

Curl BC

Zone and Region Structure

BYLAW CHANGE – Core Proposal

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BACKGROUND to the Core Proposal

Geographical Areas

Currently, Curl BC regions are not synchronized with provincial sub-area (zone) boundaries of other sport organizations in BC. This fact has negative impacts to both general administration of curling and management of competitions. During 2019 and 2020, the Curl BC Board assessed the situation and committed to putting forth bylaw changes that would facilitate alignment and improve the zone-region structure for curling in BC.

Considering the geographical changes has led the Curl BC Board to also review how the organization's governance model is structured relative to the regions of BC. Issues have become apparent in the following two areas:

Annual nomination for the Board of Governors - Holding two different elections of Governors at different times with differing criteria and processes has been time consuming, confusing, complicated, costly and with no substantive benefits. In short, the current configuration has become outdated and difficult to justify under the governance model of the organization. Bylaw change is necessary to facilitate adjustment.

Establishing and Maintaining Regional Representatives and Committees – The role of Regional Representative has changed dramatically with the direct election of Governors by the Members. The role no longer has clear purpose and certainly is not a path to becoming a Governor. Regional Representatives, in fact, do not have any governance powers. The current role requires corresponding formation and management of a Regional Committee. In some areas, Regional Committees have not met as required by the bylaws. As with the role of Regional Representative, the purpose of the Regional Committee is in question. In addition to a lack of clear purpose, there have been issues in organizing, sustaining, and communicating with Regional Committees (whether from a Curl BC or from a Member Facility perspective). Again, bylaw change is necessary to clarify and properly establish operational alignment.

THE PROPOSAL

To address both the Zone-Regional adjustments and the Curl BC operational interface concerns relative to the regional areas – assuring best service to Member Facilities – the Board of Governors is recommending the following actions.

Proposed Changes

Geographical Areas

- The 11 Regions will now be 8 Zones
- Regional/Zone will now be Region
- No changes needed for Governor representation
- No changes needed for Competition

Current Name	New Zone Name	New Region Name
West Kootenay (1)	Kootenays (1)	Kootenays
East Kootenay (2)	Kootenays (1)	Kootenays
South Okanagan (3)	Thompson-Okanagan (2)	Thompson-Okanagan
North Okanagan-Shuswap (4)	Thompson-Okanagan (2)	Thompson-Okanagan
Cariboo-Prince George (5)	Cariboo-North East (8)	North
Northwest (6)	North West (7)	North
Thompson (7)	Thompson-Okanagan (2)	Thompson-Okanagan
South Island (8)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast (6)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast
Mid Island (9)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast (6)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast
North Island (10)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast (6)	Vancouver Island-Central Coast
Lower Mainland-Fraser Valley (11)	Fraser Valley (3) Fraser River (4) Vancouver Coastal (5)	Vancouver-Coastal/Fraser

Board of Governors

- Clearly defined election process with required gender representation with all regions still represented
- Elections only held at the Meeting of the Members (Annual General Meeting)
- Clearly defined nomination process for all Governors
- Terms change from two to three years with a maximum of six consecutive years.
- More well defined and appropriate provisions for Removal of Governor, when necessary.

Regional Representatives

- Regional Representatives and committees discontinued and removed from Bylaws

Justification and other support information for the proposed changes

Geographical Areas

- No change on the boundaries for Governors, the five geographical areas do not change.
- Competition has been using the new geographical areas for some time. Provincial Youth events are now aligned.
- Curl BC boundaries will be aligned with most provincial sporting associations and other provincial youth events.
- No real changes to the geographical area.

Board of Governors

- Need to have gender equality.
- Clearly defined Nomination process and criteria for election.
- Governors represent all members and vote based on provincial matters.
- Continuation of ensuring that Governors are elected from all areas of the province (minimum one per regional area).

Regional Representatives

- With the use of video conferencing, Curl BC has the ability to communicate directly (and most effectively) with the Member Facilities. The role of the committee has been discussed for many years without any clear statement or justification for retention.
- This does not impede any Member Facilities or even Curl BC from holding group meetings to discuss local plans, events, or specific operational issues with area-wide implications.

Governor Transition

Elected	Governor (Term End)								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2019					2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
2020	2022	2022	2022	2022					
2021					2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
2022	2025	2025	2025	^2023	*2024	*2024	*2024		
2023				2026	~2024	~2024	~2024	2026	2026
2024					2027	2027	2027		
2025	2028	2028	2028						
2026				2029				2029	2029
2027					2030	2030	2030		

Notes: *Extended one year ^One year term ~One Year Term - if not extended in 2022

Attached is a copy of the proposed reconfiguration to the Curl BC Bylaws (the bylaw change proposal) that will facilitate all proposed changes identified in this core document.

A motion for, and approval by, the Member Facilities at the coming AGM is required. The motion will be crafted after the official draft of the bylaw change proposal is approved by the Board.