



USWCA SENIOR WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP TOUR

APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION PLAN

for Fall 2018 Tour to Canadian Maritimes

Application Process and USWCA Rep Responsibilities

1. Materials (letter, application, and this selection plan outline) will be provided to all USWCA representatives at the 2017 fall meeting and posted on the USWCA website (www.uswca.org) by October 1. Reps should confirm receipt of all information by emailing Friendship Tour chairman Molly Jensen (jensen629@yahoo.com).
2. Reps are to copy and distribute materials to all qualified women in their club who are interested in applying.
3. All applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Be a member of a club that has been a member of the USWCA for a minimum of three years leading up to and including the application year
 - Be age 50 or over by May 1, 2018
 - Have at least three years of curling experience as of October 2018Previous international curling tour participants will be considered only if there is a shortage of applicants without international tour experience.
4. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted by each club.
5. Applicants must secure two letters of reference endorsing her suitability as an ambassador for the US and USWCA. Letters should consider sociability, sportsmanship, positivity, etc.
 - One letter should be written by an officer or former officer of her club
 - The other letter must be written by her USWCA rep
6. Applicants are to submit their applications and letters of reference directly to Friendship Tour chairman Molly Jensen. Application deadline is December 15:
 - For applications sent via the US postal service, all materials must be postmarked no later than December 15 and sent to Molly at 311 Pleasant Avenue, #411, St Paul, MN 55102.
 - For applications submitted via email, all materials must be received by Molly at jensen629@yahoo.com no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on December 15
7. Incomplete applications (and materials) will not be accepted. Reps are encouraged to review applications before they are submitted and assist applicants in completing all information to ensure they qualify for submission.

Selection Process

1. The selection of the 16 tour participants will be conducted by lottery at the winter meetings during the USWCA National Bonspiel at Triangle Curling Club in Durham, NC, on February 15, 2018, by the Friendship Tour committee, and in the presence of the USWCA president and a USWCA rep randomly selected and not applying for the tour.
2. Applicants qualifying for the drawing will be those determined by the committee as having completed the application satisfactorily, including the necessary reference materials.
3. Names will be placed into four boxes according to the region in which their club is located (West, Wisconsin, Central and East).
4. Four names from each region will be drawn. Once a name from a club is drawn, any additional names from that same club will be set aside to potentially be included in the draw for alternates (see #5).
5. Two alternates will be drawn from the remaining group of qualified applicants, which will be verified to ensure at least eight different clubs are represented. If that pool is composed of fewer than eight clubs, names from clubs already selected in the original drawing will be added.
6. Tour officers -- captain, secretary, communications chair and entertainment chair -- will be selected by the committee.