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## Nova Scotia Curling Association Ice Technician Mentorship Program

**Program Rational:** The NSCA recognizes the widening gap of ice conditions throughout Nova Scotia. The NSCA Ice Technician Mentorship program has been developed to assist and support NS Ice Techs to pursue higher levels of certification and to gain valuable experience that will contribute to improved playing conditions throughout Nova Scotia.

### Program Goals:

- That by 2020 the NSCA will have a committee of Nova Scotian ice techs that are able to problem solve, train, and mentor other ice techs in Nova Scotia
- To increase the field of play at the combined Men's and Women's Provincial Championship
- To support NS Ice Techs in improving their skill and experience, and potentially obtain a higher level of certification

### Program Description:

NSCA will:

- Provide access to a Mentor Ice Tech during the 2015-2016 season:
  - Jamie Bourassa – August
  - Jon Wall and Mark Sherik – October (Grand Slam)
  - Jamie Bourassa – November
  - Jon Wall – January
  - Jon Wall – March (Canadian Srs)
- Provide funding to bring in the Mentor Ice Techs

Member Clubs will:

- Provide a letter of endorsement for the candidate
- Host an NSCA sanctioned event providing the apprentice Ice Tech with an opportunity to give back to the NSCA

Apprentice Ice Techs will:

- Be available to attend the professional development events provided by the NSCA
- Be available to work on the ice crew for the Men's/Women's Provincials
- Sign an agreement with the NSCA
- Assist neighboring clubs with questions
- Assess playing conditions for NSCA events when asked to by the NSCA
- Complete a final report

Mentor Ice Techs will:

- Provide advice, guidance and serve as a resource throughout the season
- Assist with the development of the apprentice ice techs personalized development plan
- Conduct an evaluation of the apprentice Ice Tech home club

### Eligibility:

- Level 1 Curling Canada Certified Ice Tech
- Head Ice Tech at a NSCA Member Club (paid or volunteer)

### Number of Openings:

There are three apprentice openings. One spot will be filled by the Head Ice Tech of the host club for the NSCA Men's/Women's Provincials. The other two spots will be filled by application.

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**Application Procedure:**

Individuals interested in this opportunity can contact Helen Radford if they wish to discuss an application. All applications must be submitted to Helen Radford before noon on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. *Note all applications must be accompanied by the signed letter of endorsement by the NSCA Member Club.*

**Application Review and Response:**

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of Jeremiah Anderson, Jamie Bourassa, and Helen Radford. The NSCA Operations Committee will ratify the selection committee's recommendation. Applicants will be notified in writing the status of their application by July 31, 2015.

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*To be completed by the applicant:*

**Background Information**

Name of apprentice: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Ice Tech Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Ice Tech at: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Documents required accompanying the application.

- Copy of Ice Tech Certification certificate
- Letter of support from NSCA Member Club (max 1 page)

Please submit completed applications to:

Nova Scotia Curling Association  
c/o Helen Radford  
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