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Two Major Canadian Events Postponed

COVID-19 forces the postponing of the World Deaf Hockey and Curling Championships

Montreal, October, 13, 2020 — The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) jointly with promoters of the World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship (WDIHC) in Vancouver, BC and World Deaf Curling Championship (WDCC) in Banff, Alta. as well as the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf have decided to postpone the two events to a later date.

The current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic forces CDSA and its partners in reviewing the planned events calendar, and making changes to ensure everyone's safety.

"In the current circumstances, it is the best thing to do for all involved partners. I would like to warmly thank the Organizing Committees of the WDIHC and WDCC for their patience and understanding. The CDSA will plan a new training calendar, including the Canadian Curling Championship and training camps for our ice hockey and curling national teams," said Alain Turpin, CDSA Executive Director.

The WDCC and WDIHC were to be respectively held in March and April 2021. The WDIHC will now be held in the spring 2025 in Vancouver while the WDCC is set to happen in March 2022 in Banff.

About CDSA: The CDSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-performance Deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Through direct financial support, the CDSA helps athletes participate in international sport events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

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