



The Host Society

The Host Society consists of an experienced team of business and community representatives to manage the hosting, development and delivery of the 2025 Mixed Doubles Curling Trials. Many members of the Host Society return from the host committee that executed the 2014 Canadian Junior Championships, the 2019 World Juniors Championship, and the 2021 Home Hardware Pre Trials.

The following individuals serve as the Board for the 2025 Mixed Doubles Curling Trials:

Greg Thorbourne, Chair: Greg brings more than 30 years' experience as a Curling Official and is the former President / Manager of Liverpool Curling Club, former Board Member and president of the Nova Scotia Curling Association, as well as represented Nova Scotia at many Canadian Curling Association Annual Meetings and National Curling Congress. Greg is highly respected and engaged within the Curling community. As an ambassador for curling as a sport, he has realized and aspired to attract and host curling events that generate positive economic impact for our community.

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Ralph Gidney, Treasurer: Ralph will oversee the financial management and accountability of the Host Society. Ralph's experience comes from his employment with Revenue Canada as a tax consultant. He is a dedicated volunteer doing tremendous work within the Liverpool area, particularly Special Olympic programs. Ralph is also a member of Council for the Region of Queens

Municipality. As Treasurer, he will ensure financial records are maintained while also accepting a portfolio within our Volunteer Committee Structure.

Melissa Robinson, Secretary, Hosting and Hospitality: As the General Manager of Best Western Plus & Conference Centre Liverpool, her extensive experience in Hotel Management and connections within the industry will enhance the reach and impact of the event. Melissa is chair of Events Liverpool, engaged in the South Shore Chamber of commerce and active in the Queens County Blades Figure Skating Club. Melissa also has the experience of the 2014 Canadian Juniors event, 2019 World Juniors, and the 2021 Pre-Trials.

Lorna MacPherson, Board Member; Lorna returned to her home community of Liverpool, to enjoy retirement after a 30-year career with the Province of Nova Scotia. Having worked in various management positions, with the Department of Community Services, Lorna brings a wealth of experience, in working with people, and project management. Lorna offered support and assistance to Greg Thorbourne, Chair of the Host Committee for the World Junior Curling in 2019. An active volunteer, Lorna is President-Elect of the Liverpool Curling Club, Vice President of the Queens Care Society and a Director of the Community Committee of VON.

Kim Thorbourne-Whalen, Branch Manager of Source Atlantic on Strawberry Hill, Halifax. Kim also has the experience of the 2014 Canadian Juniors event, 2019 World Juniors, and the 2021 Pre-Trials. She has invaluable experience of managing event teams. Kim will be involved in marketing, sponsorship & promotions for the Society locally.
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Grant Webber, a retired RCMP Officer, has been involved with many community organizations, he also has the experience of the 2014 Canadian Juniors event, 2019 World Juniors, and the 2021 Pre-Trials. He will oversee Security and Accreditation.