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First Australian Wheelchair Curling Classifier – Claire Tucak

The Australian Curling Federation is delighted to announce that, with the support of Paralympics Australia, wheelchair curlers will now have a classifier in Australia. Perth-based physiotherapist Claire Tucak is in Richmond, British Columbia, where she has completed the World Curling Federation (WCF) 2023 Wheelchair Classifier course.

Earlier this week Claire attended the practical workshop with WCF senior classifiers which includes a theoretical component. The three-day training was held before the start of the 2023 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championships in Richmond. Claire is now a Level 1 International Wheelchair Curling Classifier. The qualification adds to Claire's portfolio as an international classifier in athletics and wheelchair rugby.

Paralympics Australia provided excellent support to make this important milestone a reality, including accepting the Australian Curling Federation as a PA Member Organisation, facilitating Claire's attendance to the World Curling classifier course and providing expert guidance along the way.

This is a crucial step forward in developing a wheelchair curling program in Australia and creating opportunities for Australian wheelchair curlers to be classified for World Championship events. We gratefully acknowledge Claire's interest in obtaining the Curling classifier education and Paralympics Australia's support.



Photo Credit Claire Tucak/Richmond, B.C. at March 2023 Wheelchair Curling Classifier Course



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L-R: Sari Shatil, (Canada-trainee), Emilie Newell (Trainer from Canada), Julene Larranaga (Spain-trainee) Then me, Caitlin Cassidy (Canada-trainee) and Young-Hee Lee (Trainer from Korea, Chief Classifier for the event and WCF Head Classifier)