



**October 14th, 2024**

**Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club (The Branch)**

**International Events**

**Canadian Committee**

**Re: The 2025 Can-Am Mixed Challenge**

The Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (the Branch) is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the first Can-Am Mixed Challenge. This new international event will feature twelve (12) teams from the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) of the United States and twelve (12) teams from the Canadian Branch. The GNCC and the Canadian Branch share a long history of competition, dating back to the first Gordon International Curling Medal event in 1884. We are excited to note that this new event will be the first in this tradition to include women.

The 2025 Can-Am Mixed Challenge will be hosted by the Nashua Country Club in Nashua, NH. The event will commence on Thursday, January 23, 2025, and will conclude with a banquet on the evening of Saturday, January 25, 2025. Each team will play four games.

This competition follows a mixed format, where teams will consist of two men and two women playing in alternating positions. The event is designed as a club-level competition between the two countries, with participation limited to curlers who have not competed at the Canadian national level in the Men's (Brier), Ladies' (Scotties), National Mixed, or National Seniors (Men's, Ladies,' and Mixed) competitions.

The event will be structured as a Challenge competition, with the aggregate score of all games played by the Canadian teams compared to the aggregate score of the US teams to determine the overall winner. The entry fee is 1268\$ per team (\$700 entry plus 4 x \$142 for team jackets). The \$1,268.00 covers the registration fees, the jackets and the closing banquet. It does NOT cover the hotel cost.

Both the GNCC and the Canadian Branch are excited to offer this new event to our members. Information regarding the online application, jacket sizing and lodging arrangements can be found in the attached link (<https://forms.gle/ucB2R1wkiHFgTC1v6>).

Applications must be submitted no later than **November 20, 2024**. The committee will notify teams selected for the initial event and establish a waiting list for those not selected if the number of entries exceeds the available spots.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Thank you, and Good Curling!

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