

## CSCA UPDATE

Fall 2024

Busy time for the CSCA this past year.

- 1) Six of nine Nova Scotia teams competing made the playoff round at the national championship in Ontario. Keith Bennett and Paul Landry finished the best of those teams with a silver medal in the open division.
- 2) Bruce Densmore continues as the education and promotions director on the five-person CSCA executive
- 3) Registration is underway for the national championship being held in Grand Prairie Alberta April 2-7, 2025.
- 4) The Windsor and Wolfville curling clubs will jointly host the 2026 national stick curling championship. Significant changes will be introduced at the 2026 national championship including:
  - a. Three divisions – Men’s, Women’s & Mixed
  - b. Two concurrent championships
    - i. Competitive championship with competitors being the provincial winners and the prior two-year national champions
    - ii. Recreational / club curler championship with open registration
- 5) There are a number of rules changes. The key ones:
  - a. Limit the velocity of take-out shots to no less than eight seconds
  - b. Restrict conversation between team members during the changeover in an extra end
  - c. Clarify that sweeping can begin once the front of a rock touches the far hog line
- 6) The CSCA were invited to deliver a stick curling segment at the Association of Stick Curling Professionals inaugural training sessions in Edmonton Alberta and Oakville, Ontario.
- 7) A committee is being formed to revamp the CSCA website. Preliminary work has begun.

- 8) A meeting was held with Curling Canada to discuss a funding proposal for national stick curling clinics and possibly adding a stick curling component to the Business of Curling sessions. Work on a funding proposal has been nearly finalized.
- 9) The CSCA conducted research on the characteristics of a successful stick curling league. The education and promotions manager produced a publication that should be available shortly to anyone interested in starting a stick curling league.