



# Calgary Wheelchair Curling League



## *Press Release*

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### Calgary to host Wheelchair Championships again!

The Calgary Wheelchair Curling League will again be the host for the 2006-2007 Alberta Wheelchair Curling Championships. The Opening Ceremonies for the Championships will start at 4:00 pm on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the new Garrison Curling Club which recently completed their upstairs facilities.

The first draw begins at 4:30 pm on Friday afternoon with other draws on Saturday at 11:15 and 3:15pm. The semi-final is slated for 10:00 am on Sunday and the final match-up will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This will only be the 2<sup>nd</sup> competition held in Alberta as Wheelchair Curling is so new right across Canada. One oddity is that there is no sweeping in Wheelchair Curling and yet first-time spectators are amazed at the difficult shots that are called and made. What is especially inspiring in Alberta is that the number of overall participants has increased greatly especially in Calgary and Edmonton. This has resulted in the numbers of competitive teams increasing from two to four. You can be assured that Calgary teams will want to repeat as Provincial Champions.

The Calgary competitive group of 10 players meets once-a-week at the Acadia Recreation Centre for specialized training. To help prepare their team, they have played a number of able-bodied teams from various Calgary Leagues. The Calgary group has had great success against these teams. Overall, all players are really looking forward to the March weekend against their Northern Alberta Rivals.

There will be a round-robin competition between two teams from Calgary and two from Edmonton. Each team will play each other once and then there will be a playoff structure to determine the eventual winner.

At stake is the chance to represent the Province at the Canadian Championships to be held April 7 to 11<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. At that time, it is hoped that we will have the largest number of provinces ever competing.

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