



## Statement Regarding U20 Prelims Cancellation

*In these unprecedented times, Curling NB appreciates the full cooperation of all involved as we strive to act in the best interest of our athletes, coaches, umpires, club volunteers and our sport.*

At this time, and after substantial consideration of the current state of the pandemic and relevant New Brunswick Department of Health directives, as well as consultation with the Sport & Recreation Branch of Tourism, Heritage & Culture, Curling NB has determined that the U20 Prelims will be cancelled this season. As the 2021 U20 Provincial Championships will not lead to a National Championship, and given that in recent years there has been only minimal need to eliminate teams at the Prelim, it was decided that the preliminary event would not be “necessary” and that the 2021 U20 Championships will be an open event. Please see the excerpt below for reference.

### **Excerpt from Tourism, Heritage & Culture-Sport & Recreation Branch Q&A (Issued Oct. 22):**

Action should be taken to minimize out of region activity. Provincial Organizations are expected to:

- play an active role in identifying where out of region activity is necessary and where it can be avoided
- understand that overnight travel carries additional risk
- understand that travel requires additional risk mitigation (e.g., group travel, avoiding spread of virus to other regions, procedures at hotels and dine-in restaurants, etc.).
- understand that all team travel needs to be addressed within a team’s COVID-19 operational plan

Dated: Friday, October 30, 2020