

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Re: SB 2229 Relating to designating curling as the official state sport

Hello,

I support designating curling as the official state sport. I know we in North Dakota like to recognize all sports as being important, and sometimes we need to stand out and be recognized for our differences. Curling is an amazing sport that encourages manners, kindness, teamwork, fun, friends, and family. This sport has given me a connection in my adopted state and has made me feel proud to be a member.

I am part of the Capital Curling Club and I organize our youth program, KidzCurl, the program that Alaina Schmidt learned to curl in. As a coach it is amazing to see these kids grow and blossom into amazing young people. We have past and present participants that are working towards and participating on the national level as well as having Olympic aspirations. As well as others continuing to play for fun at the college and adult levels. This sport allows us to participate no matter what our level of play is, whether it be young, old, or handicapped in some manner, it allows us to remain part of something that gives us hope and community.

Please vote yes to designate curling as the official sport of North Dakota and let the world know we continue to offer amazing opportunities.

Thank you,

Michelle McKim