



SNAP Committee Update

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Where was the 2009 Tim Horton's Brier hosted?

- a. Edmonton
- b. Saskatoon
- c. Calgary
- d. Winnipeg

Did you know?

Alberta has over 180 affiliated curling clubs!

FAQ's

Q: When will we vote on the amalgamation agreement?

A: The preparation of the Amalgamation Agreement takes significant time and effort. We are aiming for a vote sometime in the 2017/2018 season.

What is SNAP?

SNAP is a committee that is represented and equally funded by the four curling associations in Alberta – Southern Alberta Curling Association (SACA), Northern Alberta Curling Association (NACA), Peace Curling Association (PCA), and the Alberta Curling Federation (ACF). The committee was established in early 2015 to investigate and recommend a new structure for the establishment of one governing body of curling in Alberta.

The Amalgamation Process



This newsletter focuses on the amalgamation process - the steps we need to take to get to one association. Although there a lot of details that we must work through to achieve a successful amalgamation, there are really 3 main steps we need to accomplish:

1. Negotiate and document as many details as we can so the members can knowledgably vote on whether to approve the amalgamation or not, i.e.:
 - association name, address, bylaws, membership rules
 - new board structure and selection process
 - review of all contracts, assets and liabilities and how they will be transitioned
 - staffing and funding models
 - initial strategic plan and operational plans, addressing as many concerns of members as possible
2. Obtain approval of the members
 - call the required special general meetings
 - 75% approval of special resolution required at each meeting
3. Formally register and transition to the new federation
 - Alberta Registries, AGLC, Alberta Sport Connection, Curling Canada
 - Transition bank accounts, staff, suppliers and sponsors, other stakeholders

Q: I still have questions, how can I contact the SNAP committee?

A: The SNAP committee encourages the clubs and curlers to reach out and let us know your thoughts, both positive and negative. E-mail us at SnapCurling@gmail.com.

Alberta Curling Trivia

Answer – C. Calgary

The competition took place in Calgary's Pengrowth Saddledome, home of The Calgary Flames.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

Most of our efforts are currently focused on step 1 - working through as many details as we can before coming to the membership with a request for approval. As we make progress, we are updating the Regional Association and ACF boards so they can provide input to the process.

We are also preparing the way for step 3 - the formal transition to the new structure. We are keeping all of our key stakeholders informed about our progress and providing them with a chance to provide input to the process.

When we are ready we will come to you, our members, for approval.

From the Presidents



NACA - Dennis Nowicki

"The sport of curling is facing many challenges from aging facilities and increasing operating costs to stagnant or declining participation. It is imperative all four curling associations in Alberta work together to turn the corner and amalgamation provides that opportunity. I support the steps taken by SNAP committee and look ahead to their commitment to seek input from the curling community. How will a future organization address topics such as: ensuring regional representation; the funding model; promotion and nurturing the sport from grassroots to competitive levels; and providing better support to our curling facilities and volunteers? NACA looks forward to the dialogue with the other associations."



SACA - Mark Pfeifer

"SACA supports the idea of amalgamation of the four governing curling associations of Alberta (ACF, PCA, NACA, SACA). Alberta will have a stronger voice, have consistent policies, and will operate more efficiently as one association. The SNAP committee members have made an honourable effort and are a long ways down the path to making amalgamation a reality. As SACA president, I encourage the members of SACA to strongly consider supporting the amalgamation process."

Next Issue

A brief overview of the proposed governance model, and how it will benefit clubs and curlers in Alberta. Presidents message from PCA and ACF.



Contact Us

Questions about our process? Want to make comments? Email the SNAP committee and your questions could be in our next issue!

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