

F National Certification Programs

Ice Technicians

The CCA Ice Technician Program is a five level program. The first three levels of the program are designed to assist the Ice Technician to make excellent ice in the curling clubs. Level 4 and 5 focus on ice making in arenas for major competitions.

Level 1

Level 1 is a two day program that is open to Ice Technicians, curling club ice chairmen, volunteers and curlers, The 2 day program has a broad prospective with a focus on ice maintenance in the curling club. The course is a mix of theory and practical experienced.

Level 2

Level 2 is a three day program, usually held in the summer or early fall. The Level 2 Course is designed for the Ice Technician who has two to three years of experience and has completed the Level 1 Course. Level 2 focuses on the installation of curling ice and advanced information on ice maintenance. This course is very much a hands on course. There is greater emphasis placed on practical components.

Level 3

Level 3 is a four day program, designed for the experienced Ice Technician, who has completed the Level 2 Course. The Level 3 Course has a broad technical prospective with a strong refrigeration component. The course is a mix of theory and the practical completion of an audit of a curling club.

Level 4

The Level 4 Program is conducted by the Canadian Curling Association. Level 4 Ice Technicians have successfully completed their level 3 course. Level 4 Ice Techs are appointed by the CCA, in cooperation and supported by the provincial/territorial governing body. The highly personalized program focuses on making ice in arenas.

Level 5

Level 5 Ice Techs are accomplished arena ice makers

Officials

The Canadian Curling Association recognizes the need to develop and implement a National Curling Officials Certification Program. Accordingly, standard guidelines for training and development of curling officials who will be capable of officiating at a provincial/territorial or national championship have been developed. In order to classify officials, the following five level system is in place.

LEVEL 1 - GAME OBSERVER, TIME KEEPER AND HOGLINE OFFICIAL

Requirements

- attend the Level 1 Official Training Course (approx. 5 hours)
- complete a Level 1 Officiating Exam (open book)
- complete a minimum of 6 games of officiating experience under the supervision of a Level 3, 4 or 5 official and receive positive evaluation.

LEVEL 2 - PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL SUPERVISING OFFICIALS

Requirements

- have Level 1 certification
- attend the Level 2 Official Training Course (approx. 8 hours)
- complete a Level 2 Officiating Exam (open book)
- complete the practical requirements (minimum 6 games as a supervising officials) under the supervision of a Level 3, 4, or 5 official and receive a positive evaluation

LEVEL 3 - PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL HEAD OFFICIAL

Requirements

- have Level 2 Certification
- serve as an alternate head official at a provincial/territorial championship
- receive a recommendation
- receive positive evaluations from the provincial/territorial championship committee chairmen or association and/or from a provincially recognized head official
- appointment on an as needed basis by the provincial/territorial association

LEVEL 4 - NATIONAL SUPERVISING OFFICIAL (national championship)

Requirements

- have Level 3 certification
- serve as a supervising official at a CCA national championship and receive a positive evaluation from the head official
- receive a recommendation from the provincial/territorial association
- appointment on an as needed basis by the CCA

LEVEL 5 - NATIONAL HEAD OFFICIAL (national championship)

Requirements

- have Level 4 certification
- serve as a head official at a CCA national championship and receive a positive evaluation from the competition director and host committee representative
- have demonstrated qualities of leadership, ability to negotiate and arbitrate and ability to effectively liaise with player, media, supervising officials, association officials and host committees.
- appointment on an as needed basis by the CCA