



2021 Canadian Senior Women's Curling Friendship Tour

Dear Tour Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2021 Canadian Women's Curling Friendship Tour to the United States which is scheduled to take place in November 2021. Since 1990 groups of women from both countries have travelled to take part in friendly competition. In 2018 a USA group visited Atlantic Canada. In 2021 the plan is to have curlers from the Atlantic provinces visit and play in the Eastern US.

Planning will continue, including selecting participants, with the understanding that the tour may be moved to November 2022. At this time, a deadline of June 2021 has been set to make the decision to postpone until 2022. If the tour is postponed, participants selected for the 2021 Tour will automatically comprise the roster of the 2022 Tour.

I have worked with the planning of this trip with the US coordinator and her committee to lay the foundation of this tour as best we can at this early date (and given the current pandemic situation). Following is an outline of what has been determined so far:

Tour: Number of Participants: 16 (4 from each Atlantic province)

Dates: Monday, November 1st to Friday, November 12th, 2021.

Travel Arrangements: The tour will depart from and return to Halifax. Each team member will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs to/from Halifax.

Travel Insurance: Team members will be responsible for their own travel insurance.

Tour Cost: It is challenging to provide a precise cost of the Tour; however, at this time, it is estimated at \$4,000.

Included in this projected cost are:

- Air fare (Halifax to Boston and return)
- Land costs while in the US (Coach travel)
- Accommodations (a combination of home hosting and hotel)
- Team Clothing (on-ice uniforms and off-ice clothing)

- Social events (sightseeing and banquets)
- Curling equipment
- Tour pins (2) and Bannerettes; and
- Special gifts.

Tour Itinerary: Eight, 8-end games will be played in various US curling clubs. At this time, clubs in Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York are committed. The schedule will provide for free time for a little sightseeing and shopping along the tour. Already the US team has plans for touring Boston and Washington DC.

Team Selection: All applicants (minimum - 50 years of age) must complete the Tour Application to outline their involvement and contribution to curling, confirm they are an active curler at a Curling Canada affiliated curling club and agree to pay all costs involved with being a participant on the tour.

Should you require any clarification or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As expected, many details will not be determined until the final date is chosen; however, planning will continue and be adjusted once the date is confirmed.

I look forward to meeting and working with each member of the Canadian Team as we continue to formulate plans for this Curling Friendship Tour to the United States.

Yours in Curling,

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