



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

WORLD CURLING FEDERATION

Curling

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Men	Women	Mixed Doubles

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	45 (9 teams)	5 (1 team)	50 (10 teams)
Women	45 (9 teams)	5 (1 team)	50 (10 teams)
Mixed Doubles	7 Men + 7 Women (7 teams)	1 Man + 1 Woman (1 team)	8 Men + 8 Women (8 teams)
Total	104 (25 teams)	12 (3 teams)	116 (28 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	5 (1 team)
Women	5 (1 team)
Mixed Doubles	1 Man + 1 Woman (1 team)
Total	12 (3 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

Each quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN / MIXED DOUBLES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event												
<p><u>D.1:</u> Men: 8 teams</p> <p>Women: 8 teams</p> <p>Mixed Doubles: 8 teams</p>	<p>D.1 <u>Qualification event(s):</u> Two (2) World Curling Championships (WCC) leading up to the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.</p> <p><u>Qualification Process:</u> Olympic Qualification Points accumulated from the two (2) World Curling Championships (WCC) leading up to the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 will form the Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists. There will be an Olympic Qualification Ranking List for each event; Olympic Qualification Ranking List for Men's Team Competition, Olympic Qualification Ranking List for Women's Team Competition and Olympic Qualification Ranking List for Mixed Doubles Competition.</p> <p>After the 2017 WCC, the top seven (7) NFs/National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists (Women's Team Competition, Men's Team Competition and Mixed Doubles) will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Curling Competitions. In the situation where the Republic of Korea holds a position amongst the top seven (7) in the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists, the NF/NOC ranked 8th will automatically be eligible.</p> <p>The Republic of Korea will be allocated Olympic Qualification Points according to their ranking in the two qualifying WCCs in the respective event. In the situation where the Republic of Korea does not rank in the top seven (7) in the Olympic Qualification Ranking List of the respective event, it will be ranked 8th and qualify automatically for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Curling Competition in that event.</p> <p>The participating National Federations (NFs) in the following WCCs will all be allocated Olympic Qualification Points for their participation based on their performance at the WCCs shown below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <th></th> <th>2016</th> <th>2017</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Men</td> <td>Basel, Switzerland</td> <td>Regina, Canada (tbc)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women</td> <td>Swift Current, Canada</td> <td>Beijing, China (tbc)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Doubles</td> <td>Karlstad, Sweden</td> <td>Lethbridge, Canada (tbc)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2016	2017	Men	Basel, Switzerland	Regina, Canada (tbc)	Women	Swift Current, Canada	Beijing, China (tbc)	Mixed Doubles	Karlstad, Sweden	Lethbridge, Canada (tbc)
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Olympic Qualification Points Table

Olympic Qualification Points will be awarded at the 2016 and 2017 WCCs as follows:

No.1 (World Champion)	14 points	No.7	6 points
No.2	12 points	No.8	5 points
No.3	10 points	No.9	4 points
No.4	9 points	No.10	3 points
No.5	8 points	No.11	2 points
No.6	7 points	No.12	1 point

Ranking, tied positions and distribution of Olympic Qualification Points

[Rule C9 as stated in the Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition](#) - Team Ranking Procedure will be used to rank teams at the WCCs and the appropriate qualification points will then be awarded to each team.

Elimination in the event of a tied position

If after the 2017 WCC, there are more than seven (7) NFs/NOCs (in addition to the Republic of Korea) eligible for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Curling Competition because of the equal number of accumulated points, the elimination will be conducted on the basis of the following criteria.

1. In the event that two (2) or more NFs are tied so that an elimination of one (1) or more of these teams is necessary, the NF with the latest WCC appearance will be the preferred NF. For example, if two NFs are tied for the 7th place after the 2017 WCC, and one of the NFs participated in the 2017 WCC and the other NF did not, then the NF which played in the 2017 WCC will be preferred and the other NF will be eliminated.
2. In the event of a tied situation and Criteria No.1 is insufficient to eliminate the necessary number of NFs, the ranking between the teams in the 2017 WCC will be the deciding factor, or 2016 if that was the latest appearance of the NFs that are tied.
3. Should there be a situation where in fact neither Criteria No.1 nor Criteria No.2 can eliminate the necessary number of teams, the elimination will be done by a play off between the tied teams at a time and venue to be decided by the WCF. If the tied teams are involved in the 2017 WCC, the play off will take place there.



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<p><u>D.2:</u> Men: 2 teams</p> <p>Women: 2 teams</p>	<p>D.2 <u>Qualification Event Type:</u> Olympic Qualification Event (OQE)</p> <p><u>Qualification Process:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NFs/NOCs that appear on the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking List or participated at the 2014 or 2015 WCCs, or placed 3rd in the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships (PACC) during the Olympic cycle, but who do not qualify as host or as one of the top seven (7) NFs/NOCs in the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking List may participate (at their own expense) in an 'Olympic Qualification Event' (OQE) run by the WCF from 5-10 December 2017. 2. The top two (2) teams from the OQE will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018. 3. The deadline date for entry into the OQE is 30 June 2017. 4. The format of the OQE will depend on number of entries and will be designed by the WCF accordingly. 5. There is no OQE for Mixed Doubles. The host (Republic of Korea) and the top seven (7) NFs/NOCs that earned qualification points from the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2016 and 2017 directly qualify.
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National Federation Representing Great Britain

The three National Federations from Great Britain – England, Scotland and Wales - are all eligible to participate in World Curling Championships. However, by an agreement between the Curling Federations of Scotland, England and Wales, only Scotland will be allocated Olympic qualifying points for Great Britain in 2016 and 2017. If required, only Scotland, representing Great Britain, will be allowed to enter the OQE.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

The Host Country is allocated a place in each of the three (3) curling events. There are no performance requirements that need to be met by the Host Country for this allocation to be granted for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, WCF will publish the results on its website www.worldcurling.org.

At the end of the 2017 World Curling Championships or latest by 1 May 2017, WCF will publish the final Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists on its website. WCF will inform the qualified National Federations and their National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of its quota place.

The NOCs will then have until 15 June 2017 to inform WCF if they intend to use its quota place for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Curling Competition.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If any Men or Women team allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or if the quota place(s) is/are declined by the NOC, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from the Olympic Qualification Event (OQE). This process will be repeated until all quota places are filled.



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If any Mixed Doubles allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or if the quota place(s) is/are declined by the NOC, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the Olympic Qualification Ranking List for Mixed Doubles. This process will be repeated until all quota places are filled.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country declines its Host Country place in the Men and Women's Team competition, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranking NF/NOC from the Olympic Qualification Event. This process will be repeated until the quota place is filled.

If the Host Country declines its Host Country place in the Mixed Doubles, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranking NF/NOC in the Olympic Qualification Ranking List for Mixed Doubles. This process will be repeated until the quota place is filled.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	19 – 27 March 2016	Women's World Curling Championships, Swift Current, CAN
	2 – 10 April 2016	Men's World Curling Championships, Basel, SUI
	16 – 23 April 2016	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, Karlstad, SWE
	18 – 26 March 2017	Women's World Curling Championships, Beijing, CHN (tbc*)
	1 – 9 April 2017	Men's World Curling Championships, Regina, CAN (tbc*)
	22 – 29 April 2017	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, Lethbridge, CAN (tbc*)
	30 June 2017	Deadline for NF to register for the Olympic Qualification Event (OQE)
	5 – 10 December 2017	Olympic Qualification Event (OQE) for Men's and Women's Competition (place to be determined)
Inform and confirm	1 May 2017	Publication of Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists
	15 May 2017	WCF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	15 June 2017	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WCF
Reallocation	19 June – 21 July 2017	WCF to reallocate and inform NOCs/NFs of all unused quota place
	4 August 2017	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to WCF



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Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	28 January 2018, 21:00 GMT (29 January 2018, 06:00 Korean time GMT+9)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

*To be confirmed