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Dear Club Managers and Presidents,

On March 4th, Curling Alberta announced that it would introduce a per-curler fee for the 2020-2021 season. Since that time, the COVID-19 crisis has changed our world, making 'business as usual' quite impossible. In response to the extreme circumstances, the purpose of this notice is to inform you that Curling Alberta's Board of Directors has made the decision to postpone the transition to an individual curler fee until the 2021-2022 season. For next season (2020-2021), the affiliation fees will remain status quo:

- Clubs in communities with a population under 20,000 will pay \$80 per sheet
- Clubs in communities with a population between 20,000 and 125,000 will pay \$180 per sheet
- Clubs in communities with a population over 125,000 will pay \$325 per sheet

Note that in addition to the fees above, Curling Alberta will continue to collect Curling Canada's Individual Membership Fee (IMF) of \$2 per member.

This decision to postpone this change was made for a number of reasons, but chiefly that curling is best suited to thrive when every part of the sport system is healthy. In other words, our organization is only as strong as its member clubs, many of whom are still struggling to triage and plan to address the impacts they are or may be facing. In this time of so much uncertainty, Curling Alberta hopes that this move will provide a measure of clarity to your future, and ease some of the financial pressure.

As we work to embrace our new normal, Curling Alberta will continue to look toward the future, finding new efficiencies, opportunities, and empathetic ways of operating. We will continue to gain momentum as a new organization, and to build value for our member clubs and their curlers. Each of us, and our sport, will be forever changed by this experience, but by supporting one another, we will come through this as a stronger and more united community.

Sincerely,

Curtis Fairhurst, President

Jill Richard, Executive Director