

**USWCA SENIOR WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP TOUR
APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION PLAN
November 2024 Tour to Ontario/Quebec Provinces of Canada**

Application Process and USWCA Rep Responsibilities

1. Materials (letter, application, and this selection plan outline) will be provided to all USWCA representatives before the 2023 fall meeting via email and posted on the USWCA website (www.uswca.org) as soon as available but by September 15, 2023 at the latest.
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, 2024
 - Have at least three years of curling experience as of October 2024

Previous 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 via the online application portal available on the USWCA website.
Application deadline is December 15, 2023.
 - The url for the tour application is <https://tinyurl.com/Friendship-Tour>.
 - The url for the letters of reference is <https://tinyurl.com/tour-letter>.
7. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Reps are encouraged to assist applicants as needed.

Selection Process

1. The selection of the 16 tour participants will be conducted by lottery during the USWCA National Bonspiel at the St. Paul Curling Club in St. Paul, MN, on February 14-18, 2024 (exact date and time TBD), by the

Friendship Tour Committee, and in the presence of the USWCA President or other designated USWCA Officer 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 segregated according to the region in which their club is located (West, Wisconsin, Central and East).
4. Four names from each region will be randomly 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 and committee assignments will be selected by the Committee including captain, treasurer, publicity/social media, historian/scrapbook, entertainment and medical.