



Board Consultation

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Definitions

1. The Board shall use the following definition of consultation with Member Clubs:
 - a. Consultation is planned, purposeful and equitable and contributes to enhanced decision-making.
 - b. Consultation is a two-way process, in which all parties listen and contribute views, information and ideas, communicate back about what happened and, where appropriate, follow-up after initial participation.
 - c. Consultation leads to action. The opportunity for genuine and respectful listening is in concert with a commitment to making governance policies based on the views heard. This does not mean that every suggestion made in a consultation or that the majority viewpoint is always implemented but that input will always be taken into account
 - d. Consultation is part of an ongoing relationship between the Board and the Member Clubs in which mutual trust and understanding is built up over time, through a continuing process of discussion, decisions, and follow-through
 - e. Formal consultation is planned in advance, includes clearly defined timelines and expected outcomes.
 - f. Informal consultation is a process in which informed response is sought from groups or individuals without a defined structure or timeline.

Policy Statement

1. The Board shall commit to consultation with Member Clubs in the development of governance policies as an integral part of their work. The first priority is to seek constituency input. It requires that the Board consider the diversity of values and ideas that are held by the Member Clubs, competitors, sponsors and stakeholders and arrive at a consensus that it believes reflects those values and ideas in the development of governance policy that is the best choice for NSCA as a whole. The Board shall initiate consultation with Member Clubs:
 - a. To ensure club needs and perspectives are understood as the Board develops its vision for NSCA.
 - b. To seek input on governance policies under development.



- c. To help define issues and questions or to understand their impact on the sport of curling in Nova Scotia.
 - d. To develop strategies on questions or issues of mutual concern to NSCA and the Member Clubs.
 - e. To explore emerging issues.
 - f. To ensure by-law amendments are considered in a timely manner.
 - i. Under 'normal' circumstances, by-law amendments will be referred, with required notice, to an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the members.
 - ii. Under 'urgent' circumstances, by-law amendments may be made by the Board of Directors as permitted by the by-laws.
 - iii. An amendment would be deemed 'urgent', if the normal notice period for discussion at a Special Meeting or at the Annual Meeting is too long and that a negative impact upon NSCA and/or Member Clubs is a likely consequence of not making the amendment.
 - g. To evaluate the effectiveness of governance policies.
 - h. Prior to fundamentally changing the round robin format or equitable opportunity to access NSCA-operated Championships.
 - i. Prior to introducing any new NSCA-operated Championship or the removal of any of the existing NSCA championships. The Board shall be accountable to, and act on behalf of, the Member Clubs as a whole rather than as an advocate for specific geographic areas or particular stakeholder groups.
2. The Board shall acknowledge diversity among the Member Clubs and shall use a variety of methods to meet with, gather data about, gather input from, and otherwise interact with Member Clubs in a way that reflects this diversity.