



Australian Curling Federation: Eligibility and Selection

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Preface:

Curling in Australia is a Nationally recognised sport. Australia should be represented at as many International Curling Events as possible. The Australian Curling Federation in consort with the State Curling Associations have outlined an importance for eligibility and selection criteria. These rules are not exhaustive but will be binding until such time as they are amended utilising the amending principles outlined later in this document. In the event that unforeseen or extenuating circumstances arise, the ACF Executive holds the power to vote and make a ruling on the given circumstance.

World Curling Federation:

The World Curling Federation is the International governing body for the Sport of Curling which is comprised of over 60-member nations including Australia. Therefore, the rules, codes of conduct and guidelines of the World Curling Federation are paramount. The Australian Curling Federation is the governing body for each category of curling in Australia at the National level.

Categories of Curling:

The Australian Curling Federation endeavours to support Australian representation at World Curling Federation, World Curling Tour and Invitational events in all disciplines of curling including but not limited to:

1. Junior Men and Junior Women
2. Men and Women
3. Mixed Doubles
4. Mixed Fours
5. Senior Men and Senior Women
6. Wheelchair

National Championships: National Competitions Committee

A National Championship for each of the categories of curling is to be held every year on dedicated curling ice or professionally prepared curling ice and rocks. The winner of each Championship will be designated the Australian National Team for the category they represent.

The Venue, Dates and Structure of Play for the National Championship will be decided by the National Competitions Committee in consort with the Australian Curling Federation executive.

All members of the teams registered in the National Championship must be paid members in good standing of a State Association affiliated with the Australian Curling Federation. Currently there are State Associations in Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia.

All members of teams registered in both National and International Championships must comply with the ACF's eligibility criteria and the World Curling Federation's Eligibility, Code of Conduct and Anti-Doping conditions.

National Championship Nominations:

State Associations and their members will be invited to participate in the National Championship subject to the eligibility and selection criteria. Additionally, members must comply with the team nomination forms, timelines and fees set by the Australian Curling Federation and National Competitions Committee.

Where there is only one team nominated for a National category, that team will have first preference and will be invited by the Australian Curling Federation executive to compete at the corresponding events.

Where there is no team nominated for a National category or a team has not been selected/designated to represent Australia at an International event, the Australian Curling Federation executive in consort with the State Associations will send out a communication inviting participants to represent Australia at the subsequent International event.

Citizenship and Residency:

For all categories of curling each competitor must at least be an Australian Citizen or a Resident of Australia who holds a visa category (other than a tourist or working holiday visa) that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia two years prior to the World Curling Federation event for the corresponding season.

Men's and Women's Curling Events:

Stemming nationals, there are a number of tournaments that this discipline can be involved in: World Curling Federation events, World Curling Tour events and Invitational events.

Pacific-Asia Curling, World Qualification Events, World Championships and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Olympic Qualification Event and Winter Olympic Games:

In the event that Australia reaches an Olympic Qualification Event or the Winter Olympic Games, the team who has earned the most Olympic qualification points (or qualified via the Olympic Qualification Event to the Winter Olympic Games) will be given first preference to compete at this event where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event, the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

If there is a scenario whereby two or more teams are tied for Olympic qualification points and Australia qualifies for either of these events the team who has accrued the most recent points will be given first preference to compete at these events.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their qualified team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same aforementioned conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

Senior Men and Senior Women:

World Curling Federation Age Specification

All Senior Australian Curling teams must comply with the World Curling Federation age specifications in that the competitor must not be less than 50 years of age by the end of the 30th day of June of the year immediately preceding the year in which the World Championship is to take place.

World Qualification Events, World Championships and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Junior Men and Junior Women:

World Curling Federation Age Specification

All Junior Australian Curling teams must comply with the World Curling Federation age specifications in that the competitor must be less than 21 years of age by the end of the 30th day of June of the year immediately preceding the year in which the World Championship is to take place.

World Qualification Events, World Championships, and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Youth Olympic Games

Competitors must comply with the International Olympic Committee's age specifications in that the competitor must be 15, 16, 17 or 18 years old on 31 December in the year of the Games.

The Australian Curling Federation executive will select competitors from a list of eligible athletes who meet the specified criteria for nomination to this event.

Winter Universiade

Competitors must comply with the International University Sports Federation's (FISU) age specifications in that the competitor must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event. Only the following may participate as competitors in the Winter Universiade: a) students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate National academic authority of their country; or b) former students of the institutions mentioned in 'a)', who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.

The Australian Curling Federation executive will select competitors from a list of eligible athletes who meet the specified criteria for nomination to this event.

Mixed Doubles

World Qualification Events, World Championships and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where at least one team member from the winning team can compete.

If one of the team members is not able to compete at this event, a team member can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If both curlers are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Olympic Qualification Event and Winter Olympic Games:

In the event that Australia reaches an Olympic Qualification Event or Winter Olympic Games, the team who has earned the most Olympic qualification points or qualified via the Olympic Qualification Event to the Winter Olympic Games will be given first preference to compete at this event.

If one team member cannot make the event, the remaining curler on that team will still be able to field a team comprising from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If no team members from the team are able to attend the event, the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

If there is a scenario whereby two or more teams are tied for qualification points and Australia qualifies for either of these events the team who has accrued the most recent points will be given first preference to compete at these events.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their qualified team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same aforementioned conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

Mixed Fours:

World Curling Federation Player Specification

All Australian Mixed Fours curling teams should be comprised of 2 male competitors and 2 female competitors. The playing roster must alternate between a male and female or vice versa. Where a team has an injury or an unforeseen circumstance where one of the male or female competitors is not able to compete in a game or tournament, the team can be comprised of 3 players so long as the roster still alternates between male and female competitors.

World Qualification Events, World Championships and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team.

If two team members are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Wheelchair:

World Qualification Events, World Championships and Invitational Championships:

The team successful at the National Championship has first preference for these events where they have at least a minimum of two curlers from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event then the second-place team (followed by sequence of team ranking) of the National Championship will have the option to compete for Australia with the same conditions applying equally to that team.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their National team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the second ranked team (followed by sequence of team ranking) will have the option to become the National team.

Paralympic Qualification Event and Winter Paralympic Games:

In the event that Australia reaches a Paralympic Qualification Event or the Winter Paralympic Games, the team who has earned the most Paralympic qualification points (or qualified via the Paralympic Qualification Event to the Winter Paralympic Games) will be given first preference to compete at this event where they have at least a minimum of two team members from the winning team (not including the alternate player).

For the team members that are not able to compete at this event, team members can be selected from the pool of paid State members to compensate for the deficiency.

If three curlers [not including the alternate curler] are not able to compete at the event, the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Paralympic Games.

If there is a scenario whereby two or more teams are tied for Paralympic qualification points and Australia qualifies for either of these events the team who has accrued the most recent points will be given first preference to compete at these events.

In the occasion the National team splits before one of these events and both parties desire to attend the event a player majority from their qualified team will be required to be deemed as the National team. If there is no clear majority the successive teams who earned the most qualification points will be given the option to attend the event under the same aforementioned conditions. If no other team gained qualification points, the preference will go in order of ranking from the National Championships prior to the Winter Paralympic Games.

Australian Curling Federation Eligibility Document Amending Formula:

Notice

Notice for a proposed amendment is to be in writing and tabled at a sitting of an Australian Curling Federation executive meeting. The notice should clearly outline which section the proposal applies to and how the proposal would change the current formula.

Particulars of the proposer, amendment should be included in the minutes of the Australian Curling Federation executive meeting.

Deliberation, Consultation and Vote

Once the notice is tabled, the proposed amendment should become part of the agenda of the next Australian Curling Federation executive meeting where the discussion and vote on the amendment will take place. If at that executive meeting a majority of the members vote in favour of the proposed amendment, the eligibility document will be updated to reflect that change. If however, the majority of the executive vote against the proposed amendment, the eligibility document will remain as is.

World Curling Federation's Spirit of Curling:

'Curling is a game of skill and of tradition. A shot well executed is a delight to see and it is also a fine thing to observe the time-honoured traditions of curling being applied in true spirit of the game. Curlers plan to win, but never to humble their opponents. A true curler never attempts to distract opponents, nor to prevent them from playing their best, and would prefer to lose rather than to win unfairly.

Curlers never knowingly break a rule of the game, nor disrespect any of its traditions. Should they become aware that this has been done inadvertently, they will be the first to divulge the breach.

While the main object of the game of curling is to determine the relative skill of the players, the spirit of curling demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honourable conduct.

This spirit should influence both the interpretation and the application of the rules of the game and also the conduct of all participants on and off the ice.'