

WHEELCHAIR CURLING



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	Ten (10) Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Mixed	50 (10 teams x 5 athletes)
	Total	50

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) mixed team qualification slot
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) mixed team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes, of which at least one (1) athlete must be of the opposite gender.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
WCF WHEELCHAIR CURLING WORLD RANKING LIST ALLOCATION	The top nine (9) ranked countries on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list, after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship qualify for the Paralympic Wheelchair Competition. Rankings on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list will be calculated based on the number of points each country attains from their performance during the WCF 2007, 2008 & 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, as follows:	9 teams

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HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION (continued)	<p>The host country directly qualifies. However, the host country will still be allocated points according to the Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Points Table if they enter into one of the three (3) qualifying World Wheelchair Curling Championships. If the Host Country holds a position amongst the top nine (9) ranked countries on the World Curling Federation (WCF) Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, the qualification slot will be redistributed and allocated to the next ranked country not otherwise qualified.</p>	1 team																						
TOTAL		10 teams																						



QUALIFYING TIMELINE

16-24 February 2007	WCF 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Solleftea, Sweden
19-24 January 2008	WCF 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Sursee, Switzerland
21-28 February 2009	WCF 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Vancouver, Canada
30 April 2009	Closing date of the Wheelchair Curling Points List for qualification slot allocation
1 June 2009 (No later than)	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated process
1 July 2009 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to WCF in writing the use of qualification slots
5 August 2009 (No later than)	WCF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
1 December 2009	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
26 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2009, each NPC must confirm to WCF in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the WCF may reallocate these slots.

By 5 August 2009, WCF will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By 5 August 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and the WCF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC on the WCF World Ranking List closing 30 April 2009.



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**World Curling Federation (WCF)
Wheelchair Curling World Ranking List
Regulations**

Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships	Paralympic Qualification Points where awarded during the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships. Where there were two or more countries tied for a points ranking, the countries were given an equal share of the accumulated points that these countries jointly held.
Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships	<p>In the event where two or more countries are tied for a points ranking position at the end of the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships (e.g. two or more countries holding the same win/loss record following the round robin and tie-break games) the following steps will be followed to determine the final points ranking positions:</p> <p>Step 1 - The record of games between the countries; the country with the best record will be ranked highest and the remaining will be ranked in consecutive order based on their respective records.</p> <p>Step 2 - In the event that step 1 is insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge will be used to determine final ranking,</p> <p>Step 3 - In the event of steps 1 and 2 are insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e. two or more teams having the same result) the best non-equal Last Stone Draw will be used to determine the final ranking, and</p> <p>Step 4 - If ties still exist (i.e., two or more teams having all equal Last Stone Draw results), the WCF World Ranking will decide the final ranking.</p>



Elimination in the event of a Tied Points Ranking Applied to the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

In the event that following the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, there are more than nine (9) countries (in addition to the host country) that can be considered for qualification due to tied rankings, an elimination process will be conducted to determine nine (9) countries for qualification on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria No. 1

In the event that two (2) or more countries tied so that an elimination of one (1) or more of these countries is necessary, the country with the latest World Wheelchair Curling Championships appearance will qualify. For example, if two (2) countries are tied in the ninth (9th) ranked position after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and one (1) of the countries participated in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and the other did not, then the country who played in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships qualifies.

Criteria No.2

In the event that Criteria No.1 is insufficient to determine nine (9) qualified countries, then the highest ranked) country (s) from the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships will be the deciding factor, or 2008 – or even 2007 if that was the latest appearance of the countries that are tied.

Criteria No 3

Should there be a situation where neither Criteria No 1 nor Criteria No 2 can eliminate the necessary number of teams, the elimination will be done by a play-off competition to be held between the teams concerned at a time, venue and with a competition format to be decided by the WCF.