



Ontario Grandmasters Curling Association
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To All Ontario Grandmasters Championship Teams

It is with great reluctance that we announce the cancellation of the upcoming Provincial Championships at The Thornhill Club on March 19, 20 and 21, 2020.

The Covid-19 virus is quickly becoming a greater concern to all, especially with the senior members of the population. The Grandmasters unfortunately is fully made up of the most susceptible age group for this virus. The WHO is now referring to this outbreak as a pandemic and as organizers we do not want to put our fellow curlers at any greater risk than they will be within their own environment.

We have talked with Joe Murphy the Chief Operating Officer at The Thornhill Club. As much as we all would like to see the event go forward, Joe fully supports the decision of the Executive to cancel the Championships at this time. We have also talked to Nick Udayakumar at Comfort Inn to facilitate the cancellation of reservations that the teams from out of town have made. Skips are responsible to contact and cancel reservations as soon as possible. Comfort Inn phone number is 1-905-477-6077.

We are fully aware of the disappointment that this means to the teams that qualified to play in the Championship. We trust that you will agree that in the interest of the health and safety of our curling family that it is prudent to cancel the 2020 Championships.

As you can appreciate this decision was not made lightly. The executive will meet in the near future to plan for a way to move forward. We have much to sort out and will do so in a timely manner keeping in mind all those who qualified, who have put money in to sponsor the 2020 Championships, to host the event and to organize the event.

Please accept our most sincere apology for the disappointment that this creates.

Sincerely;

John D. Elstone

Gary Norris

President

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