

**Greater Kingston Curling  
Policies for Financial Support of Junior Curling**

**From Our Mission and Objectives:**

**Junior Curling**

- Provide financial funding for the clubs to improve and promote their junior curling programs.
- Manage and maintain the GKC Junior Curling Intermural League for the 4 clubs to participate in a fun recreational curling league.
- Assist through funding and support the objective to keep junior curling programs, leagues and memberships affordable for easy participation.
- Host junior clinics bringing in expert coaches, professional role model curlers and educators to inspire and teach our youth.
- Facilitate a “competitive” stream to offer our aspiring Greater Kingston Curling member club competitive junior curlers with competitive opportunities for games, learning and peak performance.

**Funding Source for Junior Curling**

- Funds to support Junior Curling in the Greater Kingston Area have been raised through lotteries licensed by the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)
- Junior Curling Coordinators from the four member Clubs of GKC need to familiarize themselves with the spending eligibility guidelines as outlined by the AGCO. Details can be found in the Lottery Licencing Policy Manual 4360E (2020/10), pages 59 to 65, sections 2.7.4 (C)(i) to 2.7.4(C)(x). <https://www.agco.ca/lottery-and-gaming/lottery-licensing-policy-manual-llpm>
- The number of granted requests for funding will be subject to available funds in any given curling season.

**Financial funding for 4 member clubs**

- Provide up to \$1000 in annual funding for junior curling program for each club (assuming the member club is open and has an active junior program).
- GKC member clubs can submit additional funding requests for extraordinary expenses in support junior curling beyond the \$1000
- Again, spending requests need to satisfy the eligibility guidelines as outlined by the AGCO.
- Funding requests must be submitted with the attached Junior Curling Funding Request Form and corresponding receipts must be submitted once funding requests have been granted (to satisfy the audit requirements of the AGCO).

**GKC Junior Curling Intermural League**

- The eligible expenses (according to AGCO guidelines) associated with the GKC Junior Curling Intermural league will continue to be supported annually.

### **Support for Competitive Curlers**

- The number of granted requests for funding will be subject to available funds in any given curling season.
- Assuming funds are available, GKC will pay the initial entry fees for Curl ON and Ontario Curling Council (e.g. Ontario Winter Games) competitions for teams that actively curl at and compete out of a GKC member club. Teams need to submit their request for entry fees subsidy by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current curling season.\* Decisions about funding will be communicated to individuals/teams by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- In addition, GKC member club teams who reach the level of a provincial competition will be given \$600/team to help cover expenses associated with participating in that provincial competition. If GKC junior club members curl with a non GKC team, they will be eligible for \$150/curler. Receipts for expenses must be submitted for reimbursement.
- If a GKC member club teams reaches a national competition they will be given \$800/team or \$200/GKC curler. Again, receipts for expenses must be submitted for reimbursement.
- Scholarship Program – curlers can apply for \$350/individual curler to cover expenses associated with their season plan for development as a curler (document attached). Applications must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current curling season.\*  
\*if funds are still available, applications submitted after the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline may be entertained at the discretion of the GKC Board.

### **Junior Clinics**

- GKC will arrange an annual clinic for GKC junior curlers to help in skills development.
- In order to support high performance adult teams in our area, priority will be given to contract these adult teams to deliver the skills development clinics.

### **Coach Development**

- GKC will continue to support and subsidize GKC members to do coach training in order to maintain a pool of certified coaches to assist with Junior Programs and coach competitive teams.

### **Other funding requests that will be considered based on funds available**

- Subsidize Rocks and Rings school programs ([www.rocksandrings.com](http://www.rocksandrings.com)) and link it to a visit to one of the 5 GKC clubs.
- Support costs incurred by member clubs for hosting junior Curl ON competitions

**Greater Kingston Area Curling Association (GKC)**  
**Request Form: Junior Curling Funding**

Requesting Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Expense from annual club entitlement: Yes / No  
 Expense outside annual club entitlement: Yes / No

Amount of funding requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Purpose of Request:</u>		
Submitted By	Signature	Date
Email Address		
Phone Number		

GKACA Club Rep Comments:		
Approved / Not Approved		
GKACA Club Rep	Signature	Date

GKACA Treasurer Comments:		
Approved / Not Approved		
GKACA Treasurer	Signature	Date

# Greater Kingston Curling Junior Sponsorship Application

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**Application Deadline:** November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current curling season. Applicants will be notified by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current curling season. \*If funds are available, applications after the deadline may be entertained at the discretion of the GKC Board.

The Greater Kingston Curling Sponsorship is available to junior curlers who are members at one of the 4 GKC member clubs. Sponsorship is available to all levels of curlers from early developmental to seasoned competitors. Applications will be assessed on their individual merit.

Curlers must be 21 years old or younger as of June 30<sup>th</sup> in the current curling season.

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for expenses up to \$350 per curler upon presentation of receipts (dependent on funds available in the current curling season)

Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. YOUR RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED. Type answers in the Word document, save with your name as the title.

***POINT FORM IS ACCEPTABLE FOR SECTIONS EXCEPT THE PERSONAL ESSAY.***

***Please indicate what level of curler you are.*** Are you competing on the Ontario Junior Curling Tour, in CurlON competitions, or in the Junior Slam Series? If so, you are competitive. If you are still working on your skills, participating in U15 Slam Series Development, CurlON Skills Camps or are working on your skills and want to start participating in a bonspiel, you are probably Developmental.

Competitive

Developmental

Are currently a member of a 4 person or doubles team?

Four Person

Doubles

Applying as an individual

Please list the names of your team members who are also applying (if applicable).

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## Section I: Personal Information

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Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
Postal Code:	
Cell Phone # (if available):	
Email Address (this will be the primary means of communication):	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	
Name of Curling Club (must be a member of a GKC Club in order to be eligible):	

## Section II: Curling

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- A. List your personal top curling accomplishments, identifying the competition or event (please include dates), your involvement and results (if applicable).

Local club/bonspiels:	
School Program (Gore/KASSAA/EOSSAA/OFSAA):	
Regionals/Provincial Qualifier:	
Provincial level of competition:	

### **Section III: Volunteering**

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- A. List your curling and non-curling volunteer activities.

### **Section IV: Achievement**

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- A. List any awards or recognition that you have received in the last 3 years including academic, athletic and other awards.

### **Section V: Letter of Agreement**

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In consideration of the being awarded the Greater Kingston Curling Junior Sponsorship, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I acknowledge that I will abide by the Curling Code of Ethics
  - a. I will play the game with a spirit of good sportsmanship.
  - b. I will conduct myself in an honourable manner both on and off the ice.
  - c. I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach.
  - d. I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or demean my opponents, teammates or umpires.

- e. I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner.
  - f. I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level of curling deems appropriate, if I am found in violation of the Code of Ethics or rules of the game.
  - g. I will act in a manner befitting GKC, its volunteers, and events
2. I consent to GKC and their agents or appointees:
    - a. Photographing, filming, exhibiting, publishing, and broadcasting my name or any likenesses of me or any sound recordings of my voice in any promotion, reports, or advertising or in connection with GKC. This includes social media.
  3. For the purpose of building awareness for GKC and the sport of curling, I consent to:
    - a. Act as an Ambassador for GKC by volunteering at one event or initiative, as schedules permit
    - b. Wearing logos, name badges and other GKC identification on apparel provided by GKC

## Section VI: Required Attachments

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1. Personal Essay (Developmental Curlers Only)
  - What does the game of curling mean to you? (1 page maximum, double spaced)
2. Outline your season plans (Competitive Curlers Only)
3. One letter of recommendation from your curling club or staff advisor (can be coach, curling club manager, junior co-ordinator, etc.) for both Developmental and Competitive Curlers.
  - Please ensure the reference letter includes the person’s name, phone number, length of time they have known you, and reasons why they believe you are deserving of this sponsorship

## Section VII: Sign Off

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I certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have duly executed this agreement as attested by my signature below.

Applicant’s Printed Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

If you are under 18 years of age, please **also** have a parent or guardian fill in this portion.

Printed Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Please send completed, signed application and support material to [gkccurling@gmail.com](mailto:gkccurling@gmail.com).