

Curling Australia Ltd Formally Established Following Special General Meeting

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10 June 2024 – Following a pivotal Special General Meeting on the 2nd May, The Australian Curling Federation Inc has been renamed to Curling Australia Ltd. The organisation will now be known as Curling Australia (CA), marking a significant milestone in the national sporting organisation's (NSO) evolution.

This transformative move was underscored by the adoption of a new Constitution and a unanimous member decision to transition from an incorporated association to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). The change in legal structure meets a key strategic priority of ensuring good governance, reflecting a broader vision and renewed commitment to advancing the sport within Australia.

In 2024, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) mandated all NSOs and National Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (NSODs) reapply for official recognition. This comprehensive re-evaluation process ensures that all sports bodies adhere to updated governance and operational standards. Among the key criteria for recognition is Criterion 4, which necessitates evidence of legal entity status, specifically incorporation and registration as an Australian CLG.

Additionally, NSOs must demonstrate their not-for-profit status. This initiative by the ASC aims to promote transparency, accountability, and excellence within Australia's sporting community, fostering an environment that supports sustainable growth and inclusive participation across all levels of sport.

In adhering to this directive, Curling Australia has not only demonstrated its compliance but also its unwavering dedication to fulfilling the diverse criteria laid out by the ASC. This transition further fortifies the organisation's foundation, ensuring a robust framework conducive to fostering growth, sustainability, and inclusivity within the Australian Curling community.

Clause 14.2 of the new Constitution outlines the transition process over a 3-year period, emphasising a gradual introduction of change while maintaining stability and continuity of the Board. Specifically, the ACF Executive Committee at the time the new Constitution was passed has transitioned to become the first Elected Directors. Over the subsequent 3 years, two Elected Directors will retire each year, with retiring Directors eligible for re-election, ensuring a smooth transition of leadership.

At the Board's first meeting, the newly formed Board of Directors voted Laurie Weeden as Chair, reaffirming her leadership for Curling Australia. Chair Laurie Weeden acknowledged the contributions of all those involved in achieving NSO recognition, stating, "I want to recognise the hard work and dedication of everyone who helped get Curling Australia to this crucial point. Their commitment has been instrumental in meeting all the criteria for recognition and positioning us

strongly for the future." The current Board looks forward to driving further growth and success for curling in Australia.

In addition to the transitional measures, during the first year following the adoption of the new Constitution, a Nominations Committee will be established with a Terms of Reference outlining how Directors are nominated for Board positions. This proactive step underscores CA's commitment to transparency and inclusivity in its governance structure.

As Curling Australia embarks on this new chapter, it does so with a profound sense of purpose and anticipation, poised to elevate the profile and accessibility of Curling across Australia while ensuring robust governance and leadership for years to come.

About Curling Australia:

Curling Australia is the governing body that leads, develops, and promotes the sport of Curling in Australia. We aid and support the individual State Associations and their grassroots endeavours to advance Curling whilst providing a pathway for curlers to compete at National and International events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

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