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Nanaimo to host the 2012 Williams Moving & Storage BC Mixed Curling Championship

Richmond, BC (May 12, 2011) – Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2012 Williams Moving & Storage BC Mixed Curling Championship has been awarded to the Nanaimo Curling Centre. This unique event that enables men and women to play together on the same team will be held March 15 – 18, 2012.

The BC Championship will host the top eight mixed curling teams from across the province in the 2011/2012 season. Teams will compete in a new format for the championship title in the upcoming season, compared to previous years' round-robin, 3-team playoff system. The event will now follow a triple knock-out format with a 4-team page-playoff. The new format will allow the event to be held in a fewer number of days, allow an additional team to advance to playoffs, and is hoped to increase participation numbers in the regional qualifying events.

The BC Mixed Curling Championship first began in 1964 and was won by the Gil Moel rink from the Trail Curling Club. This event has hosted many of BC's and Canada's top curlers throughout its history. 1988 Olympic Gold Medalist, Lindsay Sparkes, 2000 World Men's Champion, Bryan Miki, 2000 World Junior Men's Champion, Brad Kuhn, 2002 Olympic Bronze Medalists, Georgina Wheatcroft and Diane Dezura, 2009 World Senior Champions, Pat Sanders & Roselyn Craig and 2010 Paralympic Gold Medalist, Jim Armstrong are just a few of the event's past winners.

The Nanaimo Curling Centre has hosted previous events such as the 2004 BC Men's Curling Championship, 2008 Canadian Master Curling Championships and the 2010 BC Senior Curling Championships.

About Curl BC

Curl BC is the provincial sport governing body responsible for the development, promotion and organization of curling in British Columbia. Curl BC is also responsible for the championship system that declares provincial representation at National events. In cooperation with its Members, Curl BC provides service to both competitive and recreational curlers, including a variety of special interest groups.