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# CANADA'S WHEELCHAIR CURLING PATHWAY HANDBOOK



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# I. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Pathway Overview:

Canada's Wheelchair Curling Pathway (WCP) is designed to strategically guide and support Canadian athletes along a sustainable route to World Championship and Paralympic podium success. A primary focus of the WCP is the identification and development of athletes who demonstrate the potential to contribute meaningfully to Canada's international performance. These athletes are supported through a tiered system of programming and resources aligned with their stage of development, competitive readiness, and eligibility for international competition. Rooted in a long-term athlete development approach, the WCP is committed to supporting athletes in reaching their full potential on the international stage.

At the same time, the WCP recognizes that a strong, inclusive community is essential to the long-term growth and sustainability of wheelchair curling in Canada. While the pathway is focused on high-performance development, participation at all levels remains at the heart of the sport. A vibrant and connected community not only supports talent identification and early development but also creates opportunities for more people to experience the joy, challenge, and camaraderie that wheelchair curling offers. By fostering broad participation, the WCP helps grow the sport and ensures it continues to reach and inspire new athletes and communities across Canada.

## 1.2 Pathway Objectives:

The WCP is Curling Canada's implementation of its Strategic Plan to "continuously strengthen world-leading athlete development pathways" in support of having Canadian athletes "on the top of the podium." Moreover, the WCP strives "to ensure that every aspect of an athlete's journey, from development to peak competition, is supported and optimized." As such, in addition to growing the community, the aim of WCP is to increase the number of Canadian athletes at major championships who:

- Win medals for Canada
- Achieve podium performance standards
- Achieve personal best performances
- Reflect the values that underpin the WCP and Curling Canada

## 1.3 High-Performance Culture and Philosophy:

The WCP is built on a culture that reflects Curling Canada's and the WCP's ambition to be a world leader in the sport – not only in results, but in how we support, develop, and empower the people within the wheelchair curling community. At the core of our high-performance philosophy is a commitment to athlete-centered, autonomy-supportive programming. We recognize that excellence is not imposed – it is cultivated through care, trust, and collaboration. Athletes are active partners in their development, supported by coaches and staff who foster an environment where individuals can grow with purpose, clarity, and self-determined drive.

We are relentless in the pursuit of excellence. This means embracing continuous improvement, staying curious, and constantly seeking small and meaningful gains in every area of performance. We believe that the details matter, and that progress is built day by day through intentional habits, open feedback, and a shared commitment to getting better.

Just as performance matters, so does character. Who we are – and how we treat one another – is just as important as how we perform. We strive to lead with integrity, to challenge each other respectfully, and to build a culture rooted in the values that define the WCP:

- Care – for ourselves, our teammates, and our broader community
- Collaboration – across disciplines, roles, and perspectives
- Competition – driven by the joy of challenge and the desire to grow
- Connection – to each other, to our purpose, and to the sport
- Curiosity – to ask, learn, reflect, and evolve

Together, this culture supports our mission: to develop, support, and prepare Canada’s top wheelchair curling athletes to safely, fairly, and successfully represent Canada at World Championships and Paralympic Games, guided by world-leading high-performance and wellness programming. This is how we define success – not just in medals, but in people, process, and purpose.

#### 1.4 Stakeholders and Partners:

The WCP is resourced by Curling Canada, Canada’s National Sport Federation (NSO) for curling, with valued contributions from our key partners, including Own the Podium (OTP), Sport Canada (SC), the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC), and the Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Sport Institute Network (COPSIN). Additional collaboration and support come from provincial and territorial curling associations (i.e., Member Associations), sponsors, and other pathway partners and supporters who collectively contribute to the development of podium-potential athletes across Canada.

#### 1.5 Limitations:

The benefits provided to athletes within the WCP are dependent on the resources available within the pathway and may also be subject to the policies and conditions set by our supporting partners. The level of resourcing available may influence the number of athletes supported within each stream of the pathway. While provincial and territorial priorities may differ and impact local resourcing, every effort will be made to align the WCP nationally to ensure the highest possible level of consistency and support across Canada.

#### 1.6 Definition of Common Terms:

##### 1.6.1 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP):

The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a Sport Canada funding program that contributes to the pursuit of excellence. AAP support seeks to relieve some of the

financial pressures associated with preparing for and participating in international sport and assists high-performance Canadian athletes to combine their sport and academic or working careers while training intensively in pursuit of world-class performances. For more information, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines

#### 1.6.2 Benchmark Event:

A benchmark event is a designated competition within the season that serves as a meaningful indicator of an athlete's progression in wheelchair curling. These events are strategically selected because they present appropriate challenge points – offering athletes the opportunity to compete with and against others operating at a comparable or higher performance level. These events play a critical role in evaluating development. Observations and performance data gathered during these competitions provide valuable insight into an athlete's current strengths, areas for improvement, and overall level of play. These metrics help coaches and staff assess alignment with performance expectations and inform future training and development planning.

#### 1.6.3 Classification:

Classification refers to the process used to determine an athlete's eligibility to compete in national and international wheelchair curling events. In accordance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and World Curling (WC) classification guidelines, "any athlete wishing to compete in a sport governed by World Curling must have an eligible impairment and that eligible impairment must be permanent." Generally speaking, eligible athletes are those with "significant impairments in lower leg/gait function, who usually require a wheelchair for daily mobility (i.e., spinal injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, or double leg amputation) ... and are non-ambulant or only able to walk short distances" (World Curling, July 2022). Official classification involves a formal assessment with a certified classifier. Prior to official classification, athletes can engage in the process of receiving provisional classification from a certified classifier. See the Classification Rules for Wheelchair Curling (World Curling, July 2022) for more information.

This international classification differs slightly from Canada's national classification criteria, which allows athletes with a broader range of eligible impairments to participate at the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship and corresponding qualification events where applicable. As a result, some athletes who qualify to compete nationally in Canada may not meet the stricter international classification requirements set by the IPC and WC for World Championship or Paralympic competitions. Only athletes who are eligible for international classification will be eligible to progress beyond the Pursuit Identification stream of the WCP. Please see Appendix 1 for additional information related to wheelchair curling classification.

#### 1.6.4 Daily Training Consultant (DTC):

A Daily Training Consultant (DTC) is an individual whose primary role is to support wheelchair curling athletes pursuing high performance within their daily training environment. The DTC works directly with athletes to ensure their training sessions are purposeful, efficient, and aligned with their development goals. This includes hands-on support with practice logistics (e.g., anchoring, ice setup, ice access), integration of technology, and fostering an environment that reflects high-performance standards.

While the DTC may be a coach, the term consultant emphasizes relevant expertise or familiarity with high-performance training environments, regardless of formal coaching designation. Ultimately the DTC helps athletes maximize the quality and consistency of their training by bridging the gap between centralized program support and individualized training needs.

#### 1.6.5 Game Rating + (GR+):

Game Rating Plus (GR+) is a performance metric that summarizes athlete's effectiveness relative to international positional averages. It offers a reliable indicator of how an athlete compares to typical international athletes in the position(s) they play, especially when averaged over multiple games. The benchmark score is 100, representing the average performance for a given position at the international level. A GR+ above 100 indicates performance above the international average. For example, a GR+ of 103.5 means the athlete performs 3.5% above the international average for the positions they have played in games. A GR+ below 100 reflects performance below the international average. For instance, a GR+ of 98.2 means the athlete performs 1.8% below the international average. Generally speaking, a sustained GR+ above 100 is predictive of international competitiveness, whereas a GR+ above 104 is predictive of international podium potential.

#### 1.6.6 Gold Medal Profile (GMP):

A Gold Medal Profile (GMP) is a high-performance framework that outlines the key qualities (i.e., assets), including competencies, skills, and attributes, required to achieve podium success at the highest levels of international competition. It serves as a roadmap for athlete development, guiding athletes, coaches, and support staff in identifying and cultivating the assets matters most for peak performance. In wheelchair curling, Curling Canada's GMP includes 24 defined assets, organized into three sport-specific categories (technical, tactical, and daily training environment) and three athletic categories (physical, psychological, and wellness). This integrated profile supports performance planning, gap analysis, and long-term athlete development.

#### 1.6.7 High-Performance Leadership Team (HPLT):

The WCP is led by Curling Canada's High-Performance Leadership Team (HPLT) for wheelchair curling, which includes the Director of Wheelchair Curling, National Head Coach, National Mixed Doubles Coach, National Integrated Support Team

Lead, and WCP Advisor. The HPLT is dedicated to continuously refining the strategies and systems that support athlete development and selection, with the goal of qualifying teams and achieving podium success in both the mixed and mixed doubles events at World Championships and Paralympic Games. In addition, the HPLT strives to ensure the long-term strength and sustainability of the WCP.

#### 1.6.8 Individual Performance Plan (IPP):

An Individual Performance Plan (IPP) is developed from an individual athlete's gap analysis and is used to ensure optimal performance planning, relevant sport science and sports medicine services, and monitoring processes to mitigate the identified gaps. The IPP is most impactful when it aligns with the sport's validated Podium Results Track (PRT) and GMP. It serves as a dynamic tool for goal setting and planning, to guide day-to-day training and support decisions, and to foster shared accountability among the athlete, coach, and integrated support team.

#### 1.6.9 Integrated Support Team (IST):

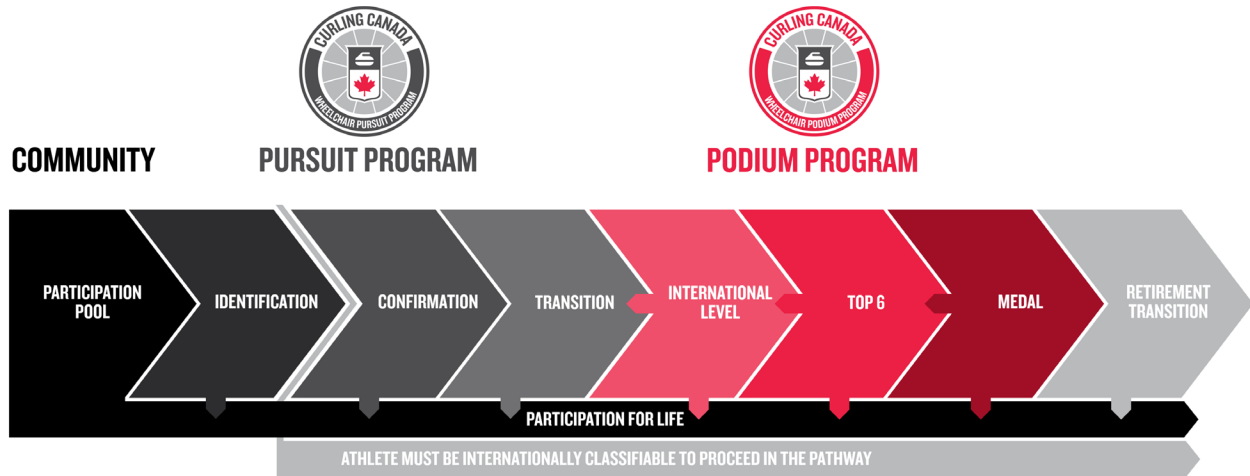
An Integrated Support Team (IST) refers to a multidisciplinary group of sport science, sport medicine, and other professionals who support coaches and athletes in their daily training and competition environments. An IST aims to ensure athletes are healthy, fit, and psychologically prepared for optimal performance. In wheelchair curling, Curling Canada has assembled a group of physiatrists, physiotherapists, mental performance consultants, dietitian, strength and conditioning coach, and other specialists to support athletes to varying degrees throughout the pathway.

#### 1.6.10 Podium Results Track (PRT):

A Podium Results Track (PRT) is a performance benchmarking framework that outlines the progression of competitive results typically achieved on the path to podium success. Derived from actual international competition data, the PRT defines the key performance milestones athletes reach as they advance through the WCP and build toward consistent success at the highest levels of international competition. In wheelchair curling, the PRT centers on GR+.

## 2. PATHWAY STRUCTURE

### 2.1 Programs and Streams:



PROGRAM	STREAM	PRIMARY OBJECTIVES
Community	Participation Pool	To grow the sport of wheelchair curling by creating inclusive and welcoming opportunities to participate, connect, and enjoy the sport in a supportive environment.
Pursuit	Pursuit Identification	To identify and recruit new athletes and support them in exploring whether high-performance sport aligns with their goals, readiness, and international classification eligibility.
	Pursuit Confirmation	To support athletes who are beginning to explore high performance more intentionally and will benefit from structure to confirm their long-term engagement.
	Pursuit Transition	To prepare committed athletes for potential advancement into the Podium Program by providing enhanced training, competition, and performance planning support.
Podium	International Level	To support athletes who are emerging on the international stage and show strong potential to contribute to Canada's future podium success.
	Top 6	To develop athletes who are demonstrating the ability to perform consistently above international standards and are on a clear path to contributing to Canada's podium success.
	Medal	To equip and empower athletes to consistently compete for, and achieve, podium results at World Championships and Paralympic Games.

### 2.2 Athlete Progression:

The WCP and its programs are designed to support the continued development and improvement over time of athletes who declare themselves interested in pursuing high performance (i.e., Pursuit Program and Podium Program). As such, athletes are likely to show ongoing progression relative to international standards as they advance through the program streams toward podium success. Once an athlete progresses, they are generally not likely to return to a previous stream unless they disengage from their current level of participation and commitment to training.

### 2.3 Leaving and Returning to the Pathway:

Athletes may choose to leave the pathway at any time. Regardless of an athlete's status within the pathway, they are strongly encouraged to continue participating in the sport in ways that bring them enjoyment and connection – whether through community-based opportunities, recreational leagues, club play, or provincial-territorial and national competition. Curling is a sport for life, and continued involvement strengthens both individual well-being and the broader curling community.

If an athlete chooses to return to the pathway after a period away, they will be eligible for the stream that aligns with their current level of performance and meets the established eligibility criteria. For example, if an athlete returns with a comparable performance level to when they left – and still meets the relevant criteria – they may be eligible for selection to the same stream they previously belonged to.

Selection decisions upon return will follow the same principles that guide all WCP selection processes: transparency, fairness, and alignment with the performance and eligibility standards outlined in this document.

The WCP is committed to supporting athlete choice while ensuring a clear, consistent, and inclusive process for re-entry into the high-performance streams of the pathway.

## OVERVIEW OF PATHWAY AND PROGRAMS



ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA								
Canadian Citizenship	Not required	Not required; needs to be a resident	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	May be required if transitioning to coach or DTC
Curling Centre Membership	Not required	Recommended	Recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Not required
Sport Integrity	Not required	Complete the Coaching Association of Canada Safe Sport module and sign Curling Canada's Code of Conduct and Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport			Complete Canadian Ethics for Sport Safe Sport training and sign Curling Canada's Code of Conduct and Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport			May be required if transitioning to coach or DTC
Anti-Doping	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Education and adherence required	Education, adherence, and compliance to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports Anti-Doping accountability program			May be required if transitioning to coach or DTC
Travel Availability	Not applicable	Not applicable	2-5 days of travel/year	5-15 days of travel/year	15-30 days of travel/year	30-60+ days of travel/year	30-60+ days of travel/year	May be required if transitioning to coach or DTC
Travel Capacity and Clearance	Not applicable	Not applicable	Comfortable with airline travel, capacity for extended stays in hotels and irregular activities of daily living		In addition to previous stream, cleared to travel internationally			May be required if transitioning to coach or DTC
Classification	Not required	Not required	Provisional international classification required		International classification likely required	International classification required		Not applicable
ATHLETE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS								
Game Rating + (as available from benchmark events)	Not applicable	Not applicable	≥ 90.0	≥ 95.0	≥ 100.0	≥ 102.5	≥ 105.0	Not applicable
Gold Medal Profile Score	Not applicable	Not applicable	TBD	TBD	≥ 75.0	≥ 82.5	≥ 87.5	Not applicable
Draw Proficiency	Not applicable	Not applicable	≥ 56.0% (minimum of 3 verified drill completions)	≥ 60.0% (minimum of 5 verified drill completions)	≥ 62.0% (not applicable; built into GMP)	≥ 65% (not applicable; built into GMP)	≥ 68% (not applicable; built into GMP)	Not applicable

Hit and Stay Proficiency	Not applicable	Not applicable	≥ 58.0% (minimum of 3 verified drill completions)	≥ 62.0% (minimum of 5 verified drill completions)	≥ 64.0% (not applicable; built into GMP)	≥ 66.0% (not applicable; built into GMP)	≥ 68.0% (not applicable; built into GMP)	Not applicable
Peak Hit Velocity (disability, gender, discipline, and positional considerations)	Not applicable	Not applicable	≥ 2.70 m/s (approximately 9.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)	≥ 2.80 m/s (approximately 9.0 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)	≥ 2.90 m/s (approximately 8.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)	≥ 3.10 m/s (approximately 7.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)	≥ 3.20 m/s (approximately 7.0 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)	Not applicable
Targeted Benchmark Event and Result	Not applicable	Participation at Provincial/Territorial Championship	Participation at National Championship	Top 6 at National Championship	Top 3 at major international event or National Championship	Top 6 at World Championship or Paralympics or National Champion	Top 3 at World Championship or Paralympics	Not applicable
<b>ATHLETE COACHING, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT</b>								
Coaching/Support	Local or regional coaches, accredited Association of Curling Professionals member, or no coaching support		National DTCs and access to National coaching staff		National coaching staff (National Head Coach, National Mixed Doubles Coach), IST, and Daily Training Consultant			Not applicable
Coach/Supporter Training, Education, and Certification	Suggested: Curling Canada Introduction to Wheelchair Curling Module (in development) and CAC Safe Sport module		Required (for National DTCs): Curling Canada's Wheelchair Curling DTC Designation (5-6 modules – in development) and CAC Safe Sport module; suggested (for those interested in coaching): NCCP Competition-Introduction Certification		Required (for National Coaches): NCCP Competition-Development Certification, Curling Canada's Wheelchair Curling DTC Designation (5-6 modules – in development), and Canadian Ethics for Sport Safe Sport training			Not applicable
Training Support	Local offerings	Regional, provincial or territorial camps; monthly+ online sessions with National coaching staff		In addition to previous stream, possibly 1 National camp	1-3 National camps, 1-3 competitions, regular IPP meetings, bi-weekly+ online meetings	3-5 National camps, 2-4 competitions, regular IPP meetings, bi-weekly+ online meetings	4-6 National camps, 3-5 competitions, regular IPP meetings, weekly+ online meetings	Not applicable
Athlete Assistance Program Carding	Ineligible for AAP carding			Eligible for AAP carding		Prioritized for AAP carding		May be eligible for AAP Retirement Assistance
Team Canada Selection and Nomination	Ineligible for Team Canada selection (World Championships) or nomination (Paralympic Games)			Eligible for Team Canada selection and nomination		Prioritized for Team selection and nomination		Not applicable

### 3. COMMUNITY

#### 3.1 Overview:

Wheelchair curling in Canada is rooted in community. It begins with people coming together – to try something new, to connect with others, and to experience the joy of being part of a sport that welcomes everyone. Curling Canada recognizes that the strength and future of the sport depend on nurturing and expanding this community in ways that are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to people’s needs and interests.

The goal is simple: to make it easier for more individuals to find meaningful ways to get involved. That means helping participants, families, and communities locate accessible curling clubs, and discover opportunities to take part in clinics, leagues, camps, and competitions across local, regional, and provincial-territorial levels. These experiences are not just about skill development – they are about belonging, enjoyment, and staying connected to something bigger.

To support this vision, Curling Canada is committed to sharing practical tools and resources that make a difference on the ground. This includes best practices for delivering inclusive programming, like “try-it” events and integrated leagues, as well as information about available grants that can help local organizers turn ideas into action and sustain those efforts over time.

In addition to programming support, Curling Canada is also focused on reducing equipment-related barriers by sharing information and resources related to accessible and affordable equipment, such as wheelchair curling sticks and stick heads.

Ultimately, growing the community means sharing knowledge, building relationships, and creating space for everyone to engage with the sport in a way that works for them. Curling Canada believes in a vibrant future for wheelchair curling in Canada – and that future starts with community.

## 4. PURSUIT PROGRAM

### 4.1 Overview:

The Pursuit Program is the first stage of Curling Canada’s high-performance support for wheelchair curling. Designed to be inclusive and developmentally appropriate, it welcomes motivated athletes – regardless of background – to explore the demands of high-performance sport and clarify their potential within it.

A central focus of the program is helping athletes understand whether they meet the international classification criteria established by the IPC and WC, which determine eligibility to compete internationally for Canada. This process is supported through education, transparency, and care, recognizing its importance to each athlete’s long-term aspirations.

Through skill development, coaching connections, and alignment with Curling Canada’s wheelchair curling GMP, the Pursuit Program provides the training, competition exposure, and individualized support athletes need to understand what’s required at the next level – and to assess how it fits with their goals.

### 4.2 Pursuit Identification Stream:

#### 4.2.1 Objective:

This stream focuses on introducing athletes to the foundational concepts of high performance, including the core components of Curling Canada’s wheelchair curling GMP. Athletes begin building familiarity with classification requirements, basic training structures, and the expectations of performance-focused sport. The goal is to create an encouraging and inclusive entry point, while helping athletes determine their interest, fit, and potential for future progression. Athletes in the Identification stream are generally considered to be approximately 6 to 8 or more years away from reaching medal-contending performance levels.

#### 4.2.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian citizenship not required, but needs to be a Canadian resident
- Interested in pursuing high performance in wheelchair curling
- Curling centre membership (recommended)
- Must complete the Coaching Association of Canada Safe Sport module and sign both Curling Canada’s Code of Conduct and the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport

#### 4.2.3 Performance Standards:

- No standards for this stream

#### 4.2.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are not eligible for AAP carding or Team Canada selection and nomination. For full details on carding and selection criteria, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 4.2.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada's annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Access to National DTC
- Possibly an invitation to a regional training camp
- Monthly+ online meetings with National Coaches or IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources

### 4.3 Pursuit Confirmation Stream:

#### 4.3.1 Objective:

Athletes in this stream receive increased guidance as they build a more deliberate daily training environment with appropriate coaching support. Exposure to competition and performance standards becomes more frequent, and informal assessments are used to support growth and reflection. The stream is designed to help athletes align their aspirations with the training, lifestyle, and support systems needed to succeed further along the pathway. Athletes in the Confirmation stream are generally considered to be approximately 6 to 8 or more years away from reaching medal-contending performance levels.

#### 4.3.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility criteria for the previous stream
- Provisionally classified or deemed classifiable by a certified classifier
- Travel availability: 2-5 days/year
- Travel capacity: Comfortable with airline travel, capacity for extended stays in hotels and irregular activities of daily living

#### 4.3.3 Performance Standards:

- GR+  $\geq$  90.0 (as available from benchmark event)
- GMP score: TBD
- Draw proficiency (minimum of three verified drill completions – see Appendix 2):  $\geq$  56%

- Hit and stay proficiency (minimum of three verified drill completions – see Appendix 2):  $\geq 58\%$
- Peak hit velocity:  $\geq 2.70$  m/s (approximately 9.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)
- Benchmark event and result: Participation at National Championship

#### 4.3.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are not eligible for AAP carding or Team Canada selection and nomination. For full details on carding and selection criteria, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada’s 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 4.3.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada’s annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Access to National DTC
- Possibly an invitation to a regional training camp
- Monthly+ online meetings with National Coaches or IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources

### 4.4 Pursuit Transition Stream:

#### 4.4.1 Objective:

Athletes in this stream demonstrate increased engagement in training and commitment to high-performance goals. The GMP becomes a central reference point for assessment, with a focus on identifying strengths and gaps, benchmarking against national and international standards, and implementing targeted strategies to close gaps. Athlete IPPs are expanded to guide development with greater precision, and regular reviews are used to track progress and inform next steps. This stream helps determine both the athlete’s readiness and their fit for the more intensive demands of the Podium Program. Athletes in the Transition stream are generally considered to be approximately 4 to 6 or more years away from reaching medal-contending performance levels.

#### 4.4.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility criteria for the previous stream
- Has secured a home coach or regular coaching support (e.g., DTC)
- Demonstrates commitment to a structured daily training environment
- Completes Anti-Doping education and adheres to regulations

- Travel availability: 5-15 days/year

#### 4.4.3 Performance Standards:

- GR+:  $\geq 95.0$  (as available from benchmark event)
- GMP score: TBD
- Draw proficiency (minimum of three verified drill completions – see Appendix 2):  $\geq 60\%$
- Hit and stay proficiency (minimum of three verified drill completions – see Appendix 2):  $\geq 62\%$
- Peak hit velocity:  $\geq 2.80$  m/s (approximately 9.0 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)
- Benchmark event and result: Top 6 at National Championship

#### 4.4.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are eligible for both AAP carding and Team Canada selection and nomination. However, in alignment with the established criteria and guidelines, priority for carding and selection will be given to athletes in the Medal and Top 6 streams. For more information, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 4.4.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada's annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Access to National DTC, National Coaches, and IST Lead
- Possibly an invitation to a fully supported domestic training camp
- Possibly an invitation to a domestic competition
- Invitation to a regional training camp
- Quarterly IPP meetings with National DTC or National Coaches
- Monthly+ online meetings with National Coaches or IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources

## 5. PODIUM PROGRAM

### 5.1 Overview:

The Podium Program is Canada’s highest level of support for wheelchair curling athletes with the capacity to succeed at the international level. Rooted in a shared commitment to excellence, the program is designed to meet athletes where they are in their development and provide the training environment, performance support, and culture necessary to thrive.

The program is structured into three integrated streams – International Level, Top 6, and Medal – each with distinct but connected objectives. Together, these streams form a clear and supportive pathway that aligns with Curling Canada’s high-performance vision and OTP’s expectations for sustained international success.

Athletes across all three streams are part of a unified performance environment built on collaboration, continuous improvement, and ethical excellence. The Podium Program doesn’t just aim for results – it supports athletes in winning well, while developing the next generation of leaders in Canadian wheelchair curling.

### 5.2 International Level Stream:

#### 5.2.1 Objective:

This stream is focused on helping athletes build confidence and readiness through continued skill development, structured training, and exposure to international environments. Athletes are supported as they deepen their commitment and become more familiar with international travel, competition formats, and performance standards. They also gain the invaluable experience of representing Canada – often for the first time – and begin to understand what it means to perform as part of a national team. At this level, they contribute to a positive training environment by pushing their peers and embracing a culture of shared growth and support. Athletes in the International stream are generally considered to be approximately 2 to 4 or more years away from reaching medal-contending performance levels.

#### 5.2.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility criteria for the previous stream
- Spent at least one season in the Pursuit Program (recommended)
- Completes the Canadian Ethics for Sport Safe Sport training
- Adheres and complies with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports Anti-Doping accountability program
- Travel availability: 15-30 days/year
- Travel capacity: Cleared to travel internationally
- International classification likely required

#### 5.2.3 Performance Standards:

- GR+:  $\geq 100.0$
- GMP score:  $\geq 75.0$
- Draw proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 62\%$
- Hit and stay proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 64\%$
- Peak hit velocity:  $\geq 2.90$  m/s (approximately 8.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)
- Benchmark event and result: Top 3 at a major international event or National Championship
- Demonstrates clear program alignment

#### 5.2.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are eligible for both AAP carding and Team Canada selection and nomination. However, in alignment with the established criteria and guidelines, priority for carding and selection will be given to athletes in the Medal and Top 6 streams. For more information, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 5.2.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada's annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Regular access to National Coaches and IST staff
- Invitations to 1-3 fully supported domestic training camps
- Invitations to 1-3 competitions
- Bi-monthly IPP meetings with National Coaches
- Bi-weekly+ online meetings with National Coaches
- Monthly+ online meetings with National IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources
- Invitation for home coach to join the program's coach community of practice

### 5.3 Top 6 Stream:

#### 5.3.1 Objective:

Athletes in this stream are supported as they build on their foundational skills and transition into delivering higher-level, more refined performances. They are expected to show increasing consistency, tactical maturity, and the ability to perform at or above international benchmarks. In addition to their on-ice development, Top 6 athletes play a key role in shaping and strengthening the culture of the program – modeling professionalism, supporting their teammates, and helping to create a daily

training environment that brings out the best in everyone. Athletes in the Top 6 stream are generally considered to be *medal possible* athletes.

#### 5.3.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility criteria for the previous stream
- Spent at least a year in the International Level stream
- Travel availability: 30-60+ days/year
- International classification required

#### 5.3.3 Performance Standards:

- GR+:  $\geq 102.5$
- GMP score:  $\geq 82.5$
- Draw proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 65\%$
- Hit and stay proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 66\%$
- Peak hit velocity:  $\geq 3.10$  m/s (approximately 7.5 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)
- Benchmark event and result: Top 6 at World Championship or Paralympics, or National Champion

#### 5.3.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are eligible for both AAP carding and Team Canada selection and nomination, and they will be given priority consideration. For full details, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 5.3.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada's annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Regular access to National Coaches and IST staff
- Invitations to 3-5 fully supported domestic training camps
- Invitations to 2-4 competitions (0-1 international competitions)
- Monthly IPP meetings with National Coaches
- Bi-weekly+ online meetings with National Coaches
- Monthly+ online meetings with National IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources
- Invitation for home coach to join the program's coach community of practice

#### 5.4 Medal Stream:

#### 5.4.1 Objective:

Athletes in this stream are provided with the resources and environment needed to pursue and sustain performance excellence in its fullest form – the ability to maintain technical excellence at speed, under pressure, and when fatigued. Their role extends beyond competition: they help drive and shape the culture of the program by modelling daily excellence, contributing to innovation, and helping set the standards that define what it means to represent Canada at the highest level. As leaders within the system, they are instrumental in creating an environment that supports long-term success for all athletes in the Podium Pathway. Athletes in the Medal stream are generally considered to be *medal probable* athletes.

#### 5.4.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility criteria for the previous stream

#### 5.4.3 Performance Standards:

- GR+:  $\geq 105.0$
- GMP score:  $\geq 87.5$
- Draw proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 68\%$
- Hit and stay proficiency (built into GMP):  $\geq 68\%$
- Peak hit velocity:  $\geq 3.20$  m/s (approximately 7.0 second hog-to-hog on standard ice conditions)
- Benchmark event and result: Top 3 at World Championship or Paralympics

#### 5.4.4 Carding and Selection Eligibility:

Athletes in this stream are eligible for both AAP carding and Team Canada selection and nomination, and they will be given priority consideration. For full details, refer to Section 8: Curling Canada's 2025-2026 Wheelchair Curling Athlete Assistance Program Carding Standards and Guidelines, and Section 9: Team Canada Selection Protocol.

#### 5.4.5 Coaching and Training Support:

While the frequency and scope of coaching, performance science support, and training and competition opportunities may vary based on Curling Canada's annual budget, Sport Canada funding levels and the year in quadrennial, athletes in this stream can generally expect the following program support:

- Regular access to National Coaches and IST staff
- Invitations to 4-6 fully supported domestic training camps
- Invitations to 3-5 competitions (1-2 international competitions)
- Monthly IPP meetings with National Coaches

- Bi-weekly+ online meetings with National Coaches
- Monthly+ online meetings with National IST staff
- Access to an online hub of training and support resources
- Invitation for home coach to join the program's coach community of practice

## 6. SELECTION PROCESS AND DECLARATION

### 6.1 Selection Panel:

#### 6.1.1 Panel Objectives:

The purpose of the Selection Panel is to, within the guidelines laid out in this document:

- a. Add athletes to the WCP, determining the appropriate stream;
- b. Retain athletes to the WCP, determining the appropriate stream;
- c. Exit athletes from the WCP;
- d. Select or nominate athletes to represent Team Canada at Worlds Championships and Paralympic Games; and
- e. Nominate athletes to Sport Canada for AAP support.

#### 6.1.2 Panel Members:

The Selection Panel will consist of the members of the HPLT – specifically:

- Director of Wheelchair Curling
- National Head Coach
- National Mixed Doubles Head Coach
- National Integrated Support Team Lead
- Pathway Advisor

### 6.2 Athlete Declaration:

Athletes who wish to be considered for inclusion in the high-performance programs and streams of the WCP must complete an Athlete Declaration Form (see Athlete Declaration Form in Appendix 3). This form serves as the official mechanism for athletes to declare their interest and eligibility for a specific stream/program and is required for consideration by the Selection Panel. Within the declaration form, athletes will:

- a. Identify the program and stream (e.g., Pursuit Identification, Pursuit Confirmation, Pursuit Transition, or a Podium stream) they are applying to;
- b. Confirm their eligibility for the program and stream they are declaring for, including acknowledgment of any relevant classification requirements;
- c. Indicate their availability and commitment to the expectations associated with that program and stream.

### 6.3 Selection Dates and Deadlines:

Athletes may complete the Athlete Declaration Form at any time throughout the year. The form is available on Curling Canada's website and must be submitted in advance of the

Selection Meetings to be considered for inclusion. Declaration forms are reviewed by the Selection Panel according to the program and stream an athlete is applying to:

6.3.1 Pursuit Program Streams:

Athlete declarations for the Pursuit Program will be reviewed twice per year, during official Selection Meetings held on April 30 and September 30. To be considered, athletes must submit their declaration form two weeks prior to these dates.

6.3.2 Podium Program Streams:

Athlete declarations for the Podium Program will be reviewed once per year during a Selection Meeting held on April 30. To be considered, athletes must submit their declaration form two weeks in advance of this meeting.

Athletes who do not complete their declaration prior to the relevant deadline will not be eligible for selection until the next scheduled Selection Meeting for their stream.

6.4 Selection Decisions and Communication:

6.4.1 Selection Decisions:

The eligibility criteria for each stream of the WCP are outlined in this document and are intended to bring forward as much objectivity as possible to support fairness and clarity. However, a degree of subjectivity is inherent in the selection process and must be recognized. Especially when reliable data is limited, decisions are made through a balanced evaluation of performance data, expert judgment, and the best available evidence of an athlete's progress, potential, and alignment with international standards. Curling Canada is committed to approaching these decisions with fairness, care, and a focus on long-term athlete and pathway success.

6.4.2 Communication:

All athletes who submit an Athlete Declaration Form will be formally notified of the outcome of the selection process within two weeks of the relevant Selection Meeting. All communications will be delivered in writing via email, including to those athletes who are not selected for a stream within the high-performance programs and streams of the pathway. Athletes who are not selected have the opportunity to request an explanation of the selection decision, which will be provided by a representative of the Selection Panel upon request. This process ensures transparency, accountability, and open communication throughout the selection process.

## 7. APPEALS

### 7.1 Who Can Appeal:

Athletes who are directly affected by a selection decision have the right to appeal.

### 7.2 Filing an Appeal:

To initiate an appeal, athletes must submit a written request for mediation to both Curling Canada and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). All appeals will be handled in accordance with Curling Canada's Dispute Settlement Mechanism, which outlines the process for resolving disputes fairly and transparently. If both parties agree, the Curling Canada dispute process may be bypassed and the matter referred directly to the SDRCC for resolution. For more information on the appeal process, visit:

- Curling Canada's Dispute Settlement Mechanism: <https://www.curling.ca/about-us/policies/>
- Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada: [www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca](http://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca)

### 7.3 Grounds for an Appeal:

Curling Canada will determine the admissibility of an appeal based on the following criteria:

- a. The Selection Panel did not follow the procedures outlined in the Selection Process (Section 5);
- b. The selection decision was based on an error of fact; or
- c. The selection decision was influenced by bias, defined as a lack of neutrality that compromised the Selection Panel's ability to fairly consider all relevant information.

### 7.4 Appeal Period:

Selection decisions made by Curling Canada may be appealed within seven (7) days following an athlete being formally notified of the outcome of the selection process.

### 7.5 Injury or Illness:

If an appeal is based on injury or illness, the athlete must provide medical documentation confirming the diagnosis from a qualified healthcare professional. Curling Canada may consult with the program's Medical Lead or their designate when reviewing such appeals.

## 8. CARDING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES (2024-2025 SEASON)

### 8.1 Overview:

Canada's Wheelchair Curling Podium Program (hereinafter the "National Program") exists for the purpose of training athletes with the potential to represent Canada in the World Championships and the Paralympic Games.

Sport Canada currently provides the equivalent of eight (8) Senior cards to the National Program (\$208,800.00). Sport Canada regularly reviews the allocations; therefore, this amount is subject to change.

### 8.2 Access:

Access to the program shall be gained because of national/international performance, agreeing to meet National Program standards and guidelines, and upon signing the athlete agreement form (see below).

### 8.3 Athlete Eligibility Requirements:

- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated. Permanent residents must live in Canada for the full year preceding the carding cycle for which the athlete is being considered for AAP support;
- Under the eligibility requirements of the sport's International Federation (IF) as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, the athlete must be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships, at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated;
- The athlete must participate in national team preparatory and annual training programs during the time period in which they are qualifying for AAP support;
- The athlete must be available to represent Canada in major international competitions, including World Championships, Olympic Games and Paralympic Games;
- For athletes in Olympic or Paralympic sports who have been permanent residents of Canada for three years or more, continued eligibility to receive AAP support is contingent on the athlete becoming eligible to represent Canada at the Olympic or Paralympic Games;
- The athlete must meet the published NSO-approved, AAP-compliant sport-specific carding criteria

### 8.4 Carding Program Eligibility:

In the carding year/cycle (July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2026) the following athletes shall be eligible to apply for carding provided they meet the required criteria:

- Athletes who participated in the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship or 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship
- Highest ranked athletes from the National Program who did not participate in either the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship or 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship and who meet the carding criteria.

#### 8.5 Priority Access:

- Priority #1: The seven athletes that participated in the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship or 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship
- Priority #2: Highest ranked athletes from the National Program that were not selected to participate in either the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship or 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship and who meet the carding criteria (see Appendix for carding details)

#### 8.6 Program Inclusion:

National Program members who meet established criteria and sign all pertinent agreements shall be eligible to be nominated by Curling Canada to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).

#### 8.7 Appeals:

- Any appeals related to carding shall be heard pursuant to Curling Canada's Appeal Policy: <https://www.curling.ca/about-us/policies/>
- Upon receiving a notice of an appeal and the athlete's appeal, Curling Canada and the athlete may first attempt to resolve the dispute pursuant to Curling Canada's Dispute Resolution Policy or through the Early Resolution Facilitation services offered by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC); and
- Notwithstanding the aforementioned, by agreement of the parties, the internal appeal process may be bypassed, and the appeal may be heard directly before the SDRCC.

#### 8.8 National Program Engagement Criteria:

##### 8.8.1 Competition:

All athletes with Senior or Development Carding status shall compete in a minimum of three regional, national, or international competitions as approved by Curling Canada. Each year an athlete is selected to the National Program, the athlete shall make every effort to qualify and participate in the World Championship and Winter Paralympics.

##### 8.8.2 Training:

National Program athletes shall collaborate with the National Program's High-Performance Leadership Team (HPLT) to create an individualized Annual Competition and Individual Performance Plan for a year-round training program which involves scheduled training in the following competitive components:

- A comprehensive planning, training and assessment resource will be provided by the National Program to assist the athlete, Team Coach and National Program Coach in implementing a year-round training program which includes significant engagement in the daily training environment.
- National Program athletes shall make themselves available to participate in high-performance camps or training sessions as identified in the Annual Competition and Training Plan. These initiatives will be formatted based on National Program athlete and coach input.
- National Program athletes will be provided access to sport science support as determined by the athlete and National Program HPLT and will be based on the National Program budget.

#### 8.8.3 Fitness Standards:

- National Program athlete shall meet or surpass the physical fitness standards previously agreed to by the athlete and the National Program HPLT. These fitness standards shall be documented in the athletes' individualized Annual Competition and Training Plan and achieved within a time frame agreed to by the athlete and National Program HPLT.
- Fitness testing shall be scheduled by the athlete in consultation with the National Program Sport Science Lead.

#### 8.8.4 Training/Performance Monitoring:

National Program athletes shall adequately prepare for and engage in (bi-)monthly Individual Performance Planning meetings to outline, monitor, and adapt individualized training plans, strategies, and practices over the program season.

#### 8.9 Drug Testing Requirement:

National Program athletes shall make themselves available to drug testing procedures as and when requested to do so by an authorized person/agency in Canada and overseas, as required by Curling Canada/athlete agreement and as stated in the AAP Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### 8.10 Curling Canada/Athlete Agreement:

Athletes seeking access to the National Program and Sport Canada carding shall study, sign and return the agreement to the Curling Canada office. The agreement shall be considered valid for the period of National Program inclusion and for the carding period of one year. The agreement shall be returned to the Curling Canada office on or before June 15th of the appropriate year (agreement attached).

8.11 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program:

Each athlete's specific Sport Canada carding status shall be determined by their national/international performance and sport specific carding guidelines as determined by Sport Canada in consultation with Curling Canada (Appendix 1 attached – 8.14). Information on Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program is available at the following web site:  
[https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/services/sport-policiesacts-regulations/app\\_policy\\_procedures\\_eng.pdf](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/services/sport-policiesacts-regulations/app_policy_procedures_eng.pdf)

8.12 Team Component:

Athletes who are in the National Program and nominated for carding are not obligated to compete with the team whose success earned them the carding opportunity. The athlete(s) must maintain their National Program training and competitive commitments and compete with a team(s) that is recognized by Curling Canada as national level.

Athletes who have been selected to the Paralympic Team Athlete Pool must remain active in the Pool to be eligible for National Program inclusion. Athletes may lose their Paralympic Team Athlete status for the following reasons:

- a. Failure to maintain their National Program training and competition commitments as determined at the beginning of the National Program season in consultation with the National Program Coach.
- b. Failure to consistently perform at the pre-established National Program standard in a championship environment (Canadian Championships, World Championships, International competitions).
- c. Failure to uphold the National Program Athlete Agreement.

8.13 Notification to Athlete on Request for Sport Canada Carding:

Curling Canada will endeavor to meet with appropriate Sport Canada representatives to present each athlete's application for carding prior to June 15th and as a result notify each athlete in writing of their carding status prior to June 30th.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Standards and Guidelines as outlined in this document.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

8.14 Appendix: National Wheelchair Curling Carding Program 2025-2026

8.14.1 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (Carding) Criteria

- The AAP carding status of National Program athletes shall be based on their national/international performance, ability to meet National Program standards and Sport Canada carding guidelines and adhere to the National Program Athlete Agreement. In the carding cycle (July 1st to June 30th) that includes the Paralympics, athletes must be selected to and maintain their status in the Paralympic Team Athlete Pool.
- Sport Canada provides the equivalent of eight (8) Senior Cards in card quota to the National Program. Senior cards may be converted to Development Cards. After every Olympic/Paralympic Games, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations for all sports. As a result, the number of cards allocated to the Curling Paralympic Program is subject to change.
- Curling Canada will nominate a minimum of eight (8) eligible Wheelchair Athletes at the Senior card level (SR1/SR2/SR).

#### 8.14.2 Senior Card Criteria (SR1/SR2 Cards):

In a World Championship year (i.e., years 1, 2, and 3 of the quadrennial):

- Mixed: World Wheelchair Curling Championship top 4
- Mixed Doubles: World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship top 6

In a Paralympic year (i.e., year 4 of the quadrennial):

- Mixed: Paralympic Games top 4
- Mixed Doubles: Paralympic Games top 4

Note 1: Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first year referred to as an SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as an SR2 card. The second year is subject to the athlete having participated at the most recent World Wheelchair Curling Championship or World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship. The athlete must also be re-nominated for AAP carding by Curling Canada and sign the AAP application and Curling Canada/Athlete agreement.

Note 2: In a Paralympic year, only the results of the Paralympic Games are considered for new Senior International carding status.

#### 8.14.3 National Team Criteria (SR Cards):

If any of the Team Canada athletes (i.e., athletes who participate as part of Team Canada at the World Wheelchair Curling Championship, World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, or Paralympic Games) do not meet the Senior international criteria, they will be eligible for a one-year SR card. The highest ranked athlete(s) in the National Program/Paralympic Team Athlete Pool that were not

selected to Team Canada may be nominated for a 6-month SR card. Priority will be given to support gender equity. Additional cards may be assigned providing there are sufficient funds available to allocate a minimum of a 4-month card.

Failure to meet renewal criteria for health-related reasons (“Injury” Card criteria): Any carded athlete who at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons may be considered for renomination for the upcoming year provided the following conditions are met:

- The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return to full high-performance training and competition during the period of his or her injury, illness or pregnancy or is continuing a rehabilitation program approved by the Curling Canada;
- In the view of the Curling Canada, the athlete’s failure to attain the applicable carding standards is strictly related to the injury, illness, or pregnancy;
- Curling Canada, based on its technical judgement and that of the National Program Medical Lead, indicates in writing to Sport Canada the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period;
- The athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his or her long-term commitment to high performance training and competition goals, as well as his or her intention to pursue full high-performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he or she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.

#### 8.14.4 Priority for Nomination:

Curling Canada will nominate a minimum of eight (8) eligible Wheelchair Athletes at the Senior card level (SR1/SR2/SR). The eligible athletes will be nominated in the following priority order:

- Priority #1: Athletes eligible under the SR1/SR2 criteria
- Priority #2: Athlete(s) that meet the Injury Card criteria
- Priority #3: Athletes eligible under the SR criteria

#### 8.14.5 Appeals:

Appeals of Curling Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a Curling Canada’s recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Curling Canada’s review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). Appeals of AAP Decision made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards) or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

#### 8.14.6 Additional Cards:

In the event that additional cards are made available to the National Program, due to changes to Sport Canada carding allocations and/or athlete retirements, the highest ranked athlete(s) in the National Program/Paralympic Team Athlete Pool that were not selected to Team Canada will be nominated for a portion of an SR card. More specifically, priority will be given to support gender equity (i.e., the number of cards allocated to male and female athletes will be equal or +/- 1).

Moving forward, in non-Paralympic years, our intention is to distribute the additional card(s) to development athletes, while continuing to prioritize gender equity, in support of mid- and long-term program success.

## 9. TEAM CANADA NOMINATION PROTOCOL (2025-2026 SEASON)

### 9.1 Overview:

The 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG) will take place from March 3-14, 2026, in Milano-Cortina, Italy. Curling Canada has been granted the right to nominate curling athletes to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) for selection to the 2026 Canadian PWG Team. Nominations made by Curling Canada will be based upon the policies and procedures defined and referenced herein. Curling Canada will evaluate all eligible athletes based on the selection criteria below (see Section 6) and submit, to the CPC, a prioritized list of athletes to be nominated to the 2026 Canadian PWG Team.

This PWG Selection Protocol sets out the process of:

- Identifying those athletes who are eligible, and wish to be evaluated for nomination to the 2026 Canadian PWG Team; and
- From this group, determining those athletes who will be nominated to the CPC

The final decision for nominating athletes to the CPC will be made by Curling Canada's National Wheelchair Curling Program's High-Performance Leadership Team (HPLT), which includes the Program Director, Head Coach, Mixed Doubles and NextGen Coach, Integrated Support Team Lead, and Program Advisor. The HPLT is committed to nominating athletes to the mixed doubles (two athletes) and mixed (five athletes) events to optimize Canada's probability of medalling at the 2026 PWG.

### 9.2 Mandate:

- a. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the body responsible for staging the PWG.
- b. The CPC is mandated by the IPC to select those athletes who will represent Canada in the 2026 PWG.
- c. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is recognized as the international governing body for the sport of Wheelchair Curling. The IPC publishes the Milano-Cortina 2026 PWG-Qualification Guide which determines the overall maximum number of Wheelchair Curling athletes that may participate in the PWG and establishes the minimum eligibility standards for all participating athletes. This guide also establishes quotas for each nation with respect to that nation's maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender, and maximum number of athletes per event. Further information in this regard is set out in the IPC Qualification Procedures.
- d. Curling Canada is mandated by the CPC to nominate those athletes that it wishes to represent Canada in the 2026 PWG. This is in accordance with criteria established by Curling Canada and the minimum criteria as established by the IPC. The final selection, however, of athletes as members of the 2026 Canadian PWG Team, rests with the CPC.

### 9.3 Eligibility:

To be eligible for nomination to the 2026 PWG, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen
- Be eligible to travel to Italy
- Be in good standing with Curling Canada
- Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status
- Be nominated for the prioritized list to the 2026 PWG, which may include:
- Current AAP carded athletes
- Members of the 2024-2025 and/or 2025-2026 National Wheelchair Curling Programs

### 9.4 IPC Quota Allocation:

The IPC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2026 PWG by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating in the Games. For the 2026 PWG, the IPC has established the following quotas for Canada for Wheelchair Curling: Maximum of two (2) teams – the mixed doubles team is comprised of two (2) eligible athletes (both genders must be represented on the team), and the mixed team is comprised of five (5) eligible athletes (both genders must be represented on the team).

### 9.5 Curling Canada Quota Allocation:

The allocation of Canada's quota is restricted by the quotas established by the IPC, as outlined in Section 9.4 above. To fulfill Canada's allocated quota, Curling Canada will make nominations to the CPC based on athlete ranking determined using the 'Selection Criteria' in Section 9.6 below.

### 9.6 Selection Criteria:

Eligible athletes will be selected based on (a) performance data and (b) Gold Medal Profile (GMP) assessment. Selected athletes will then be positioned within a specific discipline based on positional fit and program priorities. See Table 9.6 for the Selection Criteria Summary and Tally Sheet:

Table 9.6. Selection Criteria Summary and Tally Sheet

ATHLETE	PERFORMANCE ASSETS (75%)	SPORT-SPECIFIC ASSETS (17.85%)	ATHLETIC ASSETS (7.15%)	GMP TOTAL (/100)	SELECTED (Y/N)	DISCIPLINE/POSITION ALLOCATION
Female 1					Yes	
Female 2					Yes	
Male 1					Yes	
Male 2					Yes	

Athlete 5					<p>Final selection spot(s) will be determined based:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender requirements (uphold a 2-3 ratio in the mixed discipline)</li> <li>• GMP total and ranking</li> <li>• Positional fit and flexibility</li> <li>• International competitive experience</li> <li>• Projected competitiveness through the 2030 quadrennial</li> <li>• Anticipated medical clearance/return to play</li> </ul>
Athlete 6					
Athlete 7					
Athlete 8					
Athlete 9					
Athlete 10					
Athlete 11					
Athlete 12					
Athlete 13					
Athlete 14					

Nominated athletes understand the Head Coaches of the respective disciplines have the final authority to determine the active roster (i.e., starting line-up and positional allocation) for each game on-site at the 2026 PWG.

9.6.1 Performance Assets:

The Performance Assets criteria will be calculated using relevant positional data collected between December 1, 2023, and October 1, 2025, which includes data from the following events:

- 2023 Leduc Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Event
- 2024 World Wheelchair Curling Championship
- 2024 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship
- 2024 Colorado Cup Mixed Doubles Event
- 2024 Stirling International Bonspiel
- 2024 Stirling Mixed Doubles Bonspiel
- 2024 Leduc Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Event
- 2024 Ontario Open Wheelchair Curling Event
- 2024 National Program Training Camps
- 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship
- 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship
- 2025 National Program Training Camps (prior to October 1st, 2025)
- Additional competitions added to the schedule prior to October 1, 2025

More specifically, the highest points (i.e., 75 out of 75) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest average shooting percentages relative to the position they played on a game-by-game basis. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their proximity to the top performer.

9.6.2 Sport-Specific Assets:

The Sport-Specific Assets will be calculated using the scores derived from the Sport-Specific Asset assessment rubrics (see Table 9.6.2 for a summary). The assessment is completed collaboratively between each athlete and members of the HPLT using the most relevant objective and subjective data where available.

Table 9.6.2. National Program Gold Medal Profile Sport-Specific Asset Summary

ASSET #	SPORT-SPECIFIC ASSET	SCORE (/10)
1	Technical: Weight control	
2	Technical: Line of delivery	
3	Technical: Rotation control	
4	Technical: Awareness and adaptability	
5	Technical: Shot making in training	
6	Tactical: Strategy formulation	
7	Tactical: Shot selection	
8	Tactical: Pattern recognition	
9	Tactical: Path and conditions management	
10	Tactical: Shot management	
11	Daily training: Ice access	
12	Daily training: Ice and rock conditions	
13	Daily training: Training frequency	
14	Daily training: Equipment and technology	
15	Daily training: Home coach	

### 9.6.3 Athletic Assets:

The Athletic Assets will be calculated using the scores derived from the Athletic Asset assessment rubrics (see Table 9.6.3 for a summary). The assessment is completed collaboratively between each athlete and members of the HPLT using the most relevant objective and subjective data where available.

Table 9.6.3. National Program Gold Medal Profile Athletic Asset Summary

ASSET #	ATHLETIC ASSET	SCORE (/10)
1	Physical: Power and strength	
2	Physical: Fitness strategy	
3	Physical: Energy and recovery management	
4	Psychological: Resilience	
5	Psychological: Stress management	

6	Psychological: Teamwork	
7	Wellness: Physical wellness	Not included
8	Wellness: Mental and emotional wellness	Not included
9	Wellness: Spiritual wellness	Not included

## 9.7 Nomination Process:

The HPLT will nominate nine athletes to the CPC with the 8th and 9th ranked athletes serving as alternates. The top 2 ranked female and male athletes will be automatically nominated. The HPLT reserves the right to make out-of-order nominations for the final five nominations (e.g., nominating an athlete ranked lower than 7th instead of nominating the top 7 ranked athletes) in the following circumstances:

- a. To fulfill both the IPC's gender quota (representation from both genders) and Curling Canada's gender quota (a combination of 3 and 2 per gender in the mixed event)
- b. To ensure that one alternate is male and one alternate is female
- c. The athletes' health, wellness, and travel ability as determined by the Curling Canada's National Program Medical
- d. The athletes' positional fit and flexibility
- e. The athletes' international competitive experience
- f. The athletes' projected competitiveness through the 2030 quadrennial

Athletes who earned a quota spot for Canada may not necessarily be nominated. Seven (7) athletes and two (2) alternates (1 of each gender) will be announced after CPC approval.

Nominated athletes understand:

- a. The starting line-up for any game is at the discretion of the Head Coaches
- b. Positional changes are at the discretion of the Head Coaches
- c. The Curling Canada Paralympic Coaching Team and the Team Leader have the final authority to determine the active roster for each game on-site at the Games and to make adjustments in the eventuality of unexpected circumstances.

Curling Canada's National Wheelchair Curling Program will keep written records of the data used to evaluate athletes in the selection process for a period of six months after selection to the 2026 Canadian PWG Team is announced.

### 9.7.1 Nomination Timeline:

The following timeline will guide the nomination procedures:

- Selection period: December 1, 2023, to October 1, 2025
- HPLT nomination meeting: October 2-3, 2025
- Internal athlete announcement: October 6, 2025
- Appeal deadline: October 13, 2025

- Public announcement: TBA (aiming for November 17, 2025)
- Deadline to nominate athletes to the CPC: February 17, 2026
- Sport entry deadline: February 20, 2026

#### 9.8 General Considerations:

Curling Canada retains the right, in the event of circumstances such as changes to the IPC Calendar, the cancellation of events, or the staging of events in sub-standard conditions, to vary the selection criteria and/or nomination process set out above. In making any such variation, Curling Canada shall exercise its best efforts to replace criteria with ones that are similar in terms of dates and locations. Curling Canada will promptly notify athletes of any such substitutions.

#### 9.9 Removal from Selection:

Athletes who are nominated for the 2026 Canadian PWG Team may have their nomination withdrawn in the circumstances outlined in this Section. Curling Canada will coordinate with the CPC to arrange de-selection or removal.

- The athlete withdraws
- The athlete fails to meet High Performance Program commitments, as determined by the HPLT
- The athlete is declared as medically unable to prepare for and compete by a Curling Canada approved medical staff member
- Based on behavior in violation of Curling Canada's Obligations of Competitors and Coaches. Removal is subject to the Curling Canada Appeal Policy as outlined in the Dispute Settlement Mechanism: <https://www.curling.ca/about-us/policies/>
- Based on behavior in violation of the Curling Canada Athlete Agreement. Removal is subject to the Curling Canada Appeal Policy as outlined in the Athlete Agreement
- The athlete fails to comply with one or more of the Eligibility Requirements set forth in these Selection Procedures and/or becomes ineligible
- The athlete violates anti-doping rules

#### 9.10 Alternates:

If a nominated or selected athlete becomes removed from nomination or selection, outlined in Section 9, that vacancy will be filled according to the following procedures: The HPLT will select a replacement athlete from among the eligible athletes who were ranked during the selection process. Strong consideration will first be given to the two announced alternates, but the replacement is not required to be an alternate or the next-highest ranked athlete. The HPLT will evaluate possible replacements according to the following criteria, which are listed in no order:

- Gender requirement
- Replacement athlete attributes based on vacated position
- Athlete's compatibility with nominated or selected athletes

The HPLT will make the final decision.

9.11 Entry at the Paralympics Games:

Subject to IPC deadline to receive sport entry lists, Curling Canada shall identify the athletes it will nominate to the CPC for positions on the 2026 Canadian PWG Team before February 17, 2026. Also, before February 17, 2026, Curling Canada shall identify the athletes it will nominate as alternates for positions on the 2026 Canadian PWG Team. Once the final nomination list from Curling Canada is accepted by the CPC (maximum of 7 athletes), all athletes will have equal status as qualified Paralympic Team members. Athletes nominated in their respective events by Curling Canada to the CPC will be entered in those events at the Paralympic Games.

Team selection decisions made by Curling Canada may be appealed within seven (7) days following an athlete being officially advised they were not selected as one of the seven nominated athletes. Informing the athlete officially will take place no later than October 13th, 2025. An athlete wishing to initiate the dispute settlement mechanism process as articulated in Curling Canada's Dispute Settlement Mechanism shall deliver a written request for mediation, both to Curling Canada and SDRCC. Such appeals will be conducted in accordance with Curling Canada dispute resolution process, available on the Curling Canada website at: <http://www.curling.ca/about-the-sport-of-curling/high-performance/obligations-of-competitors-and-coaches-dispute-settlement-mechanism/>. If both parties are in agreement, the Curling Canada dispute resolution process can be bypassed and the matter brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will decide the matter.

9.12 Agreements:

All potential Canadian Paralympic Team members will be required to read, sign and return all identified agreement(s) to CPC in order to be eligible.

9.13 Changes to Protocol:

The HPLT shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this document. More specifically, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Curling Canada that prevent this document from being fairly implemented as written, the HPLT shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, considering factors and circumstances that they deem relevant. Moreover, the HPLT reserves the right to make changes to this document which in their discretion are necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before they have an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. In the event of a change to this document, the Director of Wheelchair Curling shall inform athletes of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

## 10. CHANGE HISTORY

Significant changes to the document following its publication on September 22, 2025, are recorded in the table below:

DATE	SECTION	SUMMARY OF CHANGE
<i>e.g., 12/01/25</i>	3.3.2	<i>Added an additional eligibility criterion for the Pursuit Confirmation Stream</i>

# APPENDIX I: WHEELCHAIR CURLING CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

## WHEELCHAIR CURLING CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES



This infographic has been created to provide an accessible overview of classification in wheelchair curling. It explains the goals of classification, highlights the differences between Canada’s national classification standards and World Curling’s international classification standards, and helps build familiarity with some of the eligible impairments in the sport. It also outlines what to expect from the provisional classification process, including how it works and what athletes can anticipate during a classification session. For additional information and the full set of rules, please visit World Curling to review the Classification Rules for Wheelchair Curling (2022).

### WHY CLASSIFICATION?

- 1 Define who is eligible to compete in parasport and consequently who has the opportunity to reach the goal of becoming a member of Team Canada (i.e., eligible for World Championships and Paralympics).
- 2 Group athletes into sport classes to create a fair and equitable playing field, ensuring mismatches in levels of function are minimized so that sporting excellence – not impairment – determines success.

Adapted from the Classification Rules for Wheelchair Curling (2022)

### DOMESTIC CLASSIFICATION OVERVIEW

#### CURLING CANADA

Individuals “who are unable to deliver a curling stone from the hack or with a delivery stick from a standing position.”

Eligibility criteria for the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship

### INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OVERVIEW

#### WORLD CURLING

Individuals with “an eligible impairment and that eligible impairment must be permanent ... significant impairments in lower leg/gait function, who usually require a wheelchair for daily mobility and are non-ambulant or only able to walk short distances”.

Eligibility criteria for the World Champ./Paralympics

### ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS (INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION)



#### IMPAIRED MUSCLE FUNCTION

A condition that either reduces or eliminates the ability to voluntarily contract muscles to move or to generate force.



#### ATAXIA

Athletes with ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system.



#### ATHETOSIS

Athletes with athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements.



#### LIMB DEFICIENCY

Athletes with limb deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma.



#### HYPERTONIA

An increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the nervous system.



#### IMPAIRED PASSIVE RANGE

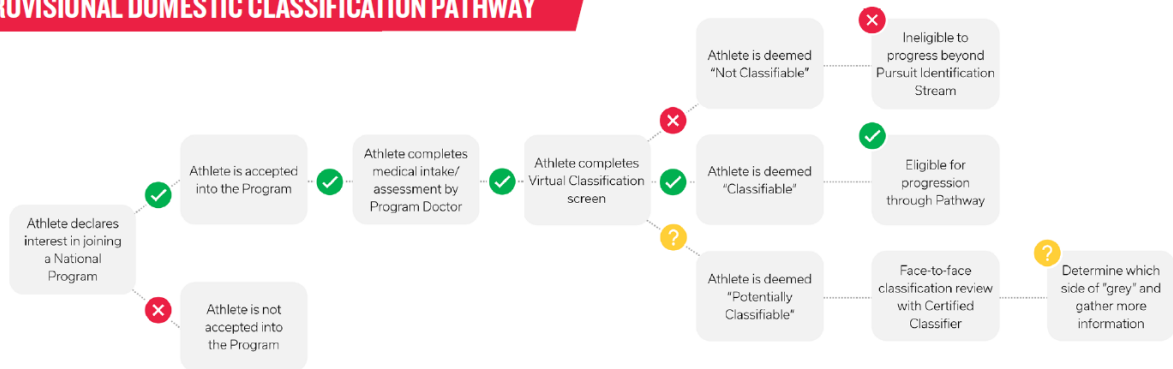
Athletes with impaired passive range of motion have a restriction or a lack of passive motion in one or more joints.

For athletes who have impairments in multiple categories, none of which meet Minimal Impairment Criteria, there is a category for multiple sub-minimal impairments/changing presentation.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT A CLASSIFICATION SESSION?

- Check-in at established location
- Classifier introduction
- Complete consent form
- Short interview with classifier
- Complete a physical evaluation
- Classifier review
- Sharing of sport classification
- Submission of paperwork

## PROVISIONAL DOMESTIC CLASSIFICATION PATHWAY



For more information about wheelchair curling classification, please visit the Rules of Wheelchair Curling Classification online at <https://worldcurling.org/rules/> or contact [wheelchair@curling.ca](mailto:wheelchair@curling.ca).

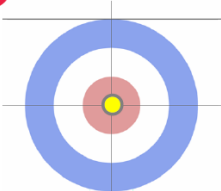
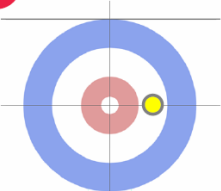
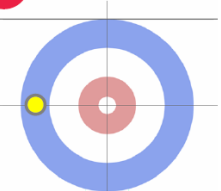
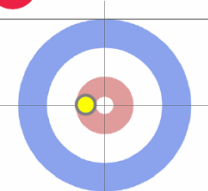
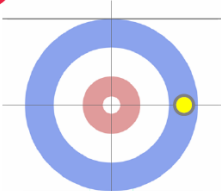
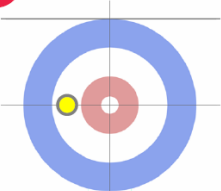
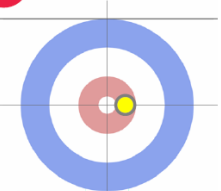
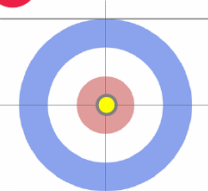
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## APPENDIX 2: PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DRILLS

# PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: HIT & STAYS



This self-assessment is designed to help you evaluate your performance capabilities in the essential skill of executing hit-and-stays – a foundational shot in wheelchair curling. Ideally, this drill is completed with the support of a Daily Training Consultant (home coach) or teammate(s) and part way through or at the end of a practice. You'll play eight consecutive shots without breaks, and your goal is to hit and stay in the rings. You, the thrower, are responsible for selecting the turn, weight, broom position, starting point, trajectory, and rotation. Use the scoring criteria provided to record each attempt and total your score across all eight shots.

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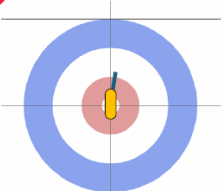
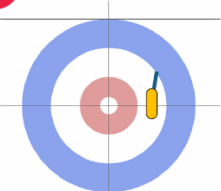
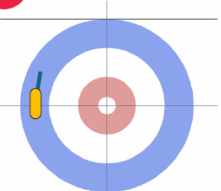
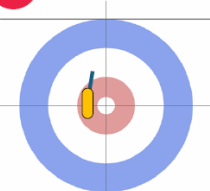
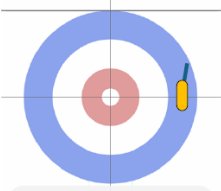
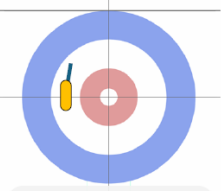
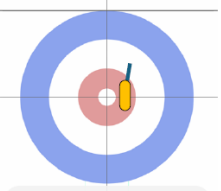
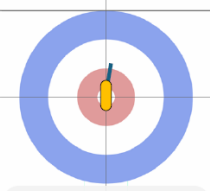
Observed trends/common misses:

Total score: / 16

# PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: **DRAWS**



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## APPENDIX 3: ATHLETE DECLARATION FORM

Please note that the Athlete Declaration Form must be completed and submitted online.

1. The WCP consists of two National Performance Programs: Pursuit Program and Podium Program. Both programs are composed of three streams. What program-stream are you applying for? Please carefully review the eligibility criteria for each stream in Sections 4 and 5 of the 2026-2027 WCP Guidelines online ([curling.ca](http://curling.ca)) to understand what stream you are eligible for.
  - a. Pursuit – Identification
  - b. Pursuit – Confirmation
  - c. Pursuit – Transition
  - d. Podium – International Level
  - e. Podium – Top 6
  - f. Podium – Medal
2. Are you redeclaring your interest and application for the same stream you are currently in?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
3. Athlete Last Name:
4. Athlete First Name:
5. Athlete Gender/Sex:
  - a. Female/Woman
  - b. Male/Man
  - c. Non-binary
  - d. Prefer not to say
6. Athlete Date of Birth:
7. Athlete Training Age (# of years training for wheelchair curling):
8. Have you received an approved international classification status by World Curling?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
9. Have you received an approved provisional classification status by a certified World Curling Classifier?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

10. What is the name of the certified World Curling Classifier that gave you an approved provisional classification status?
11. Athlete Email:
12. Athlete Phone Number:
13. Athlete Home Address (Street #, Street Name, City, Province/Territory, Postal Code):
14. Do you have a home coach or Daily Training Consultant?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
15. Coach/DTC Last Name:
16. Coach/DTC First Name:
17. Coach/DTC Email:
18. Coach/DTC Phone Number:
19. Club Name:
20. Club Address (Street #, Street Name, City, Province/Territory, Postal Code):
21. Declaration of Form Submission: I certify that the information I have submitted in this form is accurate.