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To whom it may concern;

We are writing to provide information and support from Curling Canada; as Curling Ontario, the Northern Ontario Curling Association and the Ontario Curling Council begin to review a potential amalgamation of the three associations in an effort to create alignment across the curling community in Ontario to more efficiently and effectively administer, support, and grow our sport. We commend you for taking the courageous step to enter into these initial discussions to improve the administration and delivery of the sport of curling in your province. Curling Canada remains firm in our support of all of our Member Associations and want to support any and all efforts that improve the sport we all love.

Traditions in curling are deep rooted and have intrinsic and financial value and this includes the structure of many of our National Championships that we deliver. We want to ensure that both of our Ontario-based Member Associations know that Curling Canada does not want the structure of our National Championships to impede the administration and delivery of the sport of curling in any of region in Canada, or these discussions.

As such, Curling Canada wants to assure those who are investigating this potential amalgamation, that the structure of our current National Championships will remain unchanged for at minimum the 2027 to 2030 quadrennial, unless unforeseen circumstances arise such as another global pandemic that erases our ability to deliver these cherished events.

Regardless of the outcome of these discussions and potential corporate structural changes, Curling Canada will continue to structure our National Championships as they have been structured during the 2023 to 2026 quadrennial and will continue to enforce the residency rules as currently written and found here on Curling Canada's website.

<https://www.curling.ca/events/competitor-information/residency-exemption-application/>

Please note that Curling Canada plans in quadrennials and is our standard procedure to ensure that we have the ability to adjust to meet the sport's ever changing unique needs. However, that should not be viewed as a timebound plan to change our championships after 2030. As long as our Championship Events have Provincial / Territorial representation, Northern Ontario and Ontario will be considered unique and valued members, regardless of the corporate structure that will be determined by your boards as you continue down this potential amalgamation path.

Any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at [nolan.thiessen@curling.ca](mailto:nolan.thiessen@curling.ca)

Best wishes and success in your discussions,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nolan Thiessen', written in a cursive style.

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