **AFTER August 13th, 2025**
- This is a REBATE GRANT. It must be applied for AFTER attending a qualifying clinic offered by the Ontario Curling Council, Curling Quebec, or Curling Canada
- The attendee will be reimbursed the **BASE REGISTRATION FEE** of the clinic attended. Taxes and travel costs will NOT be reimbursed.
 - The OCC currently charges \$240 + tax. Curling Quebec charges \$200 + tax
- This grant will be available until WMCC funding is exhausted, and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.



ICE TECHNICIAN COURSE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

NEW for 2025-26

With funds from the World Men's Curling Championship (WMCC) Legacy Fund, the OVCA will reimburse the registration fee for individuals who attend an official Ice Technician seminar or clinic conducted by their respective Provincial or National Sport Organization (PSO/NSO)

Requirements

- This grant only applies to courses conducted **AFTER August 13th, 2025**
- This is a REBATE GRANT. It must be applied for AFTER attending a qualifying clinic offered by the Ontario Curling Council, Curling Quebec, or Curling Canada
- The attendee will be reimbursed the **BASE REGISTRATION FEE** of the clinic attended. Taxes and travel costs will NOT be reimbursed.
 - The OCC currently charges
 - \$110 + tax for Assistant Ice Technician
 - \$350 (theoretical) or \$500 (practical) + tax for Ice Technician
 - Quebec currently charges
 - \$160 + tax for Assistant Ice Technician
 - \$350 + tax for Ice Technician
 - \$490 + tax for a combined Assistant and Ice Technician Course
 - Curling Canada determines if a Competition Ice Technician course is offered in any given year.
- This grant will be available until WMCC funding is exhausted, and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.