



WCF WEBINAR

12 May 2020



President's Welcome

12 May 2020



Competition update

12 May 2020

Rule changes



i) Stick Curling rules (R10)

We propose to adapt the stick-curling rules so that they only cover Wheelchair Curling and at the same time publish a document on recommendation on stick-curling for non-wheelchair users.

ii) Measures in the rule-book

We want to have all metric measures in the rule-book in the same format and will propose to clean up the rule-book.

iii) Width of the sheets

The technical commission is proposing to change the max. width in the rule-book to 4.75 metres. The current 5 metres is not applied at any WCF event.

iv) Delivery R5

With the current wording, a stone could be delivered never holding on to the handle. This is not correct, as it means the electronic handles we are using to detect any hog-line violations are useless if players would deliver a stone pushing the granite all the time.

We recommend to add to R5:

The curling stone must be delivered using the stone-handle.

v) Equipment

Nowhere in the rules it is written, if a signalling instrument such as a whistle is allowed to be used at WCF competitions.

We recommend to add a rule stating, that a signalling instrument such as a whistle can be used in case of medical reasons and after consultation and written approval from the WCF.

vi) Last Stone Draw – Mixed Teams

In a Mixed Teams competition, if a team is given special permission to play the whole competition with 3 players, the current LSD rule does not work.

The main point is that all players fulfil the minimum requirement, but if for one game both male or both female deliver the LSD stones, we do not think it really matters.

We therefore recommend to remove that part of Rule C8 (b).

vii) LSD – number of players

The current rule for LSDs do not state the minimum number of players who have to be on-ice so that the LSD stones are valid.

We recommend to add to the rule that for Mixed Doubles a minimum of 2 players must be on the ice and for all other events a minimum of 3 players must be on the ice during the LSD stones. If that is not the case, the LSD stones would be recorded with the maximum distance.

viii) Interrupted Games (R12)

It was felt that implementing this rule is not always fair to the teams involved.

The recommendation is to leave R12 if no ice-maintenance is required, but as soon as all stones need to be removed (agreement between CIT, CU and TD), then the end is replayed.

ix) Americas Challenge

In the entire rule-book the Americas Challenge is the only event where we list the deadlines (entry, when it takes place etc.).

This is not practical for the operational part and to be consistent along all events, we ask that those dates are removed.

x) Mixed Doubles FGZ (R15 (e))

The current rule of the FGZ in Mixed Doubles is not clear and not worded in line with the FGZ for all other games. It can be understood that the delivered shooter can also not roll out, which is not the intention of the rule.

We therefore recommend to reword that rule to make it clear that the FGZ-rule only applies to previously delivered or placed stones.

xi) Coach Interaction with teams

We believe there is no reason why we do not allow coaches to talk with their teams during all the breaks between ends.

We therefore recommend to change rule C6 j(i) and say: During that break, teams can communicate with their coach, the alternate player or any other team official if the venue layout allows.

xii) Pre-game practice

Rule C4 (b) currently says: The time and duration of the pre-game practice is given at the Team Meeting. It is felt that the standard amounts could be added, as they do not change from event to event.

Change the rule to read: The duration of the pre-game practice is normally 7 min. for Mixed Doubles and 9 min. for any other event. The start-time of the pre-game practice will be communicated at the Team Meeting.

xiii) Scoring (R11 (i))

The rule says what happens if a team is not ready to start a game at the designated time. Currently we only give minutes (1-15 and 15-30 min.). Which rule would have to be applied if a team shows up exactly at 15:00.

We therefore recommend to clarify the rule (currently only in the Technical Official's Manual) to add seconds:

01:00 – 14:59 min. (01:00 – 09:59 for MD)

15:00 – 29:59 min. (10:00 – 19:59 for MD) and

if play has not started after 30:00 min. (20:00 for MD)

Competition dates



Competitions	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
WCF can award a contract whenever a suitable bid is received			
White cells = awarded; grey cells = contract offered; yellow cells = require bids			
<p>Blue = change of dates Red = two events swapped or new event</p>			
World Mixed (WMxCC)	10-17 Oct 2020 Aberdeen, SCO	23-30 Oct 2021 Aberdeen, SCO	15-22 Oct 2022 Aberdeen, SCO
World Wheelchair B- Curling Championship (WWhBCC)	31 Oct - 6 Nov 2020 Lohja, FIN	None this season, as no WWhCC in the Paralympic Year	5-12 Nov 2022 (Proposed dates)
World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Championships (WWhMDCC)	6 or 7 - 13 Nov 2020 (Proposed dates) Planned to take place in Lohja, FIN		

Competitions	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
WCF Pre-OQE Qualifier (POQE)	X	9-16 Oct 2021 (Proposed dates)	X
Americas Challenge	12-15 Nov 2020 Chaska, MN, USA	2021	2022
Pacific-Asia Curling Championships (PACC)	7-14 Nov 2020 Wakkanai, JPN	6-13 Nov 2021 (subject to contract)	5-12 Nov 2022 (Proposed dates)
Le Gruyere European Championships (ECC-A & B)	21-28 Nov 2020 (Proposed dates)	20-27 Nov 2021 (Proposed dates)	19-26 Nov 2022 (Proposed dates)
World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event (WMDQE)	5 - 12 Dec 2020 Erzurum, TUR	4-9 January 2022 (Proposed dates)	3 - 10 Dec 2022 (Proposed dates)

Competitions	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
WCF Olympic Qualification Event (OQE)	X	10-19 Dec 2021 - depends on number of teams (Proposed dates)	X
WCF Olympic Qualification Event MD (MDOQE)		4-8 Dec 2021 (Proposed dates)	
World Junior-B (WJBCC)	3-11 Jan 2021 Lohja, FIN (New playing format)	3-11 Jan 2022 (Proposed dates)	3-11 Jan 2023 (Proposed dates)
Youth Olympic Games (YOG)	X	X	X
World Qualification Event (WQE)	12-17 Jan 2021 (Subject to contract)	15-22 Jan 2022 (Proposed dates)	14-21 Jan 2023 (Proposed dates)
World University Games (WUG)	21-31 Jan 2021 Lucerne, SUI	X	12-22 Jan 2023 Lake Placid, USA

Competitions	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
World Junior Championships (WJCC)	18-28 Feb 2021 Beijing, China (Test event for the 2022 Olympic Games)	19 - 26 Feb 2022 (Proposed dates)	18 - 25 Feb 2023 (Proposed dates)
Olympic Winter Games (OG)	x	4-20 Feb 2022 Beijing, CHN	x
World Wheelchair Championship (WWhCC)	6-13 Mar 2021 Beijing, China (Test event for the 2022 Paralympic Games)	None in the Paralympic Year	4 - 11 Mar 2023 (Proposed dates)
Paralympic Winter Games (PWG)	x	4-13 Mar 2022 Beijing, CHN	x
World Women's Championship (WWCC)	20-28 Mar 2021 Schaffhausen, SUI	19-27 Mar 2022 CANADA	18-26 Mar 2023 (Proposed dates)

Competitions	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
World Men's Championship (WMCC)	3-11 Apr 2021 CANADA	2-10 Apr 2022 (subject to contract)	1-9 Apr 2023 CANADA
World Senior Championships (WSCC)	WSCC and WMDCC 24 April - 1 May 2021 (subject to contract)	WSCC and WMDCC 23-30 Apr 2022 (Proposed dates)	WSCC and WMDCC 22-29 Apr 2023 (Proposed dates)
World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship (WMDCC)			
European "C" Curling Championships (ECC-C)	1-8 May 2021 (Proposed dates)	30 Apr -7 May 2022 (Proposed dates)	29 Apr -6 May 2023 (Proposed dates)
Easter	2-5 Apr 2021	15-18 Apr 2022	7-10 Apr 2023

Questions?





Wheelchair Curling Mixed Doubles

May 2020

New Curling Discipline

- Attractive and dynamic for spectators
- All players involved during the whole game
- Chance for Member Associations with lower wheelchair membership base to participate at the WCF events.
- Gender equal
- Only several amendments to the Mixed Doubles Curling rules and Wheelchair Curling rules
- No extra equipment or arrangements
- No extra classification for athletes

Timeline

9 March 2019, Stirling, Scotland

First official demonstration of the new discipline.

5 – 7 July 2019, Stirling, Scotland

First International Event (10 teams from 10 countries:
SCO, ENG, RUS, DEN, ITA, CAN, EST, SVK, FIN, SWE)

February 2020

Official proposal of the new discipline to the WCF

April – May 2020

Preparation of the rules



Timeline

September 2020

WCF Annual General Assembly – Approval of the Wheelchair Curling Mixed Doubles as a new curling discipline, approval of the rules and the first world championships.

November 2020

First World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championship (WWhMDCC) – Open format

March 2026

Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling in the programme of the Paralympic Winter Games



Video from the demonstration in Stirling 2019

Questions?





World Women's and World Men's Championship Structure

Competitions and Rules
Commission
November 2019

V7

Principles for any changes

- Worlds Best Teams
- Consistent with IOC Values
- Regional Representation
- Good Show
- Maximize marketing opportunities
- Desired event to host
- Completed in a 9 day window
- Good and fair competition
- Number of teams that qualify directly to the WCC is reflective of the number of MA's in each zone



Current WCC structure – 13 Teams



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- 2 Americas Zone,
- 2 Pacific-Asia Zone
- 8 Europe Zone
- 2 WQE
- *Zone finishing last in the previous WCC loses one of the guaranteed spots
- ** Host spot comes out of Zone allocation
- Single Round Robin – play all teams
- Balances interzone strength
- Well understood current draw and schedule

Current WCC structure – 13 Teams

- Playoff system rewards Round-Robin results
- 6 Teams qualify, 1&2 advance to semi-finals and play the winners of 3-6 and 4-5 in the quarterfinals



Issues identified with current system

Inconsistency (inter-zonal) in determining WCC representatives

- ECC and PACC have yearly qualification events
- Americas Zone granted a qualifying bye for one team

Disparity in total MA zonal entries

- Forces very different systems of play
 - Europe A(10)/B(16)/C(10)
 - PA A(12) – potentially up to 17 MAs
 - Americas A(5) - potentially up to 9 MAs

Difficulty in finding hosts for events

Issues identified with current system

- New entrants in different zones face very different levels of competition, distorting development
- Americas zone contains two of the world's most "mature" MA's and other current and future MA's into that zone are fairly new to curling.
- Event logistics and marketability
 - 4 zonal qualifiers (incl WQE)
 - Only one (ECC) considered reasonably marketable
 - PACC has shown consistent interest from broadcaster in recent years, however is loss making to hosts
- New entrant growth occurring mainly in PA and Americas (Nigeria)
 - These zones are least well structured for new entrants (A/B/C)

Goals of any change:

- Create desirable and manageable events
- Accommodate MA growth in a more consistent way
- Proactive new entrant pathway (increase probability of positive early competitive experiences)
- Clear, consistent and fair WCC qualification pathways globally
- Preserve the best of what is already working well through change
- How will this work in the Post-COVID-19 world?



Possible options

1. Status quo and/or potentially create a Americas Zone Championship
2. Global ranked ladder system A/B/C/D
3. Amalgamate the Pacific-Asia Zone and Americas Zone

Status Quo

Pros

- Produces good WCCs
- ECC is marketable
- Pacific Asia event established in 1991 (History)
- Provides guaranteed regional representation
- System exists in EUR and PACC, need to add Americas Zone Championship



Status Quo

Cons

- Inconsistent interzonal practices (Americas given a WCC bye)
- Event hosting is unattractive
- Very different entry paths (ECC A/B/C, PA/AM-A)
- Competitive differences exposed by system design



Global ladder A/B/C/D

Pros

- Clearest competitive system
- Clear new entrant pathway
- No automatic byes to WCC

Global ladder A/B/C/D

Cons

- No ECC/PA events or if still held, the loss of the status of being a WCC qualification event
- Regional flavour lost
- MA transport costs will increase
- Hosting may not be attractive
- All broadcast deals would need to be renegotiated
- May negatively effect MA team funding

Amalgamate PA & Americas Zones

Pros

- Improved event marketability (Continental Championship). Initial feedback is that the event would be sought after and very successful financially.
- Improves global consistency
- Preserves regional interest
- Potentially 2 less events – eliminate WQE and Americas Challenge
- No automatic byes to WCC
- Better entry path for new entrants
- Adopts successful European model
- Removes penalty for last place in previous WCC

Amalgamate PA & Americas Zones

Cons

- Eliminates Pacific-Asia event
- Regional flavour partially removed
- MA transport costs may increase
- Hosting may require both events in sequence within the same venue or location
- All broadcast deals would need to be renegotiated
- Eliminates an extra path to the WCC via WQE

How many teams from each zone qualify for the WCC?

Current Zone allocation and qualification numbers for WCC									
Zone	European			Pacific-Asia			Americas		
	Fixed	WQE	Total	Fixed	WQE	Total	Fixed	WQE	Total
EUR last in prev WCC	7	0	7	2	1	3	2	1	3
EUR last in prev WCC	7	1	8	2	1	3	2	0	2
EUR last in prev WCC	7	1	8	2	0	2	2	1	3
EUR last in prev WCC	7	0	7	2	0	2	2	2	4
EUR last in prev WCC	7	2	9	2	0	2	2	0	2
EUR last in prev WCC	7	0	7	2	2	4	2	0	2
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	0	8	1	1	2	2	1	3
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	1	9	1	1	2	2	0	2
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	1	9	1	0	1	2	1	3
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	0	8	1	0	1	2	2	4
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	2	10	1	0	1	2	0	2
Pacific-Asia last in prev WCC	8	0	8	1	2	3	2	0	2
Americas last in prev WCC	8	0	8	2	1	3	1	1	2
Americas last in prev WCC	8	1	9	2	1	3	1	0	1
Americas last in prev WCC	8	1	9	2	0	2	1	1	2
Americas last in prev WCC	8	0	8	2	0	2	1	2	3
Americas last in prev WCC	8	2	10	2	0	2	1	0	1
Americas last in prev WCC	8	0	8	2	2	4	1	0	1

Current System of play

If WQE is continued

Amalgamated PA-Americas / Europeans

Zone		European			Continental			
		Fixed	WQE	Total	Fixed	WQE	Total	
Europe wins WQE berth		7	1	8	5	0	5	
Continental wins WQE berth		7	0	7	5	1	6	

*WQE has only 1 berth to the WCC

** no loss of zone spot based on previous WCC

***Host spot comes out of host zone allocation

Eliminate the WQE

Amalgamated PA-Americas / Europeans

	Option 1	Option 2
	Fixed	Fixed
Europe	8	7
Continental	5	6

*Host spot comes out of host zone allocation

WQE – Yes or No?

Pros:

- Method to balance varying zone strength/weakness
- Mitigate against a loss of a guaranteed zone spot from previous year's result (no longer applicable if remove penalty)
- Allows some MAs extra life to qualify for the WCC
- If removed completely then one less WCF event in the busy year

WQE – Yes or No?

Cons:

- One more tournament in a busy year
- Extra costs for MAs who qualify
- A number of MAs have decided not to participate



WQE structure if continued

- One team qualifies per gender for the WCC
- 8 teams per gender compete
 - 5 Europe
 - A 8,9,10 & B 1,2 OR
 - A 9, 10 & B 1,2,3
 - 3 Continental
 - Next 3 ranked teams not already qualified

Questions?





About suspension of PCA membership in the WCF

12 May 2020

As of Friday 31 January 2020 the PCA has been suspended as a Member Association of the WCF

The WCF Board considers the PCA to be in breach of our own Constitution by “bringing the sport into disrepute” (section 6.6.2.3)

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- What are the implications?
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Timeline and process (1)

2003

PCA becomes a member of the WCF. In 2017 the PCA comprised 8 member clubs, whereas one karate and one skating club.

2009

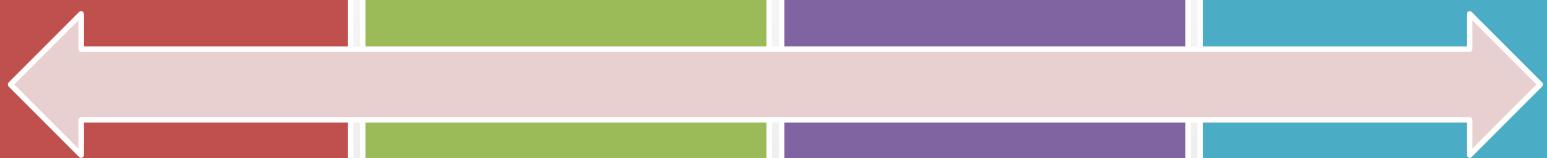
First reports about governance concerns within the PCA reaches the WCF

2010

Polish Curling Club's Federation (PKFC) was founded - today 14 clubs. 4 of these clubs have applied for membership in PCA for years – but been rejected.

2015

WCF Development Officer visits Poland trying to sort out issues
-> no results



Timeline and process (2)

2015-
2017

The Polish Ministry of Sport and Tourism carried out several audits, which revealed irregularities both of organizational and financial nature.

October
2017

President Kate writes a letter to the PCA expressing concerns.

December
2017

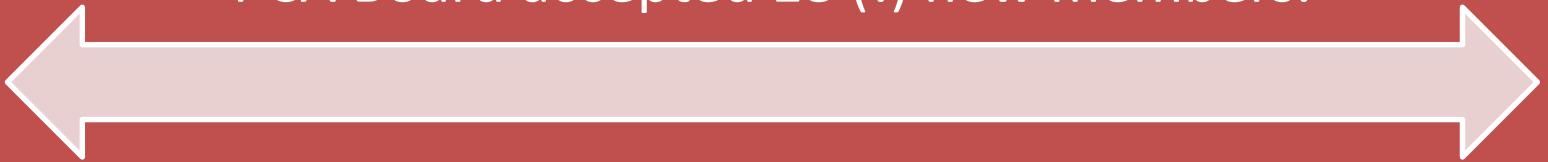
President Kate and VP Bent visit Poland and had meetings with several key stakeholders (POC, PCA and PFKC). The WCF offered governance assistance to the Polish curling community, which was accepted.



Timeline and process (3)

October
2018

A Governance Workshop was carried out in Warsaw with the attendance of representatives from the PCA, PFKC and a senior WCF Governance Commission member. Good progress was made on the first day. However, everything went “belly-up” in the morning of the second day after the PCA Board accepted 18 (!) new members.



Timeline and process (4)

December
2018

A first part of the PCA General Assembly was carried out, which resulted in the election of a new Board as well as a new President. The second part of the AGA was postponed to January 2019.

December
2018

Soon after the AGA the new President was disallowed because he was not eligible to serve in this position according to Polish Sports Law.

April 2019

President Kate and VP Bent had yet another in-person meeting with PCA representatives. Promises were made – but never kept.



Timeline and process (5)

September
2019

Several meetings with PCA representatives took place during the congress. The PCA was urged to resolve the outstanding governance issues. The WCF Board decided an ultimate deadline by 2019/10/31.

October
2019

The Polish Minister of Sports and Tourism approached the court with an application for dissolution of the PCA based on findings in several audits. This court process is still ongoing (and can last for years).

October
2019

Several PCA Board Members withdrew from their positions. Currently the PCA Board comprises two people only. The PCA is now in breach with its own constitution.



What are the WCF requests?

- Issues relating to Presidential Election
- Outstanding Issues identified by Ministry of Sport Poland
- Hosting AGM
- Adoption of New Constitution
- Only Clubs involved in curling members of PCA
- Elect New Board
- Confirmation from POC regarding approval of PCA as governing body

The WCF Board has suspended the membership of the PCA because...

1

The PCA continues to operate in conflict with the terms of its existing constitution

- No AGA
- No Board
- No President
- No financial report
- No Audit

2

The action by the Ministry of Sport and
Tourism in Poland to dissolve the PCA needs
to be sorted out

3

The PCA does not seem to represent most curlers within the Polish curling community

The Polish curlers are willing to be disadvantaged by a suspension for a change to happen

4

The PCA is in breach of
“The Spirit of Curling”



Why suspension?



1

Since the aborted meeting in October 2018
the PCA has failed to respond satisfactorily
to all our requests for information and
clarification

2

No evidence has been provided that all clubs in the PCA are actively engaged in curling

Hence, other sports may influence the decision-making processes within the WCF

3

The PCA continues to operate outside the terms of their existing constitution

- and their Audit Committee does not (re)act

4

The WCF cannot see any sign of willingness from the PCA to provide the information requested

This indicates that the objective of the PCA is – once again – to preserve “status quo”

5

Governance is basically about structures

However, the PCA demonstrates that people involved (in current positions) is more important than governance and the development of the sport of curling itself.

6

Polish curlers have repeatedly pleaded with the
WCF to resolve the situation

Polish Curlers understand the penalties involved with
suspension and they are prepared to accept in the
hope change will happen

7

In January 2020, the WCF Governance Commission recommended the WCF Board to suspend PCA's membership in the WCF

While special concerns were expressed towards protecting the athletes, the suspension has been supported by many Polish curlers as well as the PFKC

What are the implications of the suspension?

1

No curling team representing Poland can enter any future WCF events, until the suspension is lifted

This did not include the Polish Senior Men's team in WSCC 2020 and the Polish Women's team in the ECC-C 2020, as registrations were already made

2

No official representatives from Poland can attend meetings organized by the WCF, until the suspension is lifted

This includes this online Open Meeting

3

The WCF Board has the authority to lift the suspension at any time before the WCF General Assembly

Registration deadline for WCF events in the season of 2020/2021 is June 30th

4

At the WCF General Assembly (AGA) 2020 the suspension will be voted on by the MA's present. After that only the MA's can lift the suspension.

The PCA will have the opportunity to speak at the AGA.

If the suspension is confirmed at the AGA in September 2020, then the PCA could be re-admitted by the AGA next September (2021), or the suspension could be continued for a further season, or they could be expelled.

Further process

- The WCF has had not direct communication from the PCA since 30 January, when the PCA and the POC asked the WCF Board not to suspend the PCA
- On 24 February, the Chair of the Audit Committee in the PCA (who is also the National Head Coach and Sports Director) sent an email to some of the WCF members
- To lift the suspension of PCA before the WCF General Assembly the WCF Board require evidence of real willingness for change (outstanding governance issues identified needs to be resolved)
- Should the PCA not provide the necessary information to enable the suspension to be lifted, it may seem advisable to form a new National Governing Body to represent all Polish Curlers to create a fresh start (example: Bulgaria)

The aim of the WCF

To unite the Polish curling community to nurture the growth and development of the sport of curling under a future-oriented, robust and democratic constitution.

Questions?





Structural Review Group

May 2020

Structural Review Group

- Beau Welling (Board)
- Karen Walters (LUX)
- Amy Nixon (CAN)
- Bruce Crawford (SCO)
- David Sik (CZE)
- Sergio Vilela (BRA)
- Terri Johnston (JPN)
- Michael Marklund (SWE)
- Willie Nicoll (Governance)
- Plus Staff Support

What Has Been Done To Date:

Two calls held to date

Research into different structures

Research into Board skill requirements

Why The Structural Review Group?

The Forward Plan identified several needs under the Organizational Sustainability pillar that related governance or how the WCF is structured:

- Make board less operational
- Succession plan for president
- Knowledge transfer at board level
- More diversity on board
- Role of the MA
- Oversight of rules changes

The SRG was formed to analyze how the WCF is structured and to make recommendations for a future structure to better align for the future



Board

Concepts For Development

- Board moves to be a Strategic Board
- Potential Board members will be assessed against a skills matrix and will be expected to have certain basic skills
- The skills matrix will ensure the Board has a mix of skills
- A process to move toward a Board that has at least a 60/40 gender balance
- A move away from geographic VPs
- A President supported by directors rather than VPs and Directors
- Possible independent directors



Nominations Committee

Important For Good Governance

- Can accept nominations from anyone for positions for President, Board and Commissions anyone including MA's, Board and Commissions
- Will vet the nominations against the skills matrix and feedback from MA and Commissions
- Can exclude Candidates who do not meet the requirements
- Could make recommendations to the MA's for the suitable candidates
- But ultimately the MA's still elect the President and the Board

President

What's Next?

- No shadow President position – it will not work effectively, so need look at other ways for knowledge transfer
- Develop a clear Job Description for the President outlining the essential tasks for a new President – what does a President have to do, what should a President do?
- Change the terms of office to ensure someone can serve for a full 3 x 4 year term – could have an impact on Board terms of office too
- Develop a list of fundamental skills a President would need



Other Matters & Next Steps

- Keep the Zones but no requirement for Zonal Vice Presidents – the Board should not be representative
- Firm up the concepts agreed so far
- Review the role of the Member Association
 - The right decisions taken by the right people at the right time

Questions?





Maximizing the Value

20 May 2020

MTV Working Group Members

WCF Board

- Graham Prouse - Vice President Americas, Chair
- Hugh Milliken - Vice President Pacific Asia
- Bent Ramsfjell - Vice President Europe

WCF Member Associations

• Kathy Henderson – CAN	Naoki Iwanaga – JPN
• Susan Kesley – SCO	Stefan Lund – SWE
• Allison Pottinger – USA	Fred Randver – EST
• Morten Søgård – NOR	

WCF Athletes Commission

- David Murdoch – WCF Athletes Commission
- Jill Officer – WCF Athletes Commission
- Supported by WCF Staff

Business Specific Subjects

- Maximization of TV and Digital Audience Interest
- Maximization of Sponsor Interest and Revenue
- Maximization of Spectator Interest

Athlete Specific Subjects

curling ball icon Athlete well-being and health

- curling ball icon Physical
- curling ball icon Psychological
- curling ball icon Emotional

curling ball icon Curling as a Career

- curling ball icon Length of competitive career
- curling ball icon Post competition career

Competition Subjects

- Ensure compelling competition and competitive integrity
- Establish system for ideal Pace of Play
- Determine Ideal length of Game
- Determine Ideal length of Season
- Identify Ideal Worldwide Schedule
- Consider impact on teams in Northern and Southern Hemispheres

Zoom Meeting #1 – 4 May 20

Initial discussions on factors impacting pace of play and overall game time

- Timing Systems
- Coach Interactions
- Breaks between Ends
- Extra Ends

- Received initial data from CURLIT, CurlingZone and MAs

Zoom Meeting #2 – 11 May 20

- Reviewed Athlete Survey Results
- Reviewed data from CURLIT, CurlingZone and MA's
- Begin to consider viable options for rules enhancements

Next Zoom Meeting – 25 May 20

- Review TV Broadcast report from Nielsen Media Research
- Review input from Broadcast partners
- Review report from WCTV on current program standards

Questions?





Financial Implications of COVID-19

12 May 2020

Summary

- Total loss of income from WWCC, WMCC and WMDCC
- Event insurance did not cover COVID-19
- WWCC costs almost at level equivalent to running the event
- Savings from events cancelled where possible
- Impact on investments needs further assessment but volatility makes that challenging just now
- Continuing business as normal over the summer planning for next season as we would normally do at this time of year

Income

- Loss of Sponsorship and Broadcast Income
- Approximately US\$1.54m
- Across WWCC, WMCC and WMDCC



Expenditure

Savings against budget due to COVID estimated at US\$1.48m:

Board	\$50,000.00	No spring meeting, no travel for Board since Feb
Operations	\$75,000.00	Lower staff expenses and delay in replacing Cameron
P&S	\$90,000.00	Reduction in DAP Applications - COVID issues
Competitions	\$141,000.00	Mainly savings from WMCC, WMDCC, WSCC and ECC-C
Int Relations	\$13,000.00	No Sport Accord or other international meetings
Marketing	\$360,000.00	Savings on Commerical Airtime and Infront Commission
Broadcast	\$750,000.00	Very little saved on WW, but good savings on WM and WMD

Questions?





Congress 2020

12 May 2020

Congress 2020

- Under review
- Discussing the legal options for moving it online
- Working with the RCF
- Will consider not only the practicalities of hosting but of attendees travelling
- IIHF also due to hold their Congress in St Petersburg in September
- Expect decision by end of this Month

Questions?



Closing Remarks

