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Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Returns to Yorkton in 2020

Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling is coming back to Yorkton for the *2020 Meridian Canadian Open*, Jan 14 to 19, 2020! The official announcement was made yesterday by Sportsnet as part of the 2019-20 season schedule.

“We are excited to have the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling series return to Yorkton after two successful events here in 2014 and 2015. Skipping a few seasons allowed our incredible volunteers to rest up a bit before taking on this new Grand Slam challenge,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. Some 150 volunteers took part in organizing and operating the event in 2015.

“Hosting the Meridian Canadian Open will shine the national spotlight on our community,” said the Mayor.

“We are thrilled to be returning to Yorkton for what promises to be another world-class Grand Slam event,” said Rob Corte, Vice President, Sportsnet and NHL Productions. “The warm welcome and enthusiasm we received from this passionate curling community in past years was truly exceptional, and we look forward to once again working with the dedicated host committee to bring the centre of the curling world to Yorkton for the 2020 Meridian Canadian Open.”

The top 16 men's and women's teams are invited based on the World Curling Tour's rankings. Yorkton will be the fourth of six communities participating in the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling schedule next season. The total purse for the entire Grand Slam is \$2.1 million. Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor for the event can contact the Organizing Committee at yorktongrandslam@gmail.com, or call 306-783-4127.

2019-20 Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Schedule

- **Canadian Beef Masters** – North Bay, ON (Oct. 22-27, 2019 at North Bay Memorial Gardens)
- **Tour Challenge** – Pictou County, NS (Nov. 5-10, 2019 at Pictou County Wellness Centre)
- **Boost National** – Conception Bay South, NL (Dec. 10-15, 2019 at Conception Bay South Arena)
- **Meridian Canadian Open** – Yorkton, SK (Jan. 14-19, 2020 at Gallagher Centre)
- **Players' Championship** – Toronto (April 7-12, 2020 at Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre)
- **Humpty's Champions Cup** – Location and Venue TBD (April 21-26, 2020)

Owned and operated by Sportsnet since 2012, the *Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling* is a premier series of men's and women's curling events which are part of the World Curling Tour and feature the best teams from across Canada and around the world. Ticket and pass information will be announced in the coming weeks. For more details please visit thegrandslamofcurling.com.

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