



**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
PRE-QUALIFIER
PAN CONTINENTAL 2026**

**COMPETITOR'S GUIDE
TEAM MEETING DOCUMENT**

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World Championship: Pre Qualifier Pan Continental 2026
Dumfries, Scotland

WORLD CURLING PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear athletes,

Welcome to the World Championship Pre Qualifier Pan Continental in Dumfries, Scotland!

Congratulations on earning the right and honour to represent your Member Association at this inaugural event.

Dumfries is no stranger to hosting World Curling events and we have no doubt that the local organising committee will create the perfect conditions and experience for our athletes and fans alike.

We wish you all the best as you compete for medals and promotion to the World Championship Qualifier.

If there's anything we can do to help during your time in Dumfries, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at +1 (828) 279-7249.

Good luck and good curling!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beau Welling'.

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Dumfries Ice Bowl is a 6-sheet modern facility in the South of Scotland. This gives us the ability to host major curling events, both National and International. There are seating areas to the left and right of the lanes, which gives spectators up close action of each shot. Dumfries Ice Bowl hosted the 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event and 2023 and 2024 European Curling Championships C-Division.

TEAM MEETING

The team meeting will be held on 13th April 2026 at 10:00 at Dumfries Ice Bowl.

FUNCTIONS

During the Event, there will be mandatory functions to be attended. Teams are requested not to leave these official functions before team introductions have been made and all speeches and thanks have been given.

| Function | Mandatory | Dress Code | Comments |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Team Meeting | Yes (see below) | Association Clothing | See Playing Schedule |
| Uniform Check | Recommended | Team Uniform | See Playing Schedule |
| Medal Ceremony | Yes, for Medal winners | Team Uniform | |
| Closing Function | No | Informal | See Playing Schedule |

TEAM PHOTOS

Teams must not leave the venue after their pre-event practice without having their photo taken. Teams are required to wear their full team uniform for the team photos. The exact location for the photos will be communicated in advance of the event or at the team-meeting.

MEDIA RELATIONS

There might be international, national, and local media coverage of the event. World Curling and the Local Organising Committee request that players grant interviews as requested by the media. World Curling's media team will specifically try to speak to a variety of team members, not just the skip, throughout an event. As a word of caution, however, please ensure that you do not refer to any matters you do not wish to be quoted on. If you have a specific complaint about the competition, please express it to the appropriate official of World Curling, not to the media.

TELEVISION / WEB STREAMING

Details will be provided at the Team Meeting. However, no private web streaming by accredited team members is allowed anywhere within the venue.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

Conversation and promotion of your teams competing at the event on social media is encouraged. However, posts relating to race, faith, disability, sexual orientation, or messages which may be interpreted as inappropriate comments directed towards World Curling, officials, athletes, or coaches risk suspension (Rule R19) from the competition. All athletes and coaches are responsible for content posted on their accounts regardless of if third parties run them. Copying, sharing, or retweeting posts with content that is deemed inappropriate incurs penalties. If you have any queries, please get in touch with media@worldcurling.org.

If you are not yet on any social media channels and looking to get started, World Curling can help advise you on different channels to suit your needs. Contact: media@worldcurling.org.

Please use the following hashtags for your social media posts: [#OurHouse](#) [#curling](#)

[LOC Website](#)

PINS AND BADGES

Prior to the commencement of all round robin games, it is customary for each team member to exchange with his or her opposite competitor a pin, badge, or banner representative of his or her club, region, or Member Association as a souvenir gift. The teams' Member Association should arrange the required supply of these items.

DOPING CONTROL

Doping Control - World Curling may be carried out during the competition, and any competitors who are currently taking any medication, which is on the banned list of substances must first seek expert medical advice on the possibility of it being substituted by a comparable substance which is not on the prohibited list.

Athletes taking any medication on the List of Prohibited Substances or Methods please contact the relevant [National Anti-Doping Organisation \(NADO\)](#) | [WADA directly for guidance](#):

Please note, NADOs may require an athlete to apply retroactively for a TUE, if tested. Please refer to the NADO rules.

Please request recognition of any NADO approved TUE from World Curling.

If selected for drug testing, athletes should record their ADAMS TUE approval number in the comments section of the Sample Collection Form.



Athletes must declare all of his or her supplements and medications – both prescription and non-prescription during every sample collection process.

The Anti-Doping Rules of World Curling will apply, and the acknowledgement and agreement form must be signed by all participants in the competition and returned to World Curling by the upload link.

World Curling is required by WADA to follow these procedures. It is therefore extremely important that ALL ATHLETES who may participate at World Curling events are fully aware of these requirements and provided with the necessary medical advice.

Should any player be under 18 years of age, a parental / guardian consent form for Testing must have been supplied to World Curling.

Please contact Susan Keith at World Curling (tue@worldcurling.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical First Aid services will be available at the arena.

Medical, Massage, Physiotherapy, Chiropractic and Dental services will be available off-site by appointment only. All services will be fee based. A list of medical practitioners will be provided upon your arrival. The on-site Medical Room will provide a referral when required.

SAFEGUARDING

World Curling believes that it is a fundamental right of all athletes, staff and volunteers to be able to participate and develop in a non-violent, safe and respectful environment, free from all forms of discrimination, violence, neglect and exploitation.

All forms of harassment and abuse, especially against participants with vulnerabilities, such as juniors, para-athletes, and minorities, constitute a violation of the World Curling Code of Ethics and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Code of Ethics.

World Curling acknowledges its duty of care in this regard and is committed to creating and supporting an environment, and a culture, free from harassment and abuse. The welfare of all individuals involved with World Curling is paramount and behaviour and actions that constitute harassment and abuse will not be tolerated.

The World Curling Safeguarding Policy can be viewed [here](#). For any safeguarding concerns please contact safeguarding@worldcurling.org.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All persons entering the UK must be in possession of a valid passport.

Please check the visa regulations within your country. Should you require letters of invitation for visa purposes please send an email to info@worldcurling.org with the completed name list document and copies of the passports and travel dates which was distributed to your Member Association.

Most countries will require an Electronic Travel Authorisation to enter the UK

– <https://www.gov.uk/eta>

INSURANCE

All team members and officials are responsible for their own travel and medical insurance. Every Member Association is responsible that all persons of their delegation have a travel/health insurance which covers any eventuality.

ACCREDITATION

All team members must collect their Accreditation Passes in person (with a physical photo ID document) prior to the end of pre-event practice day. Any person who has not collected their Accreditation Pass by this time will not be accredited for the event, along with being removed from the original line up as shown in rule C2(k).

The Organizing Committee will provide accreditation for eight (8) people (five (5) athletes, one (1) Coach, two (2) other Team Officials).

If one of the Team Officials' roles is to be that of Translator and they are not listed on the Original Team Line-up after the Team Meeting is concluded, only one person either Coach or the other official in the Team Official Field of Play will be allowed to meet with the team during time-outs and subsequent team meetings.

Definition Translator

A translator must be officially registered as one of the team officials as listed above.

That person is allowed to join the coach during a team time-out but could also be called by the officials to help with translations.

To be eligible to be registered as a translator / interpreter, that person must be able to communicate fluently in the language of the team (if not English) and be able to translate that language to English.



TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Information on local transportation and accommodation in Dumfries can be found on the [LOC website](#). If you need any assistance, please contact events@dumfriescurling.co.uk

COUNTRY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police – dial 999

Fire Department – dial 999

Ambulance – dial 999

TEAM MEETING DOCUMENT

To ensure that all competing teams are properly informed about the competition, the Chief Umpire and World Curling Technical Delegate, together with the Local Organising Committee, provide the following document before the start of the competition.

There will also be final instructions given during the Team Meeting. Teams are reminded that the current World Curling Rules of Competitions states, one player and one team official must attend the Team Meeting. When a team has no team official(s) registered, two players must attend the meeting. If a team has more than one accredited official, two team officials and one player can attend. Should a team have an accredited translator, that person is allowed to join as well.

Failure to attend without approval of the Chief Umpire, results in the forfeit of the last stone advantage for that team in its first game.

Teams are also reminded that their representatives are responsible to pass along all information that is discussed at the team meeting and that all team members and team officials are bound by that information whether they attended the meeting or not.

If, due to exceptional circumstances outside their control, a team is going to be delayed they should contact World Curling Technical Delegate (TD), Laura Mutch as soon as possible: laura.mutch@worldcurling.org. If this occurs less than 24 hours before the team meeting, please call Laura +44 7912 368897

1. CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS ENTERED

| Men |
|-------------------------------|
| IND - India |
| JAM - Jamaica |
| KEN - Kenya |
| KSA - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |
| MEX – Mexico |
| TPE - Chinese Taipei |

2. ORIGINAL TEAM LINE-UP FORM

This form will be **completed online** and submitted without a signature by the end of the Team Meeting.

If one of the officials' roles is to be that of Translator and they are not listed on the Official Team Line-Up after the Team Meeting is concluded only one person either Coach or the other official on the bench will be allowed to meet with the team during time-outs and subsequent team meetings.

3. GAME LINE-UP

Game Line-Ups will be submitted electronically on a tablet located with the Chief Umpire no later than 45 minutes prior to game time.

4. CHANGE OF GAME LINE-UP

If a team wishes to make a change either after the pre-game practice or during a game, please see the Chief or Deputy Chief Umpire to access the Game Line-up tablet to programme your change. The change in the Game Line-up tablet must be completed before the athlete enters the Athlete Field of Play.

5. TEAM HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

The Health Information Form, which has been sent to all team members, must be completed, and held by a member of the team who will be responsible to ensure that the completed forms are readily available in case of an emergency.

6. TEAM INFORMATION - COMMUNICATION

Team on-site contact e-mail addresses must be confirmed no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event. It is each team's responsibility to check their e-mail at least daily. If needed, all online meetings will be conducted with [Microsoft Teams](#).

7. WARM-UP AREA ETIQUETTE

Please respect your fellow competitors' during your warm-up. If music is part of your routine, we request you listen to it through headphones, or if you want to use a speaker, find an area where no other teams are warming up.

8. TEAM UNIFORMS

All playing uniforms must be compliant with the [WORLD CURLING COMPETITION UNIFORM POLICY](#).

Uniforms must be submitted using the [UNIFORM UPLOAD FORM](#) no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event.

- Sponsor Crests must be submitted no later than 7 days before the event. Member Associations must register sponsor names, business category and position on uniform. A photograph or diagram in actual size must be included. The World Curling will confirm approval in writing. Sponsor approvals must be sent to liz.munro@worldcurling.org

Full information on the approval process can be found in the [WORLD CURLING COMPETITION UNIFORM POLICY](#).

To assist Member Associations in avoiding fines we will offer a Uniform Check before each team enters the Field of Play for Pre-Event Practice. This will allow any errors to be rectified prior to entering the Field of Play at which time fines will be implemented.

Only clothing, footwear, sport and mobility equipment, and accessories in compliance with the Uniform Policy are permitted at any time in the field of play.

Athlete Field of Play (games, ceremonies and practice sessions):

- Athletes: identical playing uniforms
- Team officials: playing uniform (either colour) or team official uniform
- Association jackets with a hood may be worn on the carpeted areas before or after the game and during the mid game break. They cannot be used on the ice except for during evening practice. They cannot be used during time outs or at the medal ceremony

Team Official Field of Play (games, ceremonies and practice sessions):

- All team members: playing uniform or team official uniform, association jacket

Failure to wear the appropriate clothing will result in access to the Field of Play being denied. Jeans are not considered as appropriate clothing for the Field of Play.

At all times, within the Athlete Field of Play, the footwear worn by players, coaches and team officials must be clean (i.e., not worn outside).

9. FIELD OF PLAY ACCESS

The acceptable routes for entering and exiting the Athlete Field of Play will be communicated at the Team Meeting.

10. RULES

The competition will be played under World Curling Rules, as published in the current Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition. Any variation from these rules will be communicated at the Team Meeting.

It is the responsibility of all players and coaches to become fully acquainted with all rules prior to the team meeting. The World Curling rules can be found on <https://worldcurling.org/competitions/rules/>.

The final authority for the operation and general conduct of World Curling events rests with the President of the Federation and their appointee(s).

To clarify a proper release of a curling stone at any World Curling competition:

- A double touch of the stone handle before the hog line at the delivery end is allowed.
- A re-touch of the stone handle after the hog line at the delivery end is not allowed.
- A stone must be delivered by using the handle of the stone. Touching the granite at any time during the forward motion is not allowed and considered a touched moving stone which results in the stone being removed from play

Officials will be available to monitor the delivery on request of the teams. Please note that they will only observe that player they were asked to observe for a minimum of 3 ends.






11. BRUSHES

Every brush entering the Athlete's Field of Play must be checked and marked with the appropriate tape. It is the responsibility of every team member to have their brushes marked with a distinctive tape colour, reserved for their position. This must be applied by the teams before the start of the event. The correct location of the tape is to be at the bottom of the brush handle (close to the brush head).

That colour then becomes that person's "personal" colour for that event. In cases where the player is changing position, they keep their own brush.

In cases where an alternate is **entering a game at the start** of a game – they can use their designated brush. In cases where an alternate is **entering a game after pre-game practice**, they need to use the brush-pad of the player being replaced.

If the brush head does not fit onto the alternate's brush handle, the alternate must play with the brush of the player who is being replaced. Penalty: If a new sweeping device is brought into the game without permission of the Chief Umpire, the team will forfeit the game.

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| 4th player |  | If a team member does not have the appropriate marking, tape will be available during the brush check for team members to apply. |
| 3rd player (Male in Mixed Doubles) |  | |
| 2nd player (Female in Mixed Doubles) |  | |
| 1st player |  | |
| Alternate & Coaches |  | |

Note: All brushes used during the competition must comply with the standards outlined in the relevant regulations, primarily the **Approved Product Code List**. This can be found in the [Brush specifications](#) for athletes, coaches, officials and curling organisations at elite level competitions.

Post-game brush inspections may be conducted at the discretion of the umpire.

Brush sleeves/one-piece brush heads replacement: At this championship / event teams do not require to begin each game with a new replacement sleeve / brush head. However, World Curling recommends that athletes replace their sleeve / brush head when there is a substantial accumulation of debris on the fabric or when signs of noticeable fabric war are evident.

World Curling Umpires have the authority to require a sleeve / brush head being replaced if they deem the condition of the equipment is unsatisfactory. If it is not replaced, the brush cannot be used.

A player may not change their brush head during a game, or during / after a pre-game practice, unless the Chief Umpire grants special permission. Permission will not be granted if the pad, handle, or head are damaged due to brush abuse. Penalty is applied as per the World Curling Rules of Curling.

If a brush head, or any of its components (excluding the sleeve), are changed during a competition (between games), it must be checked and approved by an official before being allowed into the Athlete's Field of Play.

To avoid the chance that an incorrect broom is put into play, only four brooms will be allowed in the Field of Play after the LSD is completed (Coach and Alternate brooms are

to be removed from the Field of Play and placed in the team broom bag or in the changing room).

For further information, please check the [Competition Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

12. SWEEPING

The umpires will observe sweeping. If they see a violation (dumping, using a prohibited sweeping technique with the intent of slowing down a stone etc.) when a team is sweeping their own stone, an official warning will be issued to the entire team.

For any subsequent violation(s) during the same event by the same team, the following will be applied:

- if during an LSD stone, the maximum distance will be recorded.
- if during the game, the non-offending team has the choice to either
 - allow the stone to remain in play (if they consider the sweeping violation was done to gain an advantage) or
 - remove the delivered stone and replace any displaced stones to their positions prior to the violation taking place

13. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

A copy has been sent to all Associations and is attached as [Appendix 1](#). Any changes will be advised at the Team Meeting.

14. SYSTEM OF PLAY

Teams will play a round robin. Teams ranked 1-3 after to round robin will play in the Qualification Games. The team ranked #1 will play team ranked #2 - the winner of that game will win the gold medal and qualify their MA for the World Championships Qualifiers 2026. The loser of the 1v2 game will then play against the team ranked #3. The winner receives the silver medal and will also qualify their MA for the World Championships Qualifiers 2026; the loser will receive the bronze medal.

15. GAMES

Eight (8) ends are scheduled with extra end(s) to break tied games. A minimum of six (6) ends must be completed in the play-off games, in any other games a minimum of six (6) must be completed. Extra end(s) will be played to break tied games.

The ice for the post round robin games has been pre-determined. They are listed in the official playing schedule. The Post Round Robin Schedule is attached as [Appendix 3](#).

16. STONES

The curling stones used at this championship are stones belonging to Dumfries Ice Bowl, these stones were fully refurbished in summer 2024. All games will be played with the stones on the sheet allocated. The stone-list is attached as Appendix 2.

17. COLOUR OF STONE HANDLES

First named teams in each draw play the stones with the dark-coloured handles. Second named teams in each draw play the stones with the light-coloured handles.

18. COLOUR OF PLAYING UNIFORMS

Dark-coloured playing uniforms will be worn when playing the stones with dark-coloured handles and light-coloured playing uniforms will be worn when playing the stones with light-coloured handles.

Note: The use of only one colour of the uniform is allowed for this event. If one uniform is used, the above does not apply.

19. GAME TIMING

Time clocks will not be used. The Umpires will be monitoring the pace of play during the games and advise teams as required.

Where an umpire determines a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, and with the authority of the CU, the skip of the offending team will be advised that if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivery end within 45 seconds, that stone will be removed from play.

There will be a 5-minute mid-game break when teams will be allowed to meet with their coach, the alternate player and one other team official within the Field of Play.

Please be aware of other games in progress when entering and/or leaving the Field of Play.

20. TEAM COMMUNICATION

As per rule C2 (p): While a game is in progress, the coach, the alternate player, and team official may, if the venue layout allows, verbally communicate with their team from their position in the Team Official Field of Play. This only applies when a team is the non-delivering team. Yelling is not allowed, and the team must not distract the delivering team and must be aware of the player position as the non-delivering team (R4).

During the LSD delivery, communication with their team is not allowed; between the two LSD stones, verbal communication is allowed.

21. TEAM TIME-OUTS

Only the on-ice players may call a team time-out and only when their game clock is running OR when their skip is in charge of the house.

Players signal a team time-out by using a "T" hand signal to an Umpire. The game clock is stopped for the full duration of the travel time (amount advised at the Team Meeting) and the 60-second time-out, even if a coach does not travel to the team.

Coaches are located at the same end, therefore separate travel times will be defined for home and away end.

Only one person, who is sitting in the Team Official Field of Play and a translator, if required, of the team that called the team time-out is allowed to meet with the team. Only the Team Members from the Team Official Field of Play can join for a team time-out. This person, or persons if a translator is required, must use the designated route to the team. Where walkways are beside the sheet, that person must not stand on the foam or the playing ice surface.

The team is notified when there are 10 seconds remaining in the team time-out.

When the team time-out has expired, the person(s) from the Team Official Field of Play must stop conferring with the team and leave the Athlete Field of Play immediately.

The coach of the team which has not called the team time-out is allowed to communicate from their position on the bench with their team. This communication is permitted during the travel time, but it must stop as soon as the team that called the time-out resumes the game.

22. TECHNICAL TIME-OUTS

A technical time-out may be called by a team to request a ruling, for an injury, or in other extenuating circumstances.

- Only the players on the ice may call a technical time-out by making an 'X' sign to an Umpire.
- Clocks will be stopped when the signal is given. The Umpire will establish the reason and:
 - a) If valid then the issue will be addressed, and the clock restarted after the problem has been solved.
 - b) If not valid, the clock will be restarted immediately.
- Team officials or alternate players can only attend at the discretion (invitation) of the Chief Umpire.

If a team requires a technical time-out due to an issue with personal equipment (e.g., brush or any clothing), the technical time-out cannot last more than 5 minutes. After that time the game must resume. If a team cannot resume after the 5 minutes have elapsed, they will forfeit the game.

If a technical time-out is caused due to an external force (e.g., power-failure, stone issues etc.), the Chief-Umpire will have the decision on how long the time-out will last for. Rule R13 will then be applied.

23. MEDICAL TIME-OUTS

If a team needs to call for a medical time-out, the Chief Umpire will consult with the medical personnel and the affected team after 5 minutes. After that consultation, the Chief Umpire will decide how long the medical time-out will last. The maximum extra duration is 10 minutes (total of 15 minutes). The Chief Umpire will then consult with the ice-crew and informs the teams so that they can prepare for the recommencement.

Should the affected team not be able to re-join the game after 15 minutes (e.g., not enough players, no alternate), the team will forfeit the game.

24. LAST STONE DRAW (LSD)

To decide who has last stone in the first end

At the conclusion of the team's pre-game practice, two stones will be delivered to the tee at the home end, by different players – the first stone with a clockwise and the second with a counter-clockwise rotation. Any of the five players can deliver and/or sweep or hold the brush for any LSD stone(s) as long as there is a maximum of 4 players on the ice during the LSDs.

A player must be in charge of the house and shall be positioned inside the hog line, with at least one foot on the ice surface of the playing end of the team's sheet, while the team is in the process of delivery. Normal sweeping rules apply. During the LSD, only the four players involved can be on the ice. The coach, team official and remaining player must take up a position off the ice at the home end.

Number of stones to be delivered by each player (minimum number for each turn) for this event.

| Considered Round robin games | Considered Number of LSD stones | Minimum for each player |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 5 | 10 | 2 stones, 1 clockwise + 1 counter-clockwise |

During LSD stones, a minimum of 3 players must be on the ice. If that is not the case, the LSD stones are recorded with the maximum distance (1.996m).

It is assumed that any team that wins the LSD will choose to deliver the second stone in the first end. If this is not the case for any game, the team must tell the Game Umpire before the start of its pre-game practice.

Teams are given a maximum of 60 seconds to deliver each LSD stone. If the stone is delivered before the official announcement or has not reached the tee line at the delivery end within 60 seconds (observed by an Umpire) or is delivered with the wrong rotation it will be recorded as maximum distance (1.996m).

25. PRE-GAME PRACTICE BEFORE ROUND ROBIN GAMES

There will be a nine (9) minute practice followed by the LSDs for both teams before the round robin games with the first practice starting approx. thirty (30) minutes before the game start time.

The team that is named first in the schedule will have first pre-game practice, except for the games marked in the playing schedule where a coin-toss will decide on first or second pre-game practice.

For all pre-game practices only the declared team players, coach and team official may enter the playing area but only the players can deliver stones and only their game stones can be used.

The team not practicing should stand as far back from the end of the sheet as possible. Those entering the Field of Play must wear the correct uniform.

26. PRE-GAME PRACTICE CONTROL

An Umpire will control the practice. The following clear instructions will be given. Please wait for the appropriate announcement before beginning practice or checking the stones.

At one minute to the start of practice:

One minute to the start of practice, sliders may be cooled but no practice slides or touching the stones. No sweeping is allowed between the back lines.

After one minute:

Practice may begin.

After eight (8) minutes:

One minute to the end of practice.

After nine (9) minutes:

Thank you - practice is over.

Wait till all stones delivered in time have come to rest, and then pause of a few seconds:

Please deliver your clockwise Last Stone Draw.

Downtime to allow for measuring of the stones:

Please deliver your counter-clockwise Last Stone Draw.

Downtime of approx. thirty seconds to allow players to leave the ice after the Last Stone Draws are completed:

Second practice your sliders may be cooled, but no practice slides or touching the stones. No sweeping is allowed between the back lines. Please also be aware of any stones that still need to be measured.

The above procedure will be repeated for the second practice.

When the final LSD stones have come to rest:

Please assist the ice crew by returning all stones to the home end.

Following practice, the ice will be cleaned, and if deemed necessary by the Chief / Deputy Chief Ice Technicians the slide paths will be re-pebbled.

One further announcement will be made:

Games will begin in one minute – practice slides may be taken. Good luck and good curling.

At this time, a one-minute countdown will start.

Teams can prepare for their game any time after this announcement as long as there is no commencement of delivery before the end of the countdown. If the player is not in a forward motion within **10 seconds after the countdown reaches zero**, that team's thinking time will be started and will run until the stone reaches the tee line at the delivery end.

27. SCORING

After the score has been agreed for an end, please advise the Umpire of the colour that scored and the number of points.

At the end of the game, it is the responsibility of a player from each team to confirm the score and LSD result by signing the scorecard.

28. MEASURES

All measures will be carried out by the players. Teams should carry out the measure and decide the score. If the score cannot be decided, teams can call for an umpire to perform the measure.

29. EVENING PRACTICE

There is no evening practice at this event.

30. POST ROUND ROBIN TEAM MEETING

For all post round robin meetings, a minimum of one and maximum of two accredited team members per team must attend. If a team has a translator that person can also attend.

The Chief Umpire / Deputy Chief Umpire will host the meeting 15 minutes after the last round robin session. Post round robin games will be discussed. Any team decision(s)

must be made before leaving the meeting. No external communication is permitted once the meeting has begun. Post Round Robin meetings may be in person, virtual or hybrid.

A team not represented at the post round robin meeting, or which is not prepared to decide, forfeits the choices to which the team is entitled. Post round robin team decisions can be submitted earlier in writing by a team if the CU gives permission.

31. STONE SELECTION FOR POST ROUND ROBIN GAMES

The first stone and stone handle colour in the first end of post round robin games is determined using World Curling Rules.

When stones can be used from various sheets, the teams will advise the Chief Umpire in writing or electronically no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of the game which specific stones they wish to use. Handles cannot be changed from stone to stone.

The post round robin schedule with additional practice sessions for the qualified teams is attached to this document as [Appendix 3](#).

32. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Improper conduct, foul or offensive language, equipment abuse, or wilful damage on the part of any team member is prohibited. Any violation may result in the ejection from that game of the offending person(s) by the Chief Umpire.

If ejected, the person(s) must leave the Field of Play and immediate areas but may stay in the locker room. Under no circumstances can an ejected player be replaced in that game by another player.

33. ICE ABUSE

No player shall cause damage to the ice surface by means of equipment, handprints, or body prints - Rule R11 (a). Procedures:

1st incident = 1st official on-ice warning, repair damage.

2nd incident = 2nd official on-ice warning, repair damage.

3rd incident = repair damage and remove player from the game.

These warnings are cumulative during the round robin portion of the event, any subsequent warning after the 2nd warning means immediate removal during that game. The same process applies (two (2) warnings and then removal on the 3rd incident/warning) during the play-off portion of the event.

34. HOG LINE VIOLATIONS

Electronic handles will not be used. Umpires will be pro-active in observing the hog line at various points throughout the game, and not at the team's request. If an umpire sees a violation, the stone will be removed from play.

The only warning is in this Team Meeting document. Any infractions thereafter will result in the stone being removed from play. The umpire watching the hog line will make this decision, confirmation of this decision by a second umpire is not required. Teams are requested to play all games in the true spirit of curling and not abuse the rule.

35. POST-GAME PROCEDURE

To avoid interference with games still in progress, at the end of games alternate players and team officials are **not** allowed to enter the Athlete Field of Play but must wait for their team to exit.

36. COACH AREA

Special seating has been arranged. Team officials will sit at the home-end. Coaches will sit on the same side of the bench as their team's stones on-ice. Electrical outlets (for computers and video cameras only) will be provided.

There will be three (3) positions for each team (alternate player plus maximum two team officials). Only the persons from the original line-up will be allowed onto the special seating area. If a properly accredited translator is assisting a team, access to the Field of Play will be allowed providing the translator is properly dressed and is listed as one of the people on the Team Official Field of Play (please note: during a game, only the people from the Team Official Field of Play can join for a team time-out or a break.)

Only coaches and other team members sitting on the coach bench may watch the broadcast of their own game with their own subscription and with no sound on (including the use of headsets). For any violation, the offending person will be removed from the Team Officials' Field of Play for that game. Any further violation will result in the team no longer having anyone in the Team Officials' Field of Play for the remainder of the event.

Displaying a team mascot or flag is not allowed, and the Team Official Field of Play must be "clean" at all times. Please help to keep the Team Official Field of Play tidy by placing all your rubbish in the bins provided and at the end of the game by clearing away all personal equipment.

- Team cheers and yelling are not permitted.
- Alcohol on the Team Official Field of Play is not allowed.

- Access to the Team Official Field of Play will only be allowed when your team is playing.
- Once a game is finished, the players and team support staff are asked to leave the Field of Play immediately.

37. KIT BAGS / CLOTHING

Arrangements of where to store kit bags and clothing will be advised at the Team Meeting. Clothing discarded during games should not be dropped directly behind or to the side of the ice. Clothing should be placed behind the scoreboards or on the Team Official Field of Play.

38. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

To avoid electronic communications as per World Curling rules, all devices, including smart watches, must have the communication function turned off when in the Field of Play. Participants inside the Athlete Field of Play should not take photos.

Clarification Rule 11(c): Teams are reminded that the use of electronic communication devices is not allowed in the field of play. This includes the use of Smart Glasses.

39. DECISION MAKING

It is hoped that all players and coaches will conduct themselves in a fair and sporting manner and that the Umpires do not have to get overly involved in games. If an Umpire is asked to make a ruling this will be done in complete fairness, and always according to the rules.

40. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

If, due to unforeseen circumstances or human error, changes and/or corrections are required to this document, World Curling reserves the right to make amendments at any point during the competition. Any amendments must have the approval of the following: World Curling President or Representative; World Curling Head of Competitions or Representative; and the event Chief Umpire.

41. ETIQUETTE

Etiquette is the backbone of curling, and the following statement can be found in World Curling 'Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition'.

42. THE SPIRIT OF CURLING

Curling is a game of skill and of tradition. A shot well executed is a delight to see and it is also a fine thing to observe the time-honoured traditions of curling being applied in the true spirit of the game. Curlers play to win, but never to humble their opponents. A true curler never attempts to distract opponents, nor to prevent them from playing their best, and would prefer to lose rather than to win unfairly.

Curlers never knowingly break a rule of the game, nor disrespect any of its traditions. Should they become aware that this has been done inadvertently, they will be the first to divulge the breach.

While the main object of the game of curling is to determine the relative skill of the players, the spirit of curling demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling, and honourable conduct.

This spirit should influence both the interpretation and the application of the rules of the game and also the conduct of all participants on and off the ice.

43. QUESTIONS?

Questions arising from this document can be asked at the Team Meeting, or if anyone would like a response before then, please send your question(s) to both the Chief Umpire and Technical Delegate within the same message.

The e-mail addresses are: colin.melrose1@ntlworld.com and laura.mutch@worldcurling.org

Good luck and good curling.

Colin MELROSE
Chief Umpire

Laura MUTCH
World Curling Technical Delegate

APPENDIX 1: PLAYING SCHEDULE



World Championship: Pre Qualifier
Pan Continental



Location: Dumfries, Scotland

Venue: Dumfries Ice Bowl

Dates: 13 April - 16 April 2026

Version: 23 Mar 2026

| PLAYING SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---------|---------|--------|----|-----------|---|--------|----|---------|---|-----|
| Date | Draw | Time | # | Sheet C | | | # | Sheet D | | | # | Sheet E | | |
| 13-Apr | 1 | 17:00 | 1 | JAM | v | IND | 2 | KSA | v | TPE | 3 | MEX | v | KEN |
| 14-Apr | 2 | 10:00 | 4 | KEN | v | KSA | 5 | MEX | v | IND | 6 | JAM | v | TPE |
| | 3 | 16:00 | 7 | IND | v | TPE | 8 | KEN | v | JAM | 9 | KSA | v | MEX |
| 15-Apr | 4 | 10:00 | 10 | KSA | v | JAM | 11 | TPE | v | MEX | 12 | KEN | v | IND |
| | 5 | 16:00 | 13 | TPE | v | KEN | 14 | IND | v | KSA | 15 | MEX | v | JAM |
| 16-Apr | 6 | 09:00 | 16 | Rank 1 | v | Rank 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | 15:00 | | | | | 17 | Loser #16 | v | Rank 3 | | | | |
| Note: | | v | coin-toss required | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRACTICE SCHEDULE & OFFICIAL EVENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Time | Sheet C | | | Sheet D | | | Sheet E | | | | | | |
| 13-Apr | 10:00 | Team Meeting followed by Uniform Check for teams practicing at 11:30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11:30 - 12:15 | KEN | | | IND | | | TPE | | | | | | |
| | 12:15 - 13:30 | Ice Maintenance and Uniform Check for teams practicing at 13:30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 13:30 - 14:15 | MEX | | | JAM | | | KSA | | | | | | |
| | 19:30 | Opening Reception - Dumfries Ice Bowl | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-Apr | 18:30 | Closing Party - Dumfries Ice Bowl | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Note: | Practice for 15 minutes on each sheet, rotation from A to B to C | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

APPENDIX 2: STONE LIST

OFFICIAL

CURLING CLUB / ICE RINK - DUMFRIES ICE BOWL

| SHEET ID | COLOUR | STONE ID | HANDLE |
|----------|------------|----------|--------|
| Sheet A | Blue | RE11888 | A1 |
| | | RE11951 | A2 |
| | | RE11934 | A3 |
| | | RE11948 | A4 |
| | | RE11897 | A5 |
| | | RE11895 | A6 |
| | | RE11949 | A7 |
| | | RE11954 | A8 |
| Sheet B | Red | RE11933 | A1 |
| | | RE11886 | A2 |
| | | RE11929 | A3 |
| | | RE11901 | A4 |
| | | RE11892 | A5 |
| | | RE11899 | A6 |
| | | RE11950 | A7 |
| | | RE11875 | A8 |
| Sheet C | Light Blue | RE11932 | B1 |
| | | RE11930 | B2 |
| | | RE11937 | B3 |
| | | RE11865 | B4 |
| | | RE11864 | B5 |
| | | RE11927 | B6 |
| | | RE11887 | B7 |
| | | RE11863 | B8 |
| Sheet D | Yellow | RE11890 | B1 |
| | | RE11943 | B2 |
| | | RE11919 | B3 |
| | | RE11893 | B4 |
| | | RE11868 | B5 |
| | | RE11883 | B6 |
| | | RE11876 | B7 |
| | | RE11947 | B8 |

SCOTLAND

| SHEET ID | COLOUR | STONE ID | HANDLE |
|----------|------------|----------|--------|
| Sheet C | Blue | RE11928 | C1 |
| | | RE11867 | C2 |
| | | RE11938 | C3 |
| | | RE11911 | C4 |
| | | RE11869 | C5 |
| | | RE11900 | C6 |
| | | RE11914 | C7 |
| | | RE11862 | C8 |
| Sheet D | Red | RE11925 | C1 |
| | | RE11891 | C2 |
| | | RE11874 | C3 |
| | | RE11894 | C4 |
| | | RE11915 | C5 |
| | | RE11898 | C6 |
| | | RE11936 | C7 |
| | | RE11931 | C8 |
| Sheet E | Yellow | RE11913 | D1 |
| | | RE11946 | D2 |
| | | RE11917 | D3 |
| | | RE11866 | D4 |
| | | RE11952 | D5 |
| | | RE11889 | D6 |
| | | RE11878 | D7 |
| | | RE11935 | D8 |
| Sheet F | Light Blue | RE11912 | D1 |
| | | RE11916 | D2 |
| | | RE11942 | D3 |
| | | RE11921 | D4 |
| | | RE11871 | D5 |
| | | RE11884 | D6 |
| | | RE11882 | D7 |
| | | RE11903 | D8 |

OFFICIAL

COMMON AILSA D/A

AGE - JULY 2012

SIDE A - White Line Up

| SHEET ID | COLOUR | STONE ID | HANDLE |
|----------|------------|----------|--------|
| Sheet E | Blue | RE11896 | E1 |
| | | RE11926 | E2 |
| | | RE11918 | E3 |
| | | RE11939 | E4 |
| | | RE11877 | E5 |
| | | RE11879 | E6 |
| | | RE11885 | E7 |
| | | RE11873 | E8 |
| Sheet F | Red | RE11904 | E1 |
| | | RE11924 | E2 |
| | | RE11956 | E3 |
| | | RE11957 | E4 |
| | | RE11870 | E5 |
| | | RE11920 | E6 |
| | | RE11940 | E7 |
| | | RE11910 | E8 |
| Sheet G | Yellow | RE11953 | F1 |
| | | RE11905 | F2 |
| | | RE11881 | F3 |
| | | RE11906 | F4 |
| | | RE11941 | F5 |
| | | RE11923 | F6 |
| | | RE11909 | F7 |
| | | RE11872 | F8 |
| Sheet H | Light Blue | RE11880 | F1 |
| | | RE11907 | F2 |
| | | RE11908 | F3 |
| | | RE11955 | F4 |
| | | RE11944 | F5 |
| | | RE11902 | F6 |
| | | RE11922 | F7 |
| | | RE11945 | F8 |

APPENDIX 3: POST ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE



World Championship: Pre Qualifier
Pan Continental



Location: Dumfries, Scotland

Venue: Dumfries Ice Bowl

Dates: 13 April - 16 April 2026

Version: 12 Mar 2026

| POST ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-------|--|---|--------|---|---|--------|---------|---|-----|
| Date | Draw | Time | Sheet C | | | Sheet D | | | Sheet E | | |
| 15-Apr | 5 | 16:00 | TPE | v | KEN | IND | v | KSA | MEX | v | JAM |
| | As soon as possible after the game and post round robin meeting (20 min) | | Practice 1v2 Team with LSFE Stones from C,D,E | | | | | | | | |
| | After previous practice session (20 min) | | Practice 1v2 Team without LSFE Stones from C,D,E | | | | | | | | |
| 16-Apr | 6 | 09:00 | Rank 1 | v | Rank 2 | | | | | | |
| | As soon as possible after the game and post round robin meeting (20 min) | | | | | Practice Loser 1v2 v Rank 3 Team with LSFE Stones from C,D,E | | | | | |
| | After previous practice session (20 min) | | | | | Practice Loser 1v2 v Rank 3 Team without LSFE Stones from C,D,E | | | | | |
| | 7 | 15:00 | | | | Loser #16 | v | Rank 3 | | | |

APPENDIX 4: TIMING SCHEDULE FOR NO CLOCKS

WCPQPC 2026

Game Timing: Action Plan

| End | Time for End | Total Time | Time after Break | Game Time | | | | |
|-------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | 09:00 | 10:00 | 15:00 | 16:00 | 17:00 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 00:13:00 | 00:16:00 ¹⁾ | 00:17:00 | 09:17 | 10:17 | 15:17 | 16:17 | 17:17 |
| 2 | 00:14:00 | 00:31:00 | 00:32:00 | 09:32 | 10:32 | 15:32 | 16:32 | 17:32 |
| 3 | 00:14:00 | 00:46:00 | 00:47:00 | 09:47 | 10:47 | 15:47 | 16:47 | 17:47 |
| 4 | 00:14:00 | 01:01:00 | | 10:01 | 11:01 | 16:01 | 17:01 | 18:01 |
| Break | 00:05:00 | | 01:06:00 | 10:06 | 11:06 | 16:06 | 17:06 | 18:06 |
| 5 | 00:14:00 | 01:23:00 ¹⁾ | 01:24:00 | 10:24 | 11:24 | 16:24 | 17:24 | 18:24 |
| 6 | 00:15:00 | 01:39:00 | 01:40:00 | 10:40 | 11:40 | 16:40 | 17:40 | 18:40 |
| 7 | 00:15:00 | 01:55:00 | 01:56:00 | 10:56 | 11:56 | 16:56 | 17:56 | 18:56 |
| 8 | 00:16:00 | 02:12:00 | | 11:12 | 12:12 | 17:12 | 18:12 | 19:12 |
| EE | 00:16:00 | 02:29:00 | | 11:29 | 12:29 | 17:29 | 18:29 | 19:29 |

1) 3 extra minutes (for measure or time out) have been included in both halves of the game.