

LADIES CURLING ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian
Curling Club

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To LCA Club Representatives, Centre Convenors, Competition Chairpersons

The LCA Council met by telephone on May 29 and again on August 18 to discuss what approach should be taken for the 2020-21 season.

At this time the LCA Council has decided that our 2020-21 season will be cancelled.

The external factors influencing this decision include the following:

- The directives from Curling Canada and the Provincial bodies indicate that curling can resume this year with strict adherence to distancing, sanitizing and limited social interaction after the games. Operating a club will present challenges for the next season.
- It is difficult to know whether our curling population composed of many senior ladies will choose to participate in curling, especially in events that involve travel to other clubs and travel to other locations within the two Districts.
- Some experts on the pandemic are warning that a “second wave” of cases may occur in the fall or winter right at the time that our events would be taking place.

Conditions are somewhat better since our initial telephone conference but many of the risks remain as well as many of the unknowns.

Planning a year of LCA events is a demanding task. Between the two Districts at least eighteen clubs were involved last year. There is also the challenge of ordering pins for competitions that may not take place.

If curling takes place in many of our clubs after January 1, 2021, we will attempt to finish events that were begun but cancelled before final games were played. The District 1 Challenge finals and the championship game of the Evening Ladies are two such events. This would allow the trophies and pins to be awarded for these competitions. We will not attempt to schedule the Jackson in District 1 or the Macdonald, Paterson, Roy in District 2 since neither of these events had started.

This decision was made with heavy hearts as curling is such an important part of our lives. There is a risk that it will be difficult to get back up to speed when conditions improve. However, there is also the possibility that our members will be only too anxious to participate once again when it is safe to do so. In light of this decision, no fees will be charged to clubs this year.

Please take care of yourselves and each other during this difficult time.

Patricia Birkett
LCA President