



Statement Regarding U15 Kenny Coates

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.

With regret, the Curling New Brunswick Return to Competitions Committee, in consultation with the host, has determined that the 2021 U15 Kenny Coates event cannot go forward this season. It was hoped that the level of COVID-19 cases within our province in the New Year would allow for a modified version of this event to be held. Recent trends leading to the current level of restrictions have made it clear that this will not be possible, nor would it be appropriate in consideration of the safety of our participants.

While we remain hopeful that all of our health zones will return to yellow alert level before the end of the curling season, the Committee has determined that even if this were the case, it would be inadvisable to hold a province-wide event of this size during this time, and in consideration of the anticipated rates of vaccine roll-outs within the province. If and when alert levels return to yellow in zones across the province, we encourage clubs to hold small U15 events within their own zone, within any limits and guidelines that the Department of Public Health may have in place at that time.

We are optimistic that the start of next season will bring a sufficient level of public immunity to permit a return to some normalcy for our curling season, and we will look for opportunities within the junior curling calendar to rebuild and perhaps regain some of the events that have been lost to COVID this year.

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