

**INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**  
**2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES SELECTION PROTOCOL**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG) will take place from March 9-18, 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Curling Canada (CC) has been granted the right to nominate curling athletes to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) for selection to the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

Nominations made by Canada Curling will be based upon the policies and procedures defined and referenced herein.

Curling Canada will evaluate all eligible athletes based on the Curling Canada selection criteria (see Section 6) and submit, to the CPC, a prioritized list of athletes to be nominated to the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

This Paralympic Winter Games Selection Protocol sets out the process of:

- A. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for nomination to the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team; and
- B. 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 the Director of High Performance, supported by the **High-Performance Management Team (HPMT)**, which includes the Head Coach, Program Manager, Mental Performance Consultant, Strength and Conditioning Consultant, Team Dietitian, Team Physician, and Team Physiotherapist.

**2. MANDATE**

- A. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the body responsible for staging the Paralympic Winter Games (PWG).
- B. The CPC is mandated by the IPC to select those athletes who will represent Canada in the 2018 PWG.
- C. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is recognized as the international governing body for the sport of wheelchair curling. The IPC publishes the Pyeongchang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games- Qualification Guide which determines the overall maximum number of wheelchair curling athletes that may participate in the PWG and establishes the 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. In the event of a discrepancy between the IPC Qualification Procedures for CC and this document, the IPC Qualification Procedures for CC shall prevail.
- D. CC is mandated by the CPC to nominate those athletes that it wishes to have represent Canada in the 2018 PWG, in accordance with criteria established by CC and the minimum performance

criteria as established by the IPC. The final selection, however, of athletes as members of the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team, rests with the CPC.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for nomination to the 2018 PWG, an athlete must:

- A. Be a Canadian Citizen
- B. Be in good standing with Curling Canada
- C. Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status.
- D. Be nominated for the prioritized list to the 2018 PWG, which may include:
  - Current Senior A Card Athletes
  - Members of the 2017 National Team
  - D Card Athletes
- E. Demonstrate success in all competencies of the High-Performance Program (see Section 6)
- F. Undergo a health and wellness evaluation with the Team Physician and Team Physiotherapist

### **4. IPC QUOTA ALLOCATION**

The IPC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2018 PWG by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating in the Games.

For the 2018 PWG, the IPC has established the following quotas for Canada for Wheelchair Curling:

- Maximum of one (1) team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes.
- Both genders must be represented on each team.

The IPC has also established a maximum quota of all athletes for Wheelchair Curling PWG events to 12 Males, 12 Females, and 36 Gender Free for a total of 60 athletes for the competition.

### **5. CC QUOTA ALLOCATION**

The allocation of Canada's quota to each discipline is restricted by the quotas established by the IPC, as outlined in Section 4 above. To fill Canada's quota, CC will make nominations to the CPC based on athlete ranking determined using the 'Selection Criteria' in Section 6, below.

### **6. SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Athletes will be advised of the selection criteria at the beginning of the selection process.

Athletes will be nominated for selection based on the following six categories:

1. 2016-2017 Performance data
2. 2017 Performance data

3. Competitive experience
4. Peer assessment
5. High-Performance Leadership Team assessment
6. Medical Team assessment

### **1. 2016-2017 Performance Data**

All data collected between August 1, 2016 and November 9, 2017, which includes training camp data, competition data, and the 2017 World Wheelchair Curling Championship data. Full points (10) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest accumulated shot execution percentage. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their accumulated shot execution percentage as compared to the top performer.

### **2. 2017 Performance Data**

All data collected between August 1, 2017 and October 1, 2017, which includes training camp data and competition data (e.g., Green Bay matches vs. USA). Full points (10) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest shooting percentages. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their relative proximity to the top performer.

### **3. Competitive Experience**

Priority given to the following competitive experiences accrued throughout the past four years (i.e., January 1, 2014 – April 30, 2017):

- Paralympic medallist (5 points)
- Paralympic competitor (4 points)
- World Championship medallist (4 points)
- World Championship competitor (3 points)
- National Championship medallist (2 points)
- National Championship competitor (1 point)

Total points collected in the past four years will be calculated for each athlete. Full points (10) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest cumulative competitive experience point total. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their relative proximity to the top performer.

### **4. Peer Assessment**

Confidential peer assessment will be based on an athlete's ability to perform consistently.. Each athlete will select four athletes (ranked 1-4 with optional comments) who they believe should represent Canada at the Paralympic Games. Athletes will receive the following points for their rankings:

- #1 ranking (5 points)
- #2 ranking (4 points)
- #3 ranking (3 points)
- #4 ranking (2 point)
- Worthy of mention (1 points)

Total points collected will be calculated for each athlete. Full points (10) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest cumulative point total. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their relative proximity to the top performer. Assessments will take place at the training camp in Regina between October 24-26th, 2017.

#### **5. High-Performance Management Team Assessment**

Based on athletes' probability to contribute to the successful performance and desired outcome of Team Canada at the Paralympic Games. The High-Performance Leadership Team (HPMT) is comprised of Gerry Peckham (Director of High Performance), Wayne Kiel (National Team Head Coach), Wendy Morgan (National Team Program Manager), and Kyle Paquette (National Team Integrated Support Team Lead). Each member of the HPLT will choose and rank seven athletes from among the pool of eligible athletes. Athletes will receive the following points for their rankings:

- #1 ranking (7 points)
- #2 ranking (6 points)
- #3 ranking (5 points)
- #4 ranking (4 point)
- #5 ranking (3 points)
- #6 ranking (2 points)
- #7 ranking (1 point)

Total points collected will be calculated for each athlete. Full points (10) will be allotted to the athlete with the highest cumulative point total. All other athletes will be given a point value based on their relative proximity to the top performer. Assessments will take place at the training camp in Regina between October 24-26th, 2017.

#### **6. Medical Team Assessment**

Based on athletes' health and well-being, specifically in relation to their probability to contribute to the successful performance and desired outcome of Team Canada at the Paralympic Games. The Medical Team is comprised of Dr. Steven Dilkas (National Team Medical Lead), Sari Shatil (National Team Physiotherapist), Kyle Turcotte (National Team Strength and Conditioning Coach), and Jorie Janzen (National Team Dietitian). Full points (7) will be allotted to athletes with no medical or physical concerns relative to their ability to perform, travel, and manage jetlag and dietary restrictions in Korea. Points will be deducted if the Medical Team believes there are limiting concerns or issues.

#### **7. Ranking**

Based on the above six categories, eligible athletes will be ranked by the number of points they received. Any appeal of the selection process, criteria or ranking may be appealed as outlined in Section 11, Entry At The Paralympic Games.

#### **8. Unforeseen Circumstances and Revisions**

The Director of High Performance may exercise discretion to revise these selection standards prior to the end of the Qualifying Period, making any revisions as may be reasonably necessary, to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Selection Process or, in the event of unforeseen circumstances which may prevent the strict application of these procedures. Where the Director of High Performance has exercised such discretion, Curling Canada shall inform athletes and the CPC in writing of any such revisions.

## **7. NOMINATION PROCESS**

The High Performance Management Team will nominate the top-five ranked athletes to the CPC with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ranked athletes serving as alternates. However, the HPMT reserves the right to make an out-of-order nomination (e.g., nominating an athlete ranked lower than 5<sup>th</sup> instead of nominating the five top-ranked athletes) in the following circumstances:

- In order to fulfill the IPC's quota that both genders are represented on the team
- In order to ensure that one alternate is male and one alternate is female
- When applying the following discretionary factors:
  - i. The athlete's commitment to a long-term training program, as demonstrated by training logs, evaluations, and other documentation maintained by the athlete and their coach
  - ii. The athlete's level of health, wellness, physical conditioning and travel ability as determined by the HPMT
  - iii. Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability. For instance, if three athletes have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 85 points, a gap may be said to exist which indicates an athlete's potential ability or inability to compete at the same level as other CC athletes
  - iv. Competitive opportunities lost due to a health-related curtailment of activities, and/or the athlete's managed recovery from a health-related curtailment of activities

Athletes who earned a quota spot for Canada may not necessarily be nominated.

Five (5) athletes and two (2) alternates (1 of each gender) will be announced subsequent to CPC approval.

Nominated athletes understand:

- The starting lineup for any game is at the discretion of the Head Coach
- Platooning of positions is at the discretion of the Head Coach
- 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

The Curling Canada National Wheelchair Program will keep written records of the data used to evaluate athletes in the selection process for a period of six months after National Team selection is announced for a given season.

## **8. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

CC 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, CC shall exercise its best efforts to replace criteria with ones that are similar in terms of dates and locations. CC will promptly notify athletes of any such substitutions.

## **9. REMOVAL FROM SELECTION**

Athletes who are nominated for the National Team may have their nomination withdrawn in the circumstances outlined in this Section. CC 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 Head Coach
- The athlete is declared as medically unable to prepare for and compete by a CC approved medical staff member
- Based on behaviour in violation of Curling Canada's Obligations of Competitors and Coaches. Removal is subject to the CC Appeal Policy as outlined in the Dispute Settlement Mechanism <http://www.curling.ca/about-the-sport-of-curling/high-performance/obligations-of-competitors-and-coaches-dispute-settlement-mechanism/>
- Based on behaviour in violation of the Curling Canada Athlete Agreement. Removal is subject to the CC 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

## **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 National Team Head Coach, in consultation with HPMT and the nominated or selected athletes, 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 National Team Head Coach will evaluate possible replacements according to the following criteria, which are listed in no particular order:

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

The National Team Head Coach will make the final decision.

## **11. ENTRY AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES**

Subject to IPC deadline to receive sport entry lists, CC shall identify the athletes it will nominate to the CPC for positions on the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team before February 18, 2018.

Also before February 18, 2018, CC shall identify the athletes it will nominate as Alternates for positions on the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

Once the final nomination list from CC is accepted by the CPC (maximum of 5 athletes), all athletes will have equal status as qualified Paralympic Team members. Athletes nominated in their respective events by CC to the CPC will be entered in those events at the Paralympic Games.

Team selection decisions made by Curling Canada may be appealed within 14 days of an athlete being advised they were not selected as one of the top-five ranked athletes. 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 CC dispute resolution process, available on the CC 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 CC 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. Please refer to <http://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca/eng/home.jsp>.

## **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.

## **13. CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT**

The Director of High Performance, in consultation with the HPMT, shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this document. Specifically, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of CC that prevent this document from being fairly implemented as written, the Director of High Performance shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as he/she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that he/she deems relevant.

The Director of High Performance reserves the right to make changes to this document which in his/her 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 High Performance shall inform the CPC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.



**Appendix A**

**National Team Program**

**ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT made this\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**BETWEEN**

Curling Canada, having its national office at 1660 Vimont Court, Orleans, Ontario

**AND**

\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as “the Athlete”), residing at

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city and province)

\_\_\_\_\_ (postal code)                      Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (residence)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (business)

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** the National Team Program exists for the purpose of training athletes with the potential to represent Canada in the World Championships and the Olympic/Paralympic Games in the year in which the athlete is selected to the National Team Program;

**AND WHEREAS** the selection of an athlete to the National Team Program presupposes the athlete’s availability to represent Canada in such major international competitions and presupposes the athlete’s participation in all provincial/territorial and national competitions forming part of Curling Canada’s selection process leading to the selection of Canada’s representation at such major international competitions;

**AND WHEREAS** the athlete and Curling Canada recognize that the National Team Program eligibility and priority access criteria, program access criteria and the criteria governing Curling Canada’s decisions to recommend/not recommend the athlete for carding are the same;

**AND WHEREAS** the parties recognize that compliance with the aforesaid criteria is not only necessary for the athlete’s initial eligibility to participate in the National Team Program, thereby qualifying to be recommended by Curling Canada to Sport Canada for inclusion within their Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), but also ongoing compliance with said criteria throughout the one year carding cycle is essential for the athlete to maintain National Team Program status and as a result, their continued eligibility to maintain Sport Canada carding;

**AND WHEREAS** the Athlete wishes to be a member of Curling Canada’s National Team Program with his or her rights and obligations clearly defined;

**AND WHEREAS** Curling Canada is recognized by the World Curling Federation, Sport Canada and the Canadian Olympic/ Paralympic Committees as the sole National Federation governing amateur curling in Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** Curling Canada and the Athlete recognize the need to clarify the relationship between Curling Canada and the National Team Program Athlete by establishing their respective rights and obligations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (hereinafter referred to as “the AAP”) requires these rights and obligations to be stated in a written agreement to be signed by Curling Canada and the Athlete who is being nominated to receive assistance with the AAP;

**NOW THEREOF** the parties agree to the following:

***CURLING CANADA OBLIGATIONS***

**1. Curling Canada shall:**

- a) assist athletes and coaches to train within a National Team Program in an endeavor to represent Canada in the sport of curling at the Olympics/Paralympics and World Championships;
- b) communicate selection criteria for all national teams at the beginning of the selection process for any particular team. (e.g. Olympic/Paralympic, and World Championship teams);
- c) publish criteria for the selection of athletes to the AAP eight (6) to ten (8) months before the start of the AAP eligibility cycle;
- d) communicate with athlete both verbally and in writing in the official language of preference;
- e) nominate athletes who have met the AAP criteria (Appendix 1) for the AAP and thereafter ensure that all Athletes accepted are made aware of all the benefits to which they are reasonably entitled thereunder;
- f) organize programs and provide funding for the development and provision of coaching expertise at regional training centres in Canada in accordance with the National Plan and budget of Curling Canada;
- g) assist the Athlete in obtaining quality medical care and advice;
- h) regularly provide National Team program information (training and competition) to the Athlete;
- i) provide a formal review of the Athlete’s annual training program and fitness standards;
- j) provide funding support to the Athlete for training camps and competitions in accordance with the National Team Program budget of Curling Canada.

- k) provide a dispute settlement mechanism with regard to any dispute the Athlete may have with Curling Canada with respect to clauses in this agreement and such dispute settlement mechanism shall be in conformity with the generally accepted principles of natural justice and due process.

## **ATHLETE'S OBLIGATIONS**

### **2. The Athlete Shall:**

- a) Complete the CCES online anti-doping courses, True Sport Clean 101 and Sport Canada – Athlete Assistance Program, at the beginning of each new carding cycle and at times thereafter as required by Sport Canada;
- b) provide the National Program Coach or his or her designate either in person or by mail sent to the National Office, with an individualized National Team Program Competition and Training Plan and other appropriate information that Curling Canada may request. The completed Plan shall be submitted along with the signed Athlete Agreement and shall be subject to Curling Canada approval;
- c) submit a request to Curling Canada for approval of any desired changes to the National Team Program Competition and Training Plan one month in advance of the proposed change;
- d) follow the individualized National Team Program Competition and Training Plan as approved by Curling Canada;
- e) subject to paragraph 2(d), make themselves available to participate in all mandatory training camps and competitions as described in the Competition and Training Plan including entering all levels of competition leading to a Canadian, World Championship, Olympic/Paralympic Games as required;
- f) notify Curling Canada immediately in writing of any injury or other legitimate reason beyond the athlete's control that will prevent the Athlete from participating in an upcoming event referred to in the National Team Program Competition and Training Plan and ensure in the case of an injury that a certificate from a medical doctor setting out the specific nature of the injury is forwarded to Curling Canada as soon as possible prior to the event. In the case of 'other legitimate reason beyond the athlete's control', the athlete shall submit such evidence as Curling Canada deems reasonable to corroborate the legitimacy of the reason. Any dispute concerning the legitimacy shall, if possible, be resolved by the dispute settlement mechanism referred to herein;
- g) avoid any action or conduct that would reasonably be expected to significantly disrupt or interfere with a competition or the preparation of any Athlete for a competition. *When under the jurisdiction of Curling Canada, avoid any action or conduct that would in any way (in the opinion of the Team Program Management) reflect detrimentally upon the image of the National Team Program, Curling Canada or Canada;*
- h) during or at National Team Program training camps and competitions, avoid the consumption of alcoholic or any other debilitating substance to a level which would reasonably be expected to

impair the Athlete's ability to perform competently, cause impairment in the Athlete's ability to speak, walk or drive, or cause the Athlete to behave in a disruptive manner.

- i) avoid the use of banned substances which are in contravention to the rules of the IOC/IPC, the World Curling Federation (WCF) and Canadian Policy on doping in sport. Agree to submit to, without prior warning, unannounced doping control tests in addition to other prior notice tests and at other times to doping control testing upon request of the WCF, Curling Canada, Sport Canada, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, COC or any other authority designated to do so by Curling Canada;
- j) avoid the possession of anabolic drugs and neither supply such drugs to other *directly or indirectly* nor encourage or condone their use by knowingly aiding in any effort to avoid detection of the use of banned substances or banned performance-enhancing practices;
- k) participate, if asked by Curling Canada to do so, in any Doping Control/Education Program developed by Curling Canada in cooperation with Sport Canada and the CCES;
- l) avoid living in an environment that is not conducive to high performance achievements or taking any deliberate action that involves significant risks for the Athlete's ability to perform or that limits the Athlete's ability to perform or that limits the Athlete's performance;
- m) avoid participating in any competitions where federal government policy has determined that such participation is not permitted;
- n) participate in sport-related, non-commercial promotional activities on behalf of the Government of Canada. Curling Canada will usually make such requests for participation and arrange the activities. Unless supplementary compensation is arranged, these activities do not normally involve more than two working days per athlete per year;
- o) actively participate in all AAP evaluation activities. Athletes will cooperate fully in any evaluation of the AAP that may be conducted by the Minister or anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf and provide such data as the person conducting the evaluation considers necessary for the proper conduct of the evaluation;
- p) follow the advice of National Program medical expertise in relation to injury prevention and rehabilitation, etc.
- q) utilize the dispute settlement mechanism referred to in Appendix 2 for remedy of complaints and issues;
- r) promptly furnish to the Curling Canada National Office or National Program Coach any and all particulars which may from time to time be requested; and
- s) be members in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Association with Curling Canada to be eligible for AAP (carding).

### **3. Default Notification Provisions**

- (a) Where one of the parties to this Agreement is of the opinion that the other party has failed to conform with its obligations under this Agreement, it shall forthwith
- (i) Notify that party in writing of the particulars of the alleged default;
  - (ii) If there exists a reasonable opportunity to correct the default, and if the default is not so fundamental as to amount to repudiation of this agreement, the notifying party shall indicate in the notice the steps to be taken to remedy the default and a reasonable period of time to complete the remedial steps.
  - (iii) The parties agree that the giving of the above referred to notice by a party will not prevent that party from later asserting that the default was so fundamental as to amount to a repudiation of this agreement.
- (b) If the party receiving the notice remedies the breach within the specified time the dispute shall be at an end and neither party shall have any recourse against the other concerning the matters alleged to comprise the default. If the party receiving the notice fails to remedy the breach within the specified time and either party wishes recourse against the other concerning the matters alleged to comprise the default, that party shall use the dispute settlement mechanism of this agreement to resolve the differences between the parties. Neither party shall have recourse to the courts or elsewhere to resolve such differences.

#### **4. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement comes into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017 and terminates on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

#### **5. UNDERSTANDING/VOLUNTARINESS**

Each of the parties has read thoroughly the terms of this agreement, has had ample opportunity to reflect upon and question the meanings of the provisions, and has either had independent legal advice concerning the agreement or the opportunity to receive same. Each party fully understands the meanings and consequences of all the provisions. Each party is signing this agreement freely and voluntarily without pressure or coercion from anybody.

#### **6. ATHLETE DECLARATION – requires athlete signature & witness signature**

I hereby declare that in return for any financial assistance provided by the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program, I undertake to fulfil all commitments and responsibilities outlined in the booklet *Athlete Assistance Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines* and posted on the Sport Canada website ([http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/prog/paa-aap/info\\_e.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/prog/paa-aap/info_e.cfm)) and my Athlete/NSO Agreement. I agree to refund any assistance provided to me, payable to the Receiver General of Canada, should my eligibility status change or my carded status be withdrawn, effective the withdrawal/change of status date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Athlete signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witness signature**

Curling Canada:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Curling Canada Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness signature