Women in Curling Coach Mentorship Pilot Program
Charlottetown, PEI | February 13–14, 2027

Opportunity

The Women in Curling Coach Mentorship Pilot is a unique, small-group professional development experience designed to help prepare emerging female coaches for high-performance and championship environments.

Hosted in conjunction with the 2027 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Charlottetown, this pilot program will provide 5 selected coaches with behind-the-scenes access, mentorship from experienced national-level coaches, and exposure to the operational and performance demands of elite competition.

Successful participants will be required to complete a self-assessment and individualized learning plan to help guide their experience and development goals.

Applicant Considerations

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate:

- A commitment to continued learning and development as a coach.
- Current Competition Coach certification (preferred).
- Experience working with competitive athletes and teams.
- An interest in exploring higher levels of competition and coaching.
- Clear learning objectives and an interest in applying new knowledge to their coaching journey.
- Alignment between their coaching experience, individual development goals and the focus of the mentorship program.

Selection Priority: ***In support of the Women in Curling Scotties Legacy initiative, three of the five available positions will be prioritized for applicants from Prince Edward Island and Atlantic Canada.***

Participant Objectives

- Gain insight into coaching in a championship environment.
- Learn from experienced high-performance coaches and technical experts.
- Develop a deeper understanding of event operations and athlete support systems.
- Build confidence and readiness to coach at higher levels of competition.

Agenda

Day 1 - Mentorship Competition Environment Experience
February 13, 9:00 am – 9:30 pm
Delta Prince Edward in the morning for strategic and custom program plans
Eastlink Centre for on-site learning experiences throughout Draws 3 and 4

Day 2 - Mentorship Coaching Plans & Training Environment Experience
February 14, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Eastlink Centre for continued on-site learning experiences during Draw 5
Cornwall Curling Club for the afternoon as coaches for the Women in Curling Skill Camp

Proposed learning experiences include:

- Custom Mentorship Approach: Assessing each coach mentee's current experience, strengths and individual development goals.
- Championship Environment: Arena tour and behind-the-scenes access.
- Performance Planning: Pre-game preparation, competition routines, scheduling, and post-game debriefing.
- Coaching for Podium Performance: Insights into the expectations and demands of championship-level coaching.
- Ice Excellence: Discussion with the Head Ice Technician on championship ice characteristics
- Media & Broadcast Readiness: Exposure to television production, athlete interviews, and media protocols.
- Training Environment Experiences: Onsite at the Women in Curling Skills Camp on- and off-ice with the Aspire Stream (competitive curlers aged 15-25)

Mentorship Team

Elaine Dagg-Jackson

An internationally respected coach and leader in Canadian curling, Elaine Dagg-Jackson has more than three decades of coaching experience, including coaching at multiple Olympic Games and more than 25 World Championships. A former leader of Curling Canada's Women's National Team Program, Elaine is a passionate advocate for coach development and creating greater opportunities for women across the sport.

Beth Iskiw

A six-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts competitor, Beth Iskiw is a 2012 Canadian women's champion and World Championship bronze medallist. Now an accomplished coach, Beth brings extensive high-performance playing experience and a passion for athlete development, currently coaching at the national junior level.

Participant Supports

To support your participation in the Women in Curling Coach Mentorship Pilot, Curling Canada will provide selected coaches with the following:

- Accommodation: Three nights of single-occupancy accommodation at the Delta Hotels Prince Edward.
- Travel Support: Up to $1,000 in travel reimbursement, with receipts required.
- Event Access: Scotties Tournament of Hearts accreditation for opening weekend.

Participants are responsible for any additional expenses incurred beyond the supports outlined above.

Thank you! Please reach out to women@curling.ca with any questions.