

Qualification System for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games

Men's Event / Women's Event (10 teams) - the following allocations are made:

- Host NOC (Korea) - one team
- NOC's collecting the most qualification points - seven teams
- Top two from the Olympic Qualification Event - two teams

Mixed Doubles Event (8 teams) - the following allocations are made:

- Host NOC (Korea) - one team
- NOC's collecting the most qualification points - seven teams

The two World Curling Championships (WMCC, WWCC and WMDCC) leading up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games are used as the qualification events. The participating Member Associations (MAs) will earn points for their participation based on their performance at the WCCs shown below on behalf of their NOC:

	2016	2017
Men	Basle, Switzerland	(tbc)
Women	Swift Current, Canada	(tbc)
Mixed Doubles	Karlstad, Sweden	(tbc)

Olympic Qualification Points for all events will be awarded as follows:

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

After the 2017 WCCs, the 7 NOCs in each section (Women, Men and Mixed Doubles) with the most accumulated points over two years will be eligible to join Korea at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Curling Competition. In the situation where Korea holds a position amongst the seven best after the 2017 WCC, the NOC ranked 8th will automatically be eligible.

If, after the 2017 WCC, there are more than 7 NOCs (in addition to Korea) eligible for the 2018 Olympic Curling Competition because of the equal number of accumulated points, the elimination will be conducted on the basis of the following criteria.

1. In the event that two or more NOCs are tied so that an elimination of one or more of these teams is necessary, the MA with the latest WCC appearance will be allocated the higher place in the ranking. For example, if two MAs are tied for the 7th place after the 2017 WCC, and one of the MAs participated in the 2017 WCC and the other MA did not, then the MA which played in the 2017 WCC will be ranked higher and the other MA will not be selected.

2. In the event of a tied situation and Criteria No.1 is insufficient to eliminate the necessary number of MAs, the ranking between the teams in the 2017 WCC will be the deciding factor, or 2016 if that was the latest appearance of the MAs that are tied.
3. Should there be a situation where in fact neither Criteria No.1 nor Criteria No.2 can eliminate the necessary number of MAs, the elimination will be done by a play off between the tied MAs at a time and venue to be decided by the WCF. If the tied MAs are involved in the 2017 WCC, the play off will take place there.

If any eligible NOC, or the host, declines to register, the place(s) for the men and women will be filled from the OQE.

If any eligible NOC, or the host, declines to register, the place(s) for the Mixed Doubles will be filled by the NOCs with the next highest ranking, which is based on qualification points and the ranking and elimination procedures shown in this document.

Qualification through an "Olympic Qualification Event" (OQE)

1. Any MAs that earned qualification points at the 2016 or 2017 Men's or Women's WCC's, or participated at the 2014 or 2015 WCC's, who do not qualify as host or as one of the top 7 NOCs on the points list described above, may participate (at their own expense) in an 'Olympic Qualification Event' (OQE) run for the men and for the women by the WCF 5-10 December 2017.
2. The top two MAs from the OQE will qualify their NOC for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
3. The format of the OQE will depend on number of entries and will be designed by the WCF accordingly.
4. There is no OQE for Mixed Doubles. The host (Korea) and the top 7 NOCs from the Olympic Qualification Point Ranking List directly qualify.

The Men and Women are placed in one group at the WMCC and WWCC, so it is easy to determine the final ranking of 1 to 12 before awarding the qualification points.

For Mixed Doubles there are different groups, so we will have a system that is not based on just the Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) when awarding qualification points. For example with 4 groups:

a) After the round robins A1, B1, C1 and D1 advance directly to the 1/4 finals. Then A2 v B3; A3 v B2; C2 v D3 and C3 v D2 play in qualification games to find the last 4 teams in the 1/4 finals. The four losing teams from these qualification games will be ranked 9-12 after two additional sessions of games. The winners of the first two games will play again for 9th and 10th place. The losers of the first two games will play again for 11th and 12th place.

b) The four losing teams from the 1/4 games will be ranked 5-8 after two additional sessions of games. The winners of the first two games will play again for 5th and 6th place. The losers of the first two games will play again for 7th and 8th place.

c) The top 4 teams sort themselves out in the medal games.

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