

**Canadian Interuniversity Sport
Board of Directors
E-Mail Vote results
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MOTION

Carried

That the 2009 CIS Curling Championship consists of a Twelve (12) Team Championship (per gender) as per the following provincial breakdown.

- 1 team - Newfoundland**
- 1 team - Prince Edward Island**
- 1 team - New Brunswick**
- 1 team - Nova Scotia**
- 1 team - Quebec (host region)**
- 3 teams - Ontario (already established with 9 schools)**
- 1 team - Manitoba**
- 1 team - Saskatchewan**
- 1 team - Alberta**
- 1 team - British Columbia**

Rationale:

- a) Addresses host's concerns by limiting the size of the championship.
- b) Above structure is similar to the way Canadian Curling Association (CCA) runs their nationals.
- c) CCA will work with each province and school to establish a process for selecting their representative(s). Could include playdown, bonspiel, rotational, etc.
- d) Provinces would confirm their participation by a pre-established deadline. If a province elects not to participate the CCA will be tasked with appointing a replacement team (could come from any region).
- e) Sport Committee will work with CCA to develop a strategy for the development of future CIS Curling Championships. Plan to be presented to the Board June 2009.

Background:

➤The Flexible Funding and Organizational Model for the CIS Curling Championships, approved April 25th, 2007 indicated that the format for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 curling championships would be an open championship.

➤Following the 2008 Championship, it was reported to the Board that the open format caused many challenges for the host and CIS members expressed concern. Sport Committee and the CCA agreed that a new format was necessary for the 2009 Championship.

➤At the June 2008 meetings Sport Committee did not support moving to regional association play downs, as initially recommended by CCA.

- In September 2008 a recommendation from CCA to move to a 7-team championship was not supported by Sport Committee. Prior to the Sport Committee discussion, a quick survey was circulated to schools that participated in the 2008 championship, seeking their feedback on an alternate format. Results of the survey indicated Ontario schools were in agreement with regional playdowns but the majority of schools outside Ontario were not.
- CCA expressed concern that returning to an open championship did not support their strategy of moving to a high performance model. Sport Committee agreed that a model with a limited number of teams was required to ensure the best success for the championship.
- Sport Committee suggested that CCA develop a format that would ease the necessity for conferences to hold playoffs (thereby reducing costs) and at the same time maintaining a fixed number of teams that would be more manageable for the host and would assist in moving towards a high performance model.
- CCA has a host site(s) confirmed for the 2009 Championship in the Montreal area. CCA would work with the local curling clubs to organize the championship. CCA has confirmed that both the men's championship (12-teams) and the women's championship (12-teams) can be accommodated in the same region. However, if there were challenges in retaining additional ice time, Sport Committee would support CCA in finding a 2nd location therefore hosting the men's championship and the women's championship in different communities.