

Mixed Doubles Points Group—Update (2024-2025)

Timing of Counting Events on the Mixed Doubles Calendar

Current Rule: The Mixed Doubles calendar follows the Men's and Women's calendar when it comes to adding counting events for the current season and removing historical results from the previous season. This means that during the 2023-2024 season, Mixed Doubles teams were allowed to have six counting events and retain 37.5% of their previous year's total as of 4 December 2023.

2024-2025 Change: Since Mixed Doubles only allows teams to count six events total, it does not make sense to follow the same calendar as Men's and Women's who allow teams to count eight events. This proposed change will scale back the number of events teams can count at any point in the season and extend the value of the previous seasons point total.

Example:

- 1 August 2024 = one event allowed + 100% of 2023-2024
- 1 October 2024 = two events allowed + 80% of 2023-2024
- 1 November 2024 = three events allowed + 60% of 2023-2024
- 1 December 2024 = four events allowed + 40% of 2023-2024
- 1 January 2025 = five events allowed + 20% of 2023-2024
- 1 February 2025 = six events allowed + 0% of 2023-2024

Using Individual Rankings for Strength of Field calculation (SFM)

Current Rule: The Strength of Field for a Mixed Doubles event is currently calculated the same way as it is for Men's and Women's events, the SFM value a team brings to an event is determined by their World Ranking. In Mixed Doubles, teams are not always the same from event to event and often players will compete with multiple partners over the course of the season.

2024-2025 Change: The Strength of Field for Mixed Doubles events will be determined by individual player rankings. All female players will bring $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SFM contribution from their World Ranking, and all Male players will bring $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SFM contribution from their World Ranking. These values will be combined to create a team ranking for the event.

Example:

Female player SFM value (.390) + Male player SFM value (0.410) / 2 = .400 Team Ranking

Including Men's and Women's rankings in Mixed Doubles Strength of Field calculation (SFM)

Current Rule: Strength of Field for Mixed Doubles events is calculated the same as Men's and Women's events. Each team adds a set value to the event SFM based on their current World Ranking. However, sometimes this does not accurately reflect and value the true strength of athletes participating in the event.

2024-2025 Change: When a player has a higher SFM contribution with their Men's or Women's team, ½ of that SFM contribution value will be added with their Mixed Doubles value, and the average will be applied to the final strength of field calculation. This rewards the entire event by more accurately valuing the participating athletes, but also does not penalize highly ranked Mixed Doubles players who may not bring any added value from Men's or Women's teams.

Example:

Gothenburg Mixed Doubles Cup – Gothenburg, Sweden

Team	MD SFM	M/W SFM	Average SFM
Hasselborg/Eriksson	.010	.405	.208
Anna Hasselborg	.005	.200	.103
Oskar Eriksson	.005	.205	.105
Wrana/Wrana	.010	.400	.205
Isabella Wrana	.005	.195	.100
Rasmus Wrana	.005	.205	.105

These teams contributed the minimum value to the event SFM, yet both teams made the final. If this calculation was done for the entire field, the SFM would change from 2.5 to 4.0 and more accurately represent and reward the calibre of athletes participating in the event.

Replacement Players at non-World Curling sanctioned events

Current Rule: For sanctioned World Curling Events, there are no alternates allowed and teams must forfeit if they cannot field a team made up of the original two players. However, there is currently no defined rule for alternates at Mixed Doubles Tour events. Event organizers have been making these decisions on a case-by-case basis.

2024-2025 Change: For teams to collect Ranking Points, both team members must play in every end of every game at the event to remain eligible. Should a team require an alternate during an event they will have two options:

Option 1: Forfeit the game and remain eligible to collect ranking points.

Option 2: Use a replacement player, the team is ineligible to receive points for that event.