





## 2020 Canadian Women's Curling Friendship Tour

## **Dear Tour Applicant:**

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Canadian Women's Curling Friendship Tour to Scotland which will take place in November 2020. This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this International Tour.

In December 2018, Curling Canada accepted the Royal Caledonia Curling Club's invitation to participate in this Tour. Furthermore, in January 2019, I accepted Curling Canada's nomination to be the Tour Captain.

Since then I have researched various aspects of the Tour and have worked with the Tour's Scottish co-ordinators to lay the foundation of a magnificent tour as best we could at this early date. Here is an outline of what has been determined so far:

**Tour:** Number of Participants: 24

Dates: Thursday, November 5th to Friday, November 27th, 2020.

<u>Travel Arrangements</u>: The tour will leave from and return to Toronto. Each Team member will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs to Toronto.

<u>Travel Insurance</u>: Team members will be responsible for their own travel insurance.

**Tour Cost**: Given that it is more than a year away it is challenging to provide a precise cost of the Tour. However, at this stage, it is estimated at \$6,000.

Included in this projected cost are:

- Air fare (Canada to Scotland and return);
- Land costs while in Scotland (Coach travel);
- Accommodations (a combination of home hosting and hotel with hotel stays - this decision will be made by the Team Members);
- Team Clothing (on-ice uniforms and off-ice clothing);
- Social events (sightseeing and banquets);
- Curling equipment;
- Tour pins (2) and Bannerettes; and
- Special gifts.

**Tour Itinerary:** 20-22 games will be played in various Scottish curling clubs and centres. A proposed itinerary has been presented to the Scottish Organizing Committee. The schedule will provide for "free time" for a little sightseeing and shopping along the tour.

**Tour Trophy:** The Muriel Fage Trophy will be presented to the winning team at the end of the Tour. Team Scotland are the defending champions!

Should you require any clarification or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Finally, I look forward to meeting and working with each member of the Canadian Team as we formulate plans for this exciting Curling Friendship Tour to Scotland.

Yours in Curling,

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