



Scotties Live-Streaming Plans Announced

CurlManitoba has announced plans to expand remote access to championship curling entertainment next week from the Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts presented by Bayer.

As in the past, nation-wide television coverage will be provided by Sportsnet for the semi-final at 10AM and the final at 4PM on Sunday, December 19.

In addition, plans are in place for livestreaming of at least a dozen games from the Carberry Plains Community Centre. The livestreaming, sponsored by Sunrise Credit Union and Rocky Mountain Equipment, will include a featured game on all but one of the round-robin draws plus all of the championship round draws daily Wednesday, December 15 through Saturday, December 18.

Only the 8PM draw on Wednesday evening will not be in the live-streaming program. If the scheduled Saturday evening tiebreaker game is required, it will also be livestreamed.

“Make no mistake, we very much want lots of people in the arena,” says CurlManitoba Executive Director Craig Baker. “Large crowds are an important part of the experience for teams going on from Manitoba championships. We think the experience of playing in front of the large, enthusiastic crowds who come to our arena championships may be worth a win or even two to a new Manitoba team going the national Scotties.”

However, Baker goes on to acknowledge that friends, fans, and family cannot always be in the arena to support their team.

“We know that the distances involved in Manitoba travel are a factor and one of the services which CurlManitoba can provide our member clubs and their members is to make it possible to follow favourite teams remotely by way of the livestreaming option,” Baker says.

All 12 teams in the competition will be featured in a livestreamed game at least once during the week. Many will be featured twice and a few more often based on the number of times they play on the sheet of ice set up with the required cameras.

The games will be available beginning at 8:30AM, Wednesday, December 15 at the CurlManitoba You Tube channel or at curlmanitoba.org.

Later this season, curling fans can also look forward to watching livestream games from the Viterra Men’s Championship in Selkirk and the Telus Juniors in Brandon.

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