

WORLD CURLING FEDERATION (WCF)

EVENTS

- Men's Tournament
- Women's Tournament

ATHLETES / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA	100 athletes Men: 10 teams of 5 athletes Women: 10 teams of 5 athletes
NOC QUOTA	1 Men's team (5 athletes) 1 Women's team (5 athletes)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The World Curling Federation (WCF) will use the three World Curling Championships (WCC) leading up to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games as qualification tournaments; thus all member federations will have a chance to qualify for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Curling Competition.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

The participating National Federations (NFs) in the following WCCs will all be allocated points for their participation based on their performance according to the table below:

	2007	2008	2009
Men	Edmonton, Canada	Grand Forks, USA	Moncton, Canada
Women	Aomori, Japan	Vernon, Canada	Gangneung, Korea

Olympic Qualification Points Table

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

After the 2009 WCC, the 9 NFs/National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in each section (women and men's) with the most accumulated points over three years will be eligible to join Canada in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Curling Competition.

The three National Federations from Great Britain – England, Scotland and Wales are all eligible to participate in World Curling Championships if they qualify from the European qualifying competitions. 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 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Olympic Qualification Points have been awarded following the 2007 World Curling Championships (WCCs) as follows:

Where there were tied positions (eg two or more NFs holding the same position), the NFs were given an equal share of the accumulated points that these Federations jointly held.

ie - Where two teams were tied for 5th place at the 2007 WCC, and the schedule of play did not provide for tie breaks to decide, the two Federations were allocated 7.5 points each.

In the event of tied positions at the end of the 2008 and 2009 WCCs, where Olympic Qualification Points will be awarded (e.g. two or more NFs holding the same win/loss record following round robin and any tiebreak games) the following criteria will be used to determine the final ranking and distribution of Olympic Qualification Points.

1. The record of games between the teams.
2. In the event of option 1 being insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) will be used to determine the final ranking.
3. In the event of options 1 and 2 being insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e. two or more teams having the same DSC result) the accumulated points will be shared equally between or among the teams concerned.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

Canada will also be allocated Olympic Qualification Points according to their ranking in the three qualifying WCCs. In the situation where Canada holds a position amongst the nine best after the 2009 WCC, NF/NOC No.10 will automatically be eligible.

ELIMINATION IN THE EVENT OF A TIED POSITION

If, after the 2009 WCC, there are more than 9 NFs/NOCs (in addition to Canada) eligible for the 2010 Olympic Curling Competition because of the equal number of accumulated points, the elimination will be conducted on the basis of the following criteria.

Criteria No.1

In the event that two or more NFs are tied so that an elimination of one 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 9th place after the 2009 WCC, and one of the NFs participated in the 2009 WCC and the other NF did not, then the NF which played in the 2009 WCC will be preferred and the other NF will be eliminated.

Criteria No.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 2009 WCC will be the deciding factor, or 2008 – or even 2007 if that was the latest appearance of the NFs that are tied – or if the involved NFs had the same rankings in 2009 and 2008.

Criteria No.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 2009 WCC, the play off will take place there.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED PLACES

After the ranking has been finally decided at the end of the 2009 World Curling Championships, the WCF will inform eligible National Federations and their National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

The NOCs will then have until 30 June 2009 to inform WCF if they intend to register a curling team for the 2010 Olympic Curling Competition. If any eligible NOC declines to register, the next NOC on the final ranking list will automatically be eligible. WCF will then inform the National Federation and the respective NOC, as mentioned above, only now with a shorter notice.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

2007	17-25 March	Women's World Curling Championships Aomori, Japan (JPN)
	31 Mar – 8 April	Men's World Curling Championships Edmonton, Alberta, (CAN)
2008	22-30 March	Women's World Curling Championships Vernon, Canada (CAN)
	5-13 April	Men's World Curling Championships Grand Forks, USA
2009	21-19 March	Women's World Curling Championships Gangneung, Korea (KOR)
	4-12 April	Men's World Curling Championships Moncton, Canada (CAN)
	30 April 2009	Confirmation by WCF to NFs and NOCs concerned regarding allocation of qualifying place
	30 June 2009	NOC confirm to WCF participation in the Olympic Winter Games
	31 July 2009	Reallocation of unused allocation places
	1 February 2010	Deadlines for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs