

Dear Beausejour Curling Club Members

Due to the Provincial Regulations on Covid-19 and the restrictions being extended until at least February 15, 2021, the Beausejour Curling Club has decided to make the difficult decision to shut the ice plant and close the door on a return to play this season. We are extremely disappointed but believe the decision is in the best interest of the Curling Club long term.

This decision was not made lightly and we would like to take a moment to explain a few factors that went into the decision. The ice plant has been operating since the fall at a cost of thousands of dollars per month. We were hopeful that a January return to play would allow for a schedule at least until the end of March 2021. The reality of waiting for any sign of good news and holding out hope for a return to curling does not come without a cost.

Regular membership fees collected yearly do not cover the cost of operating the curling club. The differences are made up through bar revenue, bonspiels and fundraising efforts. Every year we try our best to break even.

Without these revenue streams this season, as well as a few teams choosing not to curl due to the pandemic, the club finds itself in a tight spot financially. We are turning our attention to long term and would like to put the club in the best position to re-open with success for years to come.

Be assured we are working to obtain any financial assistance possible. We have been fortunate to receive funding from the Brokenhead River Community Foundation as well as the Province of Manitoba to help offset some of the revenue lost due to the pandemic.

Refunds

The club has established a refund policy and each member will have the following options for the 2020-2021 curling season:

- a) a refund for your membership and league fees
- b) a credit toward next season's fees
- c) donate your fees (or any part of your fees) to the Club and receive a tax receipt from the Brokenhead River Community Foundation for that amount.

Please email beausejourcurlingclub@gmail.com to state which of the options you would like for this season's fees. Please include your mailing address for options a) and c). If you are doing a partial donation, please indicate how much and whether you want the balance refunded or applied as a credit towards next season's fees.

For the 2020-2021 season fee schedule please refer to the Beausejour Curling Club web page at www.beausejourcurlingclub.ca.

All post-dated volunteer bond cheques will not be cashed for this season. If you paid the bond in advance with cash, cheque or e-transfer, it will be included with your refund option as chosen above.

Fundraising tickets

Please note your fundraising tickets received at registration are not refundable or eligible for any credits or tax receipts. Prizes will still be awarded at our Annual General meeting in April (fingers crossed) and we will be notifying you at a later date with the details and time line to drop off your sold tickets.

We thank you for your understanding with this tough decision and look forward to the next time we can be together, in person, at the Club.

Board of Directors
Beausejour Curling Club