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Building Better Ice Together: A New Member & Hosting Benefit

Great curling starts with great ice!

Curling Alberta is excited to launch its **Ice Technician Support Program**, a new member and hosting benefit designed to improve ice quality, strengthen club capacity and support the development of ice technicians across Alberta.

Through technical guidance, education, mentorship and practical resources, our team will serve as a trusted resource for member curling clubs and their ice technicians. Support may include assessments of ice conditions, temperature management, curling stone performance, facility conditions, ice preparation and troubleshooting.

Meet Our Ice Technician Team

We are pleased to appoint **Mike Libbus as Curling Alberta's Head Ice Technician**, working alongside **Roger Miskolczi and Cody Hall as Regional Ice Technician Coordinators**, collectively supporting Southern, Central and Northern Alberta.

We are also pleased to announce **Darren Moulding as Head Ice Technician and Luke Stockdale as Assistant Ice Technician** for the 2027 RME Alberta Summit of Champions, our combined Men's and Women's Provincial Championships in Drayton Valley.

For those wondering, Darren will be trading his curling shoes for his ice maker's hat at this year's provincial championship!

We are fortunate to have such strong ice technician leadership in Alberta, with individuals committed to training, mentoring and sharing their expertise to build a sustainable on-ice future.

Program Priorities and Scope

In its inaugural year, the program will prioritize:

- **Provincial Championship Hosts:** Comprehensive technical support to help ensure a championship-quality field of play.
- **Provincial Qualifier Hosts:** Proactive assessments, group consultations and targeted technical support as required.

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- **Pilot Member Curling Clubs:** Targeted support for select clubs participating in the pilot initiative led by Cori Morris, where possible availability permits.
- **All Member Curling Clubs:** Consultation and technical guidance on a case-by-case basis. Requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with consideration given to urgency, club needs and the availability of our Ice Technician Team.

Mike, Cody and Roger will begin by reaching out directly to Championship and Qualifier hosts to assess their needs and determine the appropriate level of support.

While we would love to support every club with all its ice-related needs, our first-year priority is to establish a program that delivers meaningful, dedicated support within an achievable scope. More extensive services, such as curling stone maintenance and prolonged consultations, may fall outside this initial scope.

Not all pilot clubs will receive direct support this season. As we learn from the program's inaugural year, we aim to expand our reach and support more member clubs across Alberta.

Connect With Our Team

All member curling clubs are encouraged to reach out. Requests will be assessed individually based on club needs, urgency, program scope and available resources. Understanding the needs of our members will also help shape the future of this program.

Connect with Mike, Cody or Roger today at icetech@curlingalberta.ca or call Mike directly at 403-554-6994.

Together, we're building better ice, stronger clubs and better curling experiences across Alberta!