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Curling Alberta Cancels its 2021 Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles Provincial Curling Championships

Curling Alberta regrets to announce the cancellation of its three flagship provincial championships, which were planned for Sylvan Lake January 25 to February 5, 2021, due to Alberta's continued state of public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and evolving provincial health authority directives.

The Boston Pizza Cup Presented by Best Western, the Sentinel Storage Alberta Scotties Tournament of Hearts, and the Alberta Mixed Doubles Provincial Championship have officially been cancelled. However, Curling Alberta will still be represented at the national championships in the hub city of Calgary beginning in February. The status of Curling Alberta's plans to name those representatives will be announced as soon as possible pending a decision by the organization's Board of Directors.

"We're extremely grateful to the volunteers and partners who stood arm-in-arm with us, working so hard to find a way to make this happen. But in the end, we had to make the responsible and realistic decision to let go of this ambition considering the recent updates," said Jill Richard, Executive Director of Curling Alberta. "I know this is extremely difficult for everyone who was so hopeful for competition including the athletes, our partners, and our fans. We stay hopeful for a safe return to our sport soon, and we truly appreciate the hard work being done by Alberta Health during the pandemic to keep people safe."

"The past 24 hours have kept us on our toes as we tried to find a responsible way to proceed safely with the provincial championships. However, after Premier Jason Kenney's announcement on Thursday that the current restrictions will largely continue to apply, it became clear that it was no longer a realistic situation for our athletes, volunteers, officials, and ice technicians, on whom the event relies," explained Richard.

The status of the remaining events in the provincial curling season remains unchanged and no further information is available at this time.

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