



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, BEIJING 2022

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

B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	45	5	50
Women	45	5	50
Mixed Doubles	18	2	20
Total	108	12	120

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	5
Women	5
Mixed Doubles	2
Total	12

B.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force included but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only these athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.1:</u> Men: 30/35 (6 or 7 teams) Women: 30/35 (6 or 7 teams) Mixed Doubles: 16 (8 pairs)	D.1. One (1) World Curling Championships (WCC) leading up to the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. Following the cancellation of the WCC 2020 for Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles due to the outbreak of COVID-19 the Qualification system for the Olympic Winter Games 2022 has been updated. Women's and Men's The six (6) highest ranked NFs/National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from the 2021 WCC (Women's Team Competition and Men's Team Competition) will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions. In the situation where the Chinese NOC does not finish in the top six (6) places of the respective event, it will qualify automatically for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competition in that event (Women's or Men's) through the allocation of the host country quota place. Mixed Doubles The seven (7) highest ranked NFs/National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from the 2021 WCC (Mixed Doubles Competition) will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions. In the situation where the Chinese NOC holds a position amongst the top seven (7) in the 2021 WCC, the NF/NOC finishing 8th will automatically qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions. In the situation where the Chinese NOC does not finish in the top seven (7) places of the respective event, it will qualify automatically for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Mixed Doubles Curling Competitions through the allocation of the host country quota place. D.1.2 Ranking, tied positions "Rule C9. Team Ranking Procedure / Draw Shot Challenge" as stated in the Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition (can be downloaded here) will be used to rank teams at the WCCs.
<u>D.2:</u> Men: 15/20 (3 or 4 teams) Women: 15/20 (3 or 4 teams) Mixed Doubles: 4 (2 pairs)	D.2. Olympic Qualification Event (OQE) The top NFs/NOCs as indicated below from the OQE will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions. The Olympic Qualification Event (OQE) is run by WCF in December 2021 (exact date TBD*). The following NFs/NOCs will be eligible for participation in this event:



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- **Men's OQE**

The top 3 or 4 NF/NOCs to qualify from the OQE to the Olympic Winter Games 2022, depending on position of China at 2021 WMCC, will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions.

Eligibility for participation in OQE:

- Any Men's NF/NOC that qualified for the 2020 or 2021 WCC but did not qualify according to D.1,
- The two (2) highest ranked Men's teams in the *WCF Pre-Qualifier Event,
- The host NF/NOC of the OQE.

- **Women's OQE**

The top 3 or 4 NF/NOCs to qualify from the OQE, depending on position of China at 2021 WWCC, will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions.

Eligibility for participation in OQE:

- Any Women's NF/NOC that qualified for the 2020 or 2021 WCC but did not qualify according to D.1,
- The two (2) highest ranked Women's teams in the *WCF Pre-Qualifier Event,
- The host NF/NOC of the OQE.

- **Mixed Doubles OQE**

The top 2 NF/NOCs to qualify from the OQE will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competitions.

Eligibility for participation in OQE:

- Any Mixed Double's NF/NOC that qualified for the 2020 or 2021 WCC but did not qualify according to D.1,
- The three (3) highest ranked Mixed Doubles teams in the *WCF Pre-Qualifier Event,
- The host NF/NOC of the OQE.

*The WCF Pre-Qualifier Event for Men, Women and Mixed Doubles will be open to all NFs/NOCs within membership of the WCF that have not qualified according to D.1.

D.2.1 The deadline date for entry into the OQE is 31 May 2021.

D.2.2 The format of the OQE will depend on number of entries and will be designed by the WCF accordingly.

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 2020 and 2021. If required, only Scotland, representing Great Britain, will be allowed to enter the OQE.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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 Beijing 2022.

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 2021 World Curling Championships or latest by 31 May 2021, WCF will inform the qualified National Federations and their National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of its quota place.

The NOCs will then have until 30 June 2021 to inform WCF if they intend to use its quota place for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Curling Competition.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If any 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 highest ranked NOC from the Olympic Qualification Event (OQE). 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 any competition, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NF/NOC from the Olympic Qualification Event. This process will be repeated until the quota place is filled.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	20 – 28 March 2021	World Women's Curling Championship (Schaffhausen, SUI)
	3 – 11 April 2021	World Men's Curling Championships (Calgary, CAN)
	24 April – 1 May	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship (TBD*)
	31 May 2021	Deadline date for entry into the OQE
	Autumn 2021	WCF Pre-Qualifier Event for Men, Women and Mixed Doubles (TBD*)
	December 2021	Olympic Qualifying Event (TBD*)
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	31 May 2021	Publication of Olympic Qualification Ranking List on www.worldcurling.org .
	2 June 2021	WCF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	30 June 2021	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IF
Reallocation	December 2021	WCF to reallocate all unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline



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Period	Date	Milestone
Delegation Registration Meetings	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

TBD - To Be Determined