



Statement Regarding the 2021 U18 Championships

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.

The Curling NB-Simms Home Hardware U18 Championships are scheduled to take place January 1-4 at Gage Golf & Curling Club. It is the intent, at this time, that this event will proceed as planned with the following modifications:

- The event will take place at both Gage Golf and Curling Club & Capital Winter Club. The boys will be at one venue with the girls at the other. Final registration numbers will determine which will be where.
- The cost of registration will be \$180/team.
- Spectator information, along with all other "COVID" related event adjustments, can be found in our "Return-to-Competition Directives". This document can be found on our website (www.curlingnb.com) under the "COVID19" tab.
- Curling NB will provide both Championship teams with four Provincial Jackets, Provincial Championship Banner & five (4 player & 1 coach) framed Heart Crests. (Championship Team Coach and, if applicable, 5th player may purchase Provincial Jacket.)

Rationale:

- The decision to use two separate facilities is in keeping with our efforts to ensure, as best we can, the safety of all individuals associated with the event. (players, coaches, event volunteers, parents/legal guardians and the community in which the event is being held, etc.) Curling NB makes every effort to follow the requirements & recommendations issued by the Province of NB. (Public Health and Sports and Recreation Branch)
- The increase to team registration fees reflects the need to ensure all costs associated with this event can be fully covered by the event registration fees and the event sponsor contribution. Event cost overruns need to be avoided given the uncertainty of excess revenues from other events during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The decision to permit only limited spectators attempts to balance the need to ensure the safety of all individuals associated with the event, as noted above, along with the need respect the requirement for supervision of our athletes who are under the age of majority. As mentioned above, see the Curling NB Return to Competition Directives for details.
- Although the 2021 U18 Championships will not lead to a National Championship, it had been determined that there is a great deal of importance & prestige associated with earning the right to wear the Provincial Jacket, notwithstanding that the primary purpose is to wear them at Nationals. As such, we have budgeted to provide Provincial Jackets to each of four Championship team members.

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