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**Letter from New Abbey Curling Club & Updated Voting Info❗**

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I am very disappointed that Scottish Curling did not give me the opportunity to send out a letter at the same time as those sent by the Chairman and the Board. It would have been only fair that members got to see both sides of the argument at the same time so that they could make an informed voting decision, and feel that the delay in me being able to release this additional statement could lead to a skewed vote.  **Scottish Curling have changed the online voting system and your vote can now be amended – this option was not available when voting initially opened on Friday 5 June.**  I do not feel the need to add anything else to my original supporting statement as I have covered all the key points in support of my motion. The motion and supporting statement [can be viewed here](https://scottishcurling.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=63dcb0605bc07065a5f174a81&id=1dc4132af1&e=b18fbb96e8).  I do however wish to supply further information around some of the points covered in the Chairman and Board’s letters:  ***“The World Championships in 2021 will be the only opportunity to gain qualifying points for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games.”***  ***“Scotland needs to perform well at the World Championships for GB to qualify for the Olympics and Paralympics”***  There is an Olympic Qualifying Event for each discipline which Scotland is eligible to enter if enough qualifying points are not gained at the respective 2021 World Championships. Based on the World Curling Federation’s published policy on Olympic qualification for this cycle (which is pending International Olympic Committee approval) there will be three or four places available at the 2022 Beijing Olympics from the Qualifying event for Men’s and Women’s (dependent on host nation qualification) and two for Mixed Doubles. At that stage the top nations from the World Championships will already have qualified. At present, there is no published policy from either Scottish Curling or British Curling on how an Olympic Qualifying Event team would be determined.  ***“As a sport we benefit from £1.7m annual investment from UK Sport and other partners.”***  The investment from UK Sport supports the British Curling World Class Programme. Scottish Curling receives separate funding from **sport**scotland and other partners which supports a number of areas including grassroots, development and the Academy programme. It should be noted that it is only the UK Sport funding that may be threatened should targets not be met at the 2022 Olympics.  ***“The honour of being National Champion is something that this decision does not change”***  Yes, the honour of winning the Scottish Championship itself does not change, but what has changed is that the biggest prize in Scottish Curling is no longer reasonably achievable for all competitors; winning our National Championships will no longer guarantee you the right to represent your country on the world stage.  I submitted this motion because I felt that members were not sufficiently consulted on this significant decision. I would like to encourage all members to vote, be it for or against the motion, in order that the result is a true reflection of the RCCC membership’s views.  Many Thanks  Fraser Kingan  New Abbey Curling Club | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Voting can be done via the membership database**[here](https://scottishcurling.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=63dcb0605bc07065a5f174a81&id=09c9e72f63&e=b18fbb96e8)**and closes at 2pm on Thursday 25 June.  A number of people contacted us regarding their difficulty in accessing all of the questions so we have now enabled all members to securely re-visit their account and complete any questions that they had missed or amend their votes. This function will close when the database voting closes at 2pm on Thursday 25 June 2020.  If you re-cast your vote it will replace your previous vote.  If you experience any difficulty in voting, please call the office during normal business hours (but sufficiently in advance of the deadline at 2pm on Thursday 25 June 2020 for (a) the submission of proxy forms; or (b) online voting) so one of our staff can assist you.** | | | |  | |

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