

GOLDEN EARS WINTER CLUB

Doug Patterson Memorial Coach Development Bursary

Program Overview

The club helps you become a coach. You help someone else become a curler.

Purpose

The Doug Patterson Memorial Coach Development Bursary supports members who wish to obtain recognized curling coach certification and bring that training back to Golden Ears Winter Club through volunteer instruction and coaching.

The bursary was established in memory of Doug Patterson, whose commitment to curling, coaching, volunteering, mentorship, and welcoming others to the game made a lasting contribution to Golden Ears Winter Club. Through this bursary, the club seeks to continue Doug's legacy by supporting the development of future coaches who will share their knowledge with others.

Program Objectives

- Encourage more members to become trained and certified curling coaches.
- Reduce the financial barrier associated with coach training.
- Develop a larger pool of qualified coaches and instructors within the club.
- Support Open Houses, Learn to Curl programs, junior programs, clinics, school programs, and other instructional activities.
- Create an ongoing legacy of volunteerism, mentorship, and welcoming new curlers to the game.

Eligibility

Applicants should meet the following basic criteria:

- Be a current member of Golden Ears Winter Club, or otherwise be actively involved with the club.
- Plan to complete a recognized Curling Canada, Curl BC, or other club-approved coach certification course.
- Be willing to assist with club instructional programs after completing their training.
- Demonstrate an interest in helping new or developing curlers learn and enjoy the game.

Previous coaching experience is not required. The bursary should remain accessible to members who are considering coaching for the first time.

Bursary Support

Subject to annual funding approved by the Board, the bursary may cover all or part of:

- Course registration fees.
- Required course materials.
- Other reasonable certification expenses approved in advance by the club.

Funding Models

Full Funding: The club pays 100% of the approved certification cost.

Cost-Sharing: The club pays a predetermined amount or percentage of the certification cost.

Where practical, the club may pay the course provider directly, so the recipient is not required to pay the full cost up front.

Recipient Commitment

In return for receiving the bursary, recipients agree to volunteer with club instructional activities after completing their training.

A suggested minimum commitment during the following curling season is:

- Participation in at least one club Open House; and
- Participation in at least two Learn to Curl or Beginner/Novice League sessions.

Equivalent participation in junior coaching, instructional clinics, school programs, or other club-approved coaching activities may be substituted where appropriate.

The intent is not to create an onerous volunteer obligation. The goal is simply to ensure that the knowledge gained through the bursary is returned to the club and shared with future curlers.

Application Process

One page application form. Applicants provide basic contact information, identify the course they wish to complete, and briefly explain why they are interested in coaching and how they would like to contribute to club programs.

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a small committee of two or three representatives appointed by the Board. Selection should focus on:

- Interest in coaching and helping others.
- Willingness to contribute to club programs.
- Availability to complete the proposed certification.
- The potential benefit to the club's coaching and instructional programs.

Curling ability or competitive accomplishments should not be the primary basis for selection. If funding permits, more than one bursary may be awarded in a season.

Approval and Payment

Successful applicants should receive approval before registering for their course. Funding may then be paid directly to the course provider or reimbursed upon proof of registration or completion, according to the process established by the Board.

Recognition and Memorial

Recipients may be recognized through club communications, the club website, year-end volunteer recognition, or a permanent display honouring Doug Patterson and the legacy this bursary is intended to continue.

The emphasis of the bursary is to continue Doug's contribution to the club by developing coaches who will mentor, instruct, and welcome future curlers.

Doug Patterson Memorial Coach Development Bursary Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Curling experience / involvement with the club:

Course or certification you wish to complete:

Course provider: _____

Course date, if known: _____

Estimated course cost: _____

Short Questions

1. Why are you interested in becoming a curling coach?

2. How would you like to contribute to coaching, Open Houses, Learn to Curl, or other instructional activities at Golden Ears Winter Club?

Applicant Commitment

If selected to receive the Doug Patterson Memorial Coach Development Bursary, I understand that I am expected to complete the approved coaching course and make a reasonable volunteer contribution to Golden Ears Winter Club instructional programs, normally including one Open House and two Learn to Curl sessions, or an approved equivalent.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

For Club Use

Application approved	Yes / No
Approved amount	\$
Approved by	
Date	