



ZONE DIRECTORS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2017

The notes below were prepared by NBCA Zone Directors in an effort to communicate to NBCA Affiliated Curling Centres items of interest discussed at the Sept 2017 NBCA Board Meeting. Please feel free to share with curling centre members.

Should you or any curling centre members have questions, please feel free to contact the Zone Director for your area. A complete list of NBCA Board Members, along with their contact information, can be found under the heading "NBCA Contacts" at the top of the NBCA web site. (www.nbcurling.com)

NBCA Semi Annual General Meeting (SAGM): The NBCA SAGM will be held on November 5, 2017. Each curling centre will be reimbursed for mileage on one vehicle to transport members to the meeting.

Seniors Format Review: A Notice of Motion for an amendment to the senior format will be forwarded to curling centres for review with a vote to take place at the SAGM.

Scotties/Tankard Format Review: Format will remain the same for the 2017-18 season with options provided to the player's committee in order to have face to face discussions with competitive curlers players this fall.

National Masters: The NB Masters committee have agreed to host the 2020 Canadian Masters Championships. All curling centres in NB will have the opportunity to bid for this event.

TSN/Sportsnet Pricing Status: Curling Canada has done all they could and both Rogers & Bell have agreed to reduced pricing but it is up to the regional service providers (Ex Eastlink) to determine what price they will charge to the curling clubs in their area.

5 Rock Free Guard Zone Rule: At the world level this will come into effect in 2018-19. Curling Canada has been considering adopting this rule for this season in an effort to better prepare teams. No decision has been made at this time. It is looking like competitive curlers would prefer to wait until next year. It was suggested that NB provide some training to assist our athletes.

Junior Events Age eligibility: The date for determination of eligibility for junior events will now be June 30th for all events whenever there are championships beyond the provincial level. This will bring uniformity to age related eligibility determination criteria, and thereby reduce confusion. This is in align with National and International levels and in many cases will extend eligibility by 6 months.

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