

May 25, 2026

## To Our Affiliated Clubs and Organizations

Dear Affiliated Club or Organization,

Curling Alberta is committed to making curling in our province a safe, respectful, and welcoming sport for everyone. As part of that commitment, we are writing to inform you that, effective **May 25, 2026**, Curling Alberta is joining the **Alberta Safe Sport Complaint Mechanism** (the **ABSSCM**), Alberta's province-wide independent system for reporting and resolving maltreatment in sport.

Safe sport means that everyone in our sport — athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers — should be able to take part without being mistreated. The ABSSCM is Alberta's independent system for reporting serious safe sport concerns like abuse, harassment, and other forms of mistreatment in sport. Reports go to trained professionals at an independent organization, not to Curling Alberta or your club. The ABSSCM is administered by the Alberta Sport Leadership Association and operated by ALIAS Solutions Inc., an independent third party. Most provincial sport organizations in Alberta are joining the ABSSCM at the same time.

### What this means for your club

Your club continues to operate as it always has. The ABSSCM does not replace the way you run your club. What it does, is give every participant in our community – athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents – access to an independent, professional system for reporting concerns about maltreatment. Those reports go directly to ALIAS, not to your club or to Curling Alberta.

### What we are asking your club to do

- **Use the new Curling Alberta participant waivers.** Updated Adult and Youth waivers are available and have been circulated to you. These should be used in place of any waivers your club has used in the past.
- **Capture consent properly at registration.** Whether you register participants on paper or online, please make sure every participant accepts the waiver before participating.
- **Sign the annual Affiliated Member Acknowledgement.** This short form confirms your club's commitment to the ABSSCM and to Curling Alberta's policies.

### Where to find more information

We have prepared a short **Implementation Guide for Affiliated Clubs** that walks through what your club needs to do, how to capture consent properly, and answers basic questions about the ABSSCM. It is attached to this communication.

If you have any questions about this rollout, please contact Curling Alberta at [info@curlingalberta.ca](mailto:info@curlingalberta.ca). We are happy to help.

Thank you for your continued partnership with Curling Alberta and for your role in supporting safe sport in our province.