



Australian Curling Federation: National Eligibility and Selection

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NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

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The spirit of curling is growing in Australia. Having said that there must be a set of **binding rules** in place to make sure that the legitimacy of Australia in our National and International curling endeavours remains high. If approved and voted on by the Australian Curling Federation (ACF), these rules will become binding until a future ACF Executive amends or quashes these current rules in accordance with the amending or quashing provisions below.

1.0 **Amending** the ACF Eligibility and National Selection Document:

- 1.1 Notice to amend the document must be given at one of the ACF monthly meetings and the date and name of the proposer to be included in the minutes of that meeting.
 - 1.1.1 Notice does not affect the status of Australian Curling as the rules contained in this document will remain until a proposed amendment subsequently passes and changes the current document's content.
- 1.2 Written amendment(s) must be tabled to the ACF executive prior to the next monthly meeting via email for the executive to look over and think about.
- 1.3 The written amendments must be then debated and deliberated on at the first available ACF meeting since the notice was given as in Para 1.1.
- 1.4 A formal ACF vote must take place during the same meeting the debate takes place which would render the following two possible results:
 - 1.4.1 Amendment passes – document will be updated to reflect change.
 - 1.4.2 Amendment fails – document will remain as is.
- 1.5 The timeframe from initiating an amendment to voting on the amendment **must not exceed 35 days**. This allows for changes and alterations after the debate and deliberation.

2.0 **Quashing** the ACF Eligibility and National Selection Document:

- 2.1 In recognizing that the ACF Executive of the day might want to quash this document and start from scratch the following procedures will be adhered to.
- 2.2 Notice of the intention to quash the document must be given at one of the ACF monthly meetings with the date and name of the proposer to be included in the minutes of that meeting.
 - 2.2.1 Notice does not affect the status of Australian Curling as the rules contained in this document will remain until a proposed new document subsequently passes and replaces the current document.
- 2.3 The proposed new document must be tabled to the ACF Executive via email 35 days after notice was given for the executive to look over as indicated in Para 2.2.
- 2.4 The proposed new document must be debated and deliberated on at the next available monthly meeting.
- 2.5 The proposed new document must then be voted on during the same meeting the debate and deliberation takes place as indicated in Para 2.4 with the following two possible results:
 - 2.5.1 Proposed New Document passes – current document replaced with the new document.
 - 2.5.2 Proposed New Document fails – current document remains as is.
- 2.6 The timeframe from initiating the Proposed New Document via notice to voting on the Proposed New Document **must not exceed 65 days**. This allows for changes and alterations after the debate and deliberation.

The relevant categories of curling to be bound by this document include but are not limited to:

- 1) Junior Men and Junior Women**
- 2) Men and Women**
- 3) Senior Men and Senior Women**
- 4) Mixed Doubles**
- 5) Wheelchair**

BROADLY DEFINING THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CURLING TEAMS

A National competition is to be held every year on ice specifically tailored for International standard type curling, the winner of which will be designated the Australian National Team.

The venue and dates for such event will be decided on by the National Tournament Committee of the given year.

All members of teams entered into the National competition must be active members in good standing of a State Association affiliated with the Australian Curling Federation. All members of teams must also comply with the eligibility criteria, code of conduct and anti-doping policy set down by the World Curling Federation and Australian Curling Federation keeping in mind that for National competitions, it is within the purview of the Australian Curling Federation's mandate to have their own eligibility requirements.

Junior Men and Junior Women:

AGE Specifications:

To be eligible to play in the Junior World Curling Championships and qualifying events, a junior player must be less than 21 years of age by the 30th day of June of the year immediately preceding the year in which the championship is to take place.

******This is subject to WCF rule changes and should be monitored by the Australian Curling Federation as well as the State Associations.***

A. NATIONALS ELIGIBILITY:

A.1 Should there be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament each competitor must at least be:

A.1.1 Citizen of Australia or

A.1.2 Resident of Australia for two years prior to the WCF event. Residency according to the ACF requires a visa that is not either a tourist or a working holiday visa but a category that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia for the two years prior to the WCF World's event.

A.1.3 Citizens of New Zealand are able to compete in Australia should they reside in Australia and have not competed for New Zealand at an International event two years prior playing for Australia.

A.1.4 The winners of this National Tournament will be deemed Team Australia.

A.2 Should there not be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament, an email will be sent out to the State Associations by the ACF scouting for a National Junior Men and/or Women's team with the parameters of A.1.1 – A.1.3 being applied.

B. PACIFIC or OTHER WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT

****Eligibility requirements must coincide with the WCF rules for this event.*

- B.1** Where A.1 above applies, there must be at least a minimum of 2 curlers from the A.1.4 winning team to enable that team to compete at Pacific's or Other World Qualification Event. This does not include the alternate.
- B.2** Should 2 curlers not be able to compete at this B event, the 2 players that are from the A.1.4 winning team can select two curlers from the pool of competitors that were competing at Nationals.
- B.3** Should B.2 not be followed whereby 3 or more members of the A.1.4 winning team are not able to compete at the B event, then the second place team of the National Tournament will have the option to play at this B event in accordance with these rules.
- B.4** The second place team must also follow B.2 and B.3 in sequence with the remaining teams at Nationals.

C. WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

- C.1** Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.
- C.2** Ideally the Pacific Team has qualified for worlds and can compete.
- C.3** If however, the Pacific team makes Worlds but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Championship:
 - C.3.1** Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.
 - C.3.2** For example: 1st place team makes it through to Worlds but does not have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must

be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.

C.3.3 If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Worlds but they do not have enough curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.

D. YOUTH OLYMPICS OR OTHER WINTER GAMES:

D.1 Should Australia gain a birth into the Youth Olympics or Winter Games event, the team who gained the birth should be representing Australia at this event.

D.2 If however, 2 members of this team cannot make the event, the remaining players on the team must be comprised of members competing at the Nationals the year prior to the Youth Olympic or Winter Games.

Men and Women:

E. NATIONALS ELIGIBILITY:

E.1 – Should there be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament each competitor must at least be:

E.1.1 Citizen of Australia or

E.1.2 Resident of Australia for two years prior to the WCF event. Residency according to the ACF requires a visa that is not either a tourist or a working holiday visa but a category that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia for the two years prior to the WCF World's event.

E.1.3 Citizens of New Zealand are able to compete in Australia should they reside in Australia and have not competed for New Zealand at an International event two years prior playing for Australia.

E.1.4 The winners of this National Tournament will be deemed Team Australia.

E.2 – Should there not be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament, an email will be sent out by the ACF scouting for a National Men and/or Women's team with the parameters of E.1.1 – E.1.3 being applied.

F. PACIFIC or OTHER WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT

****Eligibility requirements must coincide with the WCF rules for this event.*

F.1 Where E.1 above applies, there must be at least a minimum of 2 curlers from the E.1.4 winning team [not including the alternate] to enable that team to compete at Pacific's or Other World Qualification Event.

F.2 Should 2 curlers not be able to compete at this F event, the 2 players that are from the E.1.4 winning team can select two curlers from the pool of competitors that were competing at Nationals. This does not include an alternate.

F.3 Should B.2 not be followed whereby 3 or more members of the E.1.4 winning team are not able to compete at the E event, then the second place team of the National

Tournament will have the option to play at this F event in accordance with these rules.

- F.4** The second place team must also follow F.2 and F.3 in sequence with the remaining teams at Nationals.

G. WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

- G.1** Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.
- G.2** Ideally the Pacific Team has qualified for worlds and can compete.
- G.3** If however, the Pacific team makes Worlds but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Championship:

G.3.1 Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.

G.3.2 For example: 1st place team makes it through to Worlds but does not have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.

G.3.3 If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Worlds but they do not have enough curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.

H. OTHER NON-OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES EVENTS

H.1 In the event that Australia is invited to compete at an Other Non-Olympic Winter Games Event [New Zealand Winter Games] or other International events, the team who won Nationals before the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event will have the first option to represent Australia at these games.

H.2 If however, the team composition has to be altered because 2 curlers cannot make the event [not including the alternate], the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event:

- H.2.1** Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.
- H.2.2** For example: 1st place team makes it through to Non-Olympic Winter Games Event but does not have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.
- H.2.3** If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Non-Olympic Winter Games Event but they do not have enough curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.
- H.3** If the then current National team cannot commit to a 50% line-up [2 of the competing players – not counting the alternate] then the 2nd place team at Nationals prior to this Non-Olympic Winter Games Event has the right to represent Australia at the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event with the H.2.1 – H.2.3 rules running in sequence.

I. OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION EVENT: IF APPLICABLE

****Eligibility requirements must follow the Olympic requirements that a competitor must be an Australian Citizen.*

- I.1** In the event that Australia reaches a Winter Olympic Qualification Event, the team who has earned the birth to this Qualification event will be given first choice to compete at this event.
- I.2** If however 2 curlers from the team who has secured Qualification Event spot [excluding the alternate] cannot make the Qualification Event, the remaining curlers must be comprised of the team with the curlers who were competing at the Nationals prior to the Qualification Event.
- I.3** If more than two curlers cannot make the Qualification Event, the remaining curler on that team will still be able to field a team comprising of those curlers at the National Championships prior to the Qualification Event.

In the event that Australia has secured enough points to compete at the Winter Olympic Games, the team who secured the points OR won the Qualification Event will have first option to compete at the Olympics for Australia.

- J.1** Should there be multiple teams securing points for Olympic Qualification, the team with the most points will be given the first option.
- J.2** If however 2 curlers from the team who has secured the plurality of qualification points [excluding the alternate] cannot make the Olympic Winter Games, the remaining curlers must be comprised of the team with the second most points earned for qualification.
 - J.2.1** If more than two curlers cannot make the Winter Olympic Games, the remaining curler on that team will still be able to field a team comprising of those curlers on the second place team.
 - J.2.2** If there are no other points qualifying teams available, the team must be comprised of curlers who were competing at the National Championship prior to the Olympics.

Senior Men and Senior Women:

AGE Specifications:

To be eligible to play in the World Senior Curling Championships and qualifying events, a senior player must be not 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 championship is to take place.

******This is subject to WCF rule changes and should be monitored by the Australian Curling Federation as well as the State Associations.***

K. NATIONALS ELIGIBILITY:

K.1– Should there be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament each competitor must at least be:

K.1.1 Citizen of Australia or

K.1.2 Resident of Australia for two years prior to the WCF event. Residency according to the ACF requires a visa that is not either a tourist or a working holiday visa but a category that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia for the two years prior to the WCF World's event.

K.1.3 Citizens of New Zealand are able to compete in Australia should they reside in Australia and have not competed for New Zealand at an International event two years prior playing for Australia.

K.1.4 The winners of this National Tournament will be deemed Team Australia.

K.2– Should there not be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament, an email will be sent out by the ACF scouting for a National Seniors Men and/or Women's team with the parameters of K.1.1 – K.1.3 being applied.

L. PACIFIC or OTHER WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT

****Eligibility requirements must coincide with the WCF rules for this event.*

- L.1** Where K.1 above applies, there must be at least a minimum of 2 curlers from the K.1.4 winning team to enable that team to compete at Pacific's or Other World Qualification Event.
- L.2** Should 2 curlers not be able to compete at this L event, the 2 players that are from the K.1.4 winning team can select two curlers from the pool of competitors that were competing at Nationals. This does not include an alternate.
- L.3** Should L.2 not be followed whereby 3 or more members of the K.1.4 winning team are not able to compete at the L event, then the second place team of the National Tournament will have the option to play at this L event in accordance with these rules.
- L.4** The second place team must also follow L.2 and L.3 in sequence with the remaining teams at Nationals.

M. WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

- M.1** Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.
- M.2** Ideally the Pacific Team has qualified for worlds and can compete.
- M.3** If however, the Pacific team makes Worlds but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Championship:
 - M.3.1** Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.
 - M.3.2** For example: 1st place team makes it through to Worlds but does not have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.
 - M.3.3** If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Worlds but they do not have enough

curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.

Mixed Doubles:

N. NATIONALS ELIGIBILITY:

N.1– Should there be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament each competitor must at least be:

N.1.1 Citizen of Australia or

N.1.2 Resident of Australia for two years prior to the WCF event. Residency according to the ACF requires a visa that is not either a tourist or a working holiday visa but a category that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia for the two years prior to the WCF World's event.

N.1.3 Citizens of New Zealand are able to compete in Australia should they reside in Australia and have not competed for New Zealand at an International event two years prior playing for Australia.

N.1.4 The winners of this National Tournament will be deemed Team Australia.

N.2– Should there not be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament, an email will be sent out by the ACF scouting for a National Mixed Doubles team with the parameters of N.1.1 – N.1.3 being applied.

O. WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT: IF APPLICABLE

O.1 Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.

O.2 If however, there is a Qualification Event for Worlds and a team makes the Qualification Event but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Qualification Event:

O.2.1 The Second place team at the Nationals prior to the World Qualification Event will have the option to compete at the event.

O.2.2 Should the Second place team not be available, in consecutive order from Third place

downwards, those teams will have the option to compete at the event.

P. WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

P.1 Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.

P.2 If however, there is a direct entry for Worlds and a team makes the Worlds but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Curling Championships:

P.2.1 Because of the stature of this event first priority will remain with the National team if and only if one of the two curlers cannot compete at the World Championships.

P.2.2 That being said, the one curler from the National team must fill the remaining spot with someone from the second ranked team at the Nationals prior to the event in sequence down to third, fourth place etc.

Q. OTHER NON-OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Q.1 Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.

Q.2 If however, there is a Qualification Event for Worlds and a team makes the Qualification Event but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Qualification Event:

Q.2.1 The Second place team at the Nationals prior to the World Qualification Event will have the option to compete at the event.

Q.2.2 Should the Second place team not be available, in consecutive order from Third place downwards, those teams will have the option to compete at the event.

R. OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION EVENT: IF APPLICABLE

****Eligibility requirements must follow the Olympic requirements that a competitor must be an Australian Citizen.*

R.1 In the event that Australia reaches a Winter Olympic Qualification Event, the team who has earned the birth to

this Qualification event will be given first choice to compete at this event.

- R.2** If however the team who has secured Qualification Event spot cannot make the Qualification Event, the team who won the most Nationals prior to the Qualification Event in an Olympic timeframe will have the option to compete at the Olympic Qualification Event.
- R.3** If no one team has won the most Nationals prior to the Olympic Qualification Event, the team who won Nationals the year prior to the Olympic Qualification Event will have the Option to compete at the event.

In the event that Australia has secured enough points to compete at the Winter Olympic Games, the team who secured the most points OR won the Qualification Event will have first option to compete at the Olympics for Australia.

- S.1** If however the team who has secured Winter Olympic spot has one competitor who cannot make the Winter Olympics, the remaining team Australia member still has the option to play for Australia. They must however:
- S.2** Select their partner from teams ranking in order:
 - S.2.1** Secured Olympic Qualification Points.
 - S.2.2** Won the most Nationals in the Olympic cycle.
 - S.2.3** Competed at the Nationals the year prior to the Winter Olympic Games.
- S.3** If however both of the original Team Australia Mixed Doubles members cannot compete at the Olympics, the First, Second, Third place team from the Nationals prior to the Winter Olympic Games running in sequence will have the opportunity to compete at this event.

Wheelchair Curling

T. NATIONALS ELIGIBILITY:

T.1– Should there be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament each competitor must at least be:

T.1.1 Citizen of Australia or

T.1.2 Resident of Australia for two years prior to the WCF event. Residency according to the ACF requires a visa that is not either a tourist or a working holiday visa but a category that enables the competitor to live and work in Australia for the two years prior to the WCF World's event.

T.1.3 Citizens of New Zealand are able to compete in Australia should they reside in Australia and have not competed for New Zealand at an International event two years prior playing for Australia.

T.1.4 The winners of this National Tournament will be deemed Team Australia.

T.2– Should there not be enough teams to compete at a National Tournament, an email will be sent out by the ACF scouting for a National Men and/or Women's team with the parameters of T.1.1 – T.1.3 being applied.

U. PACIFIC or OTHER WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT

****Eligibility requirements must coincide with the WCF rules for this event.*

U.1 Where T.1 above applies, there must be at least a minimum of 2 curlers from the T.1.4 winning team to enable that team to compete at Pacific's or Other World Qualification Event.

U.2 Should 2 curlers not be able to compete at this E event, the 2 players that are from the T.1.4 winning team can select two curlers from the pool of competitors that were competing at Nationals. This does not include an alternate.

U.3 Should B.2 not be followed whereby 3 or more members of the T.1.4 winning team are not able to compete at the U event, then the second place team of the National Tournament prior to this U event will have the option to play at this U event in accordance with these rules.

U.4 The second place team must also follow U.2 and U.3 in sequence with the remaining teams at Nationals.

V. WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

V.1 Ideally the National Team will have won nationals.

V.2 Ideally the Pacific Team has qualified for worlds and can compete.

V.3 If however, the Pacific team makes Worlds but the team composition has to be altered for some reason the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the World Championship:

V.3.1 Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.

V.3.2 For example: 1st place team makes it through to Worlds but does not have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.

V.3.3 If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Worlds but they do not have enough curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.

W. OTHER NON-OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES EVENTS

W.1 In the event that Australia is invited to compete at an Other Non-Olympic Winter Games Event [New Zealand Winter Games] or other International events, the team who won Nationals before the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event will have the first option to represent Australia at these games.

W.2 If however, the team composition has to be altered because 2 curlers cannot make the event, the following steps must be taken to fill that team for the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event:

W.2.1 Fill the remaining spots from the pool of curlers competing at Nationals in order of their team results at Nationals.

W.2.2 For example: 1st place team makes it through to Non-Olympic Winter Games Event but does not

have enough curlers for the event due to some reason, their first choice must be from the 2nd place team, 3rd place team and so on.

W.2.3 If the 2nd or 3rd place team from Nationals makes it through to Non-Olympic Winter Games Event but they do not have enough curlers to make the event, their first choice must be from the 1st place team in sequence downwards.

W.3 If the then current National team cannot commit to a 50% line-up [2 of the competing players – not counting the alternate] then the 2nd place team at Nationals has the right to represent Australia at the Non-Olympic Winter Games Event with the W.2.1 – W.2.3 rules running in sequence.

X. OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION EVENT: IF APPLICABLE

****Eligibility requirements must follow the Olympic requirements that a competitor must be an Australian Citizen.*

X.1 In the event that Australia reaches a Winter Olympic Qualification Event, the team who has earned the birth to this Qualification event will be given first choice to compete at this event.

X.2 If however 2 curlers from the team who has secured Qualification Event spot [excluding the alternate] cannot make the Qualification Event, the remaining curlers must be comprised of the team with the curlers who were competing at the Nationals prior to the Qualification Event.

X.3 If more than two curlers cannot make the Qualification Event, the remaining curler on that team will still be able to field a team comprising of those curlers at the National Championships prior to the Qualification Event.

In the event that Australia has secured enough points to compete at the Winter Olympic Games, the team who secured the points OR won the Qualification Event will have first option to compete at the Olympics for Australia.

- Y.1** Should there be multiple teams securing points for Olympic Qualification, the team with the most points will be given the first option.
- Y.2** If however 2 curlers from the team who has secured the plurality of qualification points [excluding the alternate] cannot make the Olympic Winter Games, the remaining curlers must be comprised of the team with the second most points earned for qualification.
- Y.3** If more than two curlers cannot make the Winter Olympic Games, the remaining curler on that team will still be able to field a team comprising of those curlers on the second place team.
- Y.4** If there are no other points qualifying teams available, the team must be comprised of curlers who were competing at the National Championship prior to the Olympics.

Concluding Remarks:

1. Australia should be represented at as many International events as possible and the ACF in conjunction with these rules or any amendment or quashing should give effect to that.
2. Should there be any scenario whereby there are two or more teams tied for points generation for Olympic Events where points determine an Olympic Birth, The ACF along with the National Tournament Committee will have to set up a Tournament to determine the Olympic Representative.
3. Further to that, if there are any scenarios not covered by this document, the ACF will have to hold a meeting on the matter and debate and deliberate the matter and then ultimately vote on the matter at hand.
4. Then the ACF will amend this document to include the scenario outlined in 2 and 3 as per the Amending rules outlined in 1.0.

*** The intent for these rules are not to make things more difficult they are in fact the opposite... to make things easier and more fair.