



WCF Rule Changes 2015 (Effective 6 September 2015 for all WCF competitions)

Position of Players – R3 (f)

In competitions where alternates are allowed, only one alternate can be registered and used in that competition. If there is a violation, the offending team will forfeit the game.

Position of Players - R4 (b)(i)

The skip, or the vice-skip when it is the skip's turn to deliver or when the skip is not on the ice, is in charge of the house.

Scoring - R11 (i)

Change to "If a team is not available to start a game at the designated time, the following takes place:"

Mixed Curling - R14 (new)

The gender of the sweepers for LSD stones is determined by the team.

Mixed Doubles Curling - R15 (f)

Based on the ice conditions, when no event official is available to make the decision, the teams shall determine the specific placement of the Position A stone prior to the start of the pre-game practice and that same placement must be used for the entire game.

Mixed Doubles Curling - R15 (f) (ii)

The Position B stone is placed so it bisects the centre line and the back edge of the stone is in alignment with the back edge of the four foot.

Add new rule under R15 (f) (ii) – Power Play

Once per game, each team with last stone, has the option to place the stones in a "power play" position. The in-house stone (A) of the team with last stone in that end is placed with the back edge of the stone on the tee line, splitting the 8 foot and 12 foot rings. The guard is re-positioned from the centre-line to a direct line between the middle of the in-house stone and the middle of the hack. The in-house stone will be directly behind the guard. The guard position will be at the same distance from the rings as the normal position of the centre guard for that game. The team calling the power play can decide which side of the house they would like the stones to be placed. A power play cannot be called in extra ends.

Mixed Doubles Curling - R15 (i) new wording will be:

While the team is in the process of delivery, the non-delivering player must be positioned inside the hog line, with at least one foot on the ice surface at the playing end of the team's sheet, OR, in a position on the team's sheet to sweep the delivered stone. After delivery, either or both players may sweep their delivered stone and any stones set in motion that belong to their team anywhere in front of the tee line at the playing end. This applies during all of the team's delivered stones, including the LSDs.

Participating Teams - Team Meeting - C2 (h)

All players and their coach must attend the Team Meeting. Only the team players, one coach, a Team Leader, and a translator if necessary, are allowed to attend.

Participating Teams – Coach Bench - C2 (k)

Coaches or other team personnel sitting on the coach bench cannot watch or listen to broadcasts.

Game Timing - C6

A team whose clock has run due to a timing error (wrong clock running) will have double the error time added back to its clock.

Game Timing - C6 (a)

The time given for a team in wheelchair curling will be increased by 2 minutes to 38 minutes for an 8 end game. Time for an extra end remains the same.

Game Timing - C6 (d)

The game and each end starts when the allotted break time expires. The delivering team's game clock will not run during the start of the game/end unless that team is delaying the start (**no forward motion from the hack, or the stone not released from the delivery stick**), then its game clock will be started. If there is no delay, the first game clock to start in each end will be that of the team delivering the second stone.

Game Timing - C6 (g)

A team delivers stones only when its game clock is running or scheduled to be running. Any violation results in the stone being redelivered after any displaced stones have been returned, by the non-offending team, to their positions prior to the violation. ~~The offending team's game clock runs during the replacement of the stones and the redelivery.~~ The time clock of the offending team will start as soon as any displaced stones have been repositioned and will stop when the redelivered stone reaches the tee line (hog line for wheelchair curling) at the delivering end.

Team time-outs / Technical Time-outs - C7 (c) (iv)

Only one person, who is sitting in the designated coaching area, and a translator if required, of the team that called the team time-out is allowed to meet with the team. Where walkways are beside the sheet, that person must not stand on the playing ice surface. **This person, or persons if a translator is required, must use the designated route to the team.**

Stone Assignment / Last Stone Draw – C8 (b)

For games requiring Last Stone Draws (LSD), at the conclusion of each team's pre-game practice, two stones will be delivered to the tee at the home end, by different players - ~~one stone with a clockwise and the other with a counter-clockwise rotation~~ **the first stone with a clockwise and the second with a counter-clockwise rotation**. Sweeping is allowed (except in wheelchair curling).

If the LSD totals for both teams are the same, ~~then a coin toss will decide which team has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end,~~ **the individual LSD stones are compared and the best-unequal LSD has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end.** When both teams have the exact same individual LSD stone distances, a coin toss will be used to determine that choice.

LSD stones that cover the tee must be measured and an appropriate LSD value assigned to them.

- (a) LSD distances will be displayed as the distance from the tee to the center of the stone.
- (b) The official radius to be used in WCF championships is 14.2 cm
- (c) To any result measured, the radius of 14.2 cm has to be added. This means that the new distance for stones not in the house is $185.4 \text{ cm} + 14.2 \text{ cm} = 199.6 \text{ cm}$
- (d) Stones covering the tee will be measured from two locations at the edge of the 4ft circle
- (e) These two locations are at a 90° angle and 0.610 m (2 feet) from the centre hole.

Tie-Breaker for Qualifiers, Relegation or combination of the two

Teams that win or lose tie-breaker games are ranked after the tie-breakers according to their direct results during the round robin (i.e. – C9(b)). - Tie-breaker charts will need to be revised.

Team Uniforms (Cresting policy)

No previous event crests are allowed.

Approval of sponsor crests has to be sought or renewed for each event.

Championships

Mixed Doubles Olympic Qualification

The final qualification system agreed with the International Olympic Committee will be added into the rule book.

Paralympic Games

The number of teams at the Paralympic Games is increased from 10 to 12.

EJCC and PAJCC

Remove all references to the EJCC and PAJCC.

~~WWhCQ~~ WWhBCC

The World Wheelchair Curling Qualification Event has been renamed the World Wheelchair-B Curling Championship.

PACC

The playoff system has been changed to the Olympic System (1 v 4 and 2 v 3 semi-final system).

ECC A-Division and ECC B-Division Women

The playoff system has been changed to the Olympic System (1 v 4 and 2 v 3 semi-final system).

ECC B-Division Men

The playoff system for the ECC B-Division men has been changed.

There are two groups of 8 teams; after the round robin the teams ranked 1st advance directly to the semi-finals; 2A v B3 and 3A v B2 to find the last two teams for the semi-finals.

For the semi-finals:

If 2 teams from each group then 1A plays the B qualifier and 1B plays the A qualifier.

If 3 teams from one group (1 team from the other group) then the 1st ranked team of that group plays the 3rd ranked team from the same group, and the 1st ranked team of the other group plays the 2nd ranked team from the group that qualified 3 teams.

The relegation for the ECC B-Division men is determined in the following manner:

MA7 v MB7 - winner is not relegated

MA8 v MB8 - loser is relegated

Loser (MA7 v MB7) v winner of (MA8 v MB8) - winner is not relegated, loser is relegated

There is no tie-breaker game(s) before those relegation games and the ranking is solely done by the results of the round robin.

OQE Olympic Qualification Event

The third place team from the PACC events held during the Olympic cycle will be allocated a place in the Olympic Qualification event if they have not qualified previously.