

World Curling Sustainability Commission – Terms of Reference



BACKGROUND

The World Curling Sustainability Commission is a standing commission as established by the constitution of World Curling.

CONTEXT

As a responsible sports organisation, World Curling fully appreciates the significance of the environmental, social, and economic challenges facing society today. We also recognise how these challenges impact on the world of sport and the role the sport community can play in contributing to a more sustainable world.

As a proud member of the Olympic Movement, we join with many other National Olympic Committees, National and International Federations, and the International Olympic Committee, in striving to make a better world through sport. Along with our Olympic Movement partners, and with the support of our Member Associations, we want to play our global role in supporting the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

PURPOSE (MISSION)

The World Curling Sustainability Commission's (SC) responsibility is to propose strategies, policies, rules, and recommendations that empower World Curling and its Member Associations to implement sustainability best practices and actions in alignment with World Curling's strategic commitments and goals.

World Curling has committed to the objectives of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework by aiming to reduce the sport's carbon footprint by 50% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2040. These targets align with the requirements for signatories of both the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework and the Race to Zero Campaign.

COMPOSITION (MEMBERSHIP)

The Commission will consist of a maximum of five World Curling Board appointed members including subject matter experts. Additional to these five, the SC will be chaired by a Board member, with a second member of the Board also appointed. The SC will be supported by a member of staff who does not have a vote, bringing the membership to eight.

- Each non-Board Member shall serve four-year terms. A non-Board Member cannot serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms.
- Terms of non-Board Members may be extended by the Board, if the Commission's workload requires

The President and Secretary General have the right to attend but not vote on any matters that require a vote.

Ideally, the group will be representative of the membership of World Curling including taking into account gender and geographical balance.

TERM

As a Standing Commission, the Sustainability Commission has no defined duration or timeline.

ROLE/ACTIONS

The tasks of the Commission will include:

- Assist in the execution of World Curling's Sustainability Plan and oversee the development of associated Procedures;
- Support World Curling via delivery of the Sustainability Strategy (ICE3) and make proposals to the Board for actions and where necessary for rules and regulations that are required for World Curling to meet its sustainability commitments.
- Review and oversee an audit of the current situation and measures and develop recommendations on how to establish a successful pathway to reduce World Curling's carbon footprint to meet the commitment of a 50% reduction by 2030 and climate neutrality by 2040 while identifying opportunities to create positive impacts;
- Lead development, communication and implementation of sustainable events and reporting standards for the curling family to host sustainable events at all levels;
- Leverage its network of experts in and beyond the sport to conduct research, obtain additional guidance and new knowledge as required;
- Oversee and recommend research projects with the aim to identify concrete solutions to meet World Curling's Sustainability goals;
- Ensure promotion, awareness, education and endorse action around sustainability issues at all levels of curling.
- Ensure creation and contribute to an annual sustainability report and other sustainability reporting obligations from 2024 onwards, e.g. Congress or the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action Framework; and
- Act as World Curling's Sustainability ambassadors in all related matters, actively communicating the vision and mission of the sport.

REPORTING STRUCTURE

Working through its Chair, the Commission reports to the World Curling Board.

- Provide an annual report to the Member Associations in advance of the Annual General Assembly and schedule appropriate time to consider and discuss the Commission's final report during the Annual Congress (if required)
- Other reporting requirements as directed by the Board

ACTIVITY

The SC chair shall coordinate meeting dates and provide the relevant agenda and associated information of all members a minimum of 5 days in advance of each meeting. Meetings will ideally take place monthly. The meetings may take place virtually, in person or a hybrid of the two.

The SC may set up ad hoc working groups as necessary and invite experts from outside the curling community to assist in its work.

SUPPORT

The SG will make necessary staff resources available to the Commission to complete its mandate, as driven by Board policy and direction.