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Dear USA Curling Athletes,

We hope that you had a safe and happy 4th of July weekend. As a reminder, USA Curling publishes these weekly updates based on information that is available at the time of the update. Please note that these updates are not to supersede the information provided by your local and state health departments, but a resource to help guide decision-making during these unprecedented times as it pertains to competing in curling.

Travel

Per the CDC, travel increases the chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. Please only consider traveling if essential. For additional considerations regarding travel from the CDC, click here. The CDC also states that the risk of spreading COVID-19 becomes higher as gathering size increases and room to adequately social distance decreases. Please keep that information in mind when deciding to partake in competition.

Evaluating Procedures

With this upcoming season playing a significant role in the qualification process of teams for the Olympic Trials, USA Curling’s National Coaching Staff is actively revisiting Trials procedures. Alongside the Athletes’ Advisory Council (AAC) and the USOPC, procedures are being evaluated for mixed doubles, men’s, and women’s Olympic Trials. In addition to Trials, National Coaching Staff is evaluating the Junior World B qualification procedure. Should any decisions be made that change the current procedures, information will be shared as soon as possible.

Scheduling Updates

This week, we learned that Sportsnet has made the decision to postpone the Pinty’s Grand Slam of Curling season until April of 2021. To read more on that decision, please click here. As a result, you’ll see that the Meridian Open has been marked as postponed in the below schedule.
2020-21 US Tour Event Dates

September
US Open Contender Round (m/w): 9/11 - 9/13
California Curling Classic (w): 9/18 – 9/21
California Curling Classic (md): 9/22 – 9/24
California Curling Classic (m): 9/25 – 9/28

October
St. Paul Cash Spiel (m/w): 10/2 – 10/4
Colorado Curling Cup (md): 10/15 – 10/18
MadTown Mixed Doubles (md): 10/30 – 11/1

November
Americas Challenge(m/w): 11/12 – 11/15
US Open Mixed Doubles (md): 11/13 – 11/15
Curl Mesabi Classic (m/w): 11/27 – 11/29

December
Southern Mixed Doubles (md): 12/29 – 12/31
January

US Open (m/w): 1/1 – 1/3

Wrench Classic (m): 1/7 – 1/10

Meridian Open (m/w): 1/12 – 1/17: Postponed

US Nationals (m/w): 1/30 – 2/6

March

Olympic Trials (md): 3/1 – 3/6

If you have any questions prior to the Town Hall meeting scheduled for July 27, please contact Phill Drobnick (phill.drobnick@usacurling.org) or Jessica Schultz (jessica.schultz@usacurling.org).