



MEDIA GUIDE

MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES
CORTINA CURLING OLYMPIC STADIUM, CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY
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WHAT IS WHEELCHAIR CURLING?

Wheelchair curling is for individuals who are unable to walk or can only walk short distances. This includes players with significant impairments in lower leg/gait function, such as spinal injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis or leg amputation, who use a wheelchair for mobility.

Wheelchair curling is a mixed team discipline meaning each team must be comprised of female and male players. Delivery of the stones may be aided by the use of delivery sticks and there is no sweeping.

THE SPIRIT OF CURLING

The Spirit of Curling is a commonly used term in the sport. It refers to the respect curlers show, not only to one another, but also to the sport itself.

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.



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TIMELINE

MIXED DOUBLES

Wednesday 4 - Wednesday 11 March 2026

Semi-finals: Tuesday 10 March 2026 - 14.35
Medal games: Wednesday 11 March 2026 - 14.35

TEAMS

Saturday 7 - Saturday 14 March 2026

Semi-finals: Friday 13 March 2026 - 10.05
Bronze medal game: Friday 13 March 2026 - 18.35
Gold medal game: Saturday 14 March 2026 - 15.05

DIGITAL INFORMATION

EVENT WEBSITE

<https://worldcurling.org/events/paralympics/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/milano-cortina-2026>

HISTORICAL DATABASE

<https://results.worldcurling.org/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

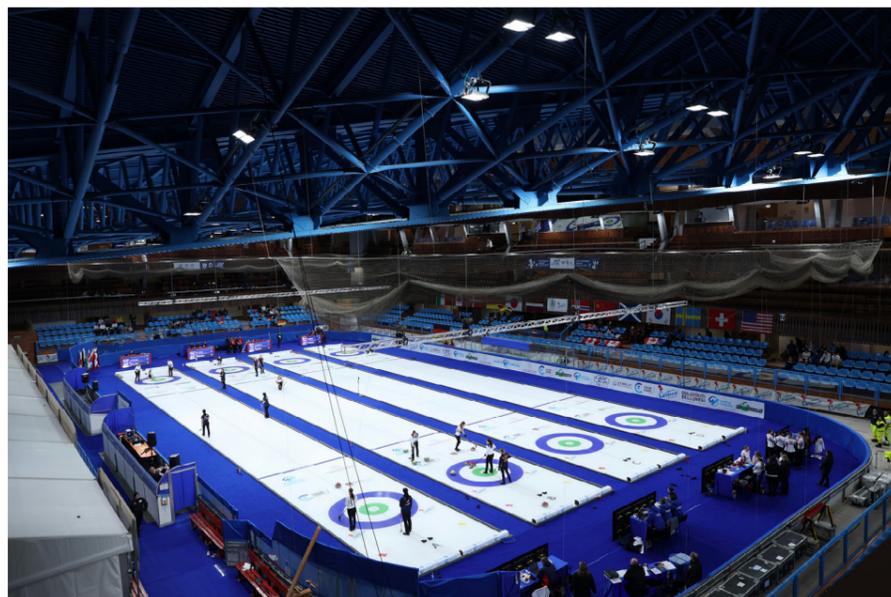


VENUE INFORMATION

CORTINA OLYMPIC CURLING STADIUM

Milano Cortina 2026 venue information

<https://www.olympics.com/en/milano-cortina-2026/venues/cortina-curling-olympic-stadium>



PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION

Italy qualify, for each competition, automatically as the host.

If the host country declines its host country place in any event, its place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible —and not already qualified— National Paralympic Committee. This process will be repeated until the quota place is filled.

The nine highest ranked member associations on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championships will each obtain one mixed team qualification slot for their National Paralympic Committee.

The seven highest ranked member associations on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championships will each obtain one mixed doubles qualification slot for their National Paralympic Committee.

[Find the full qualification process here.](#)

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

MIXED DOUBLES

CHN - People's Republic of China
EST - Estonia
GBR - Great Britain
ITA - Italy
JPN - Japan
KOR - Republic of Korea
LAT - Latvia
USA - United States of America

MIXED TEAM

CAN - Canada
CHN - People's Republic of China
GBR - Great Britain
ITA - Italy
KOR - Republic of Korea
LAT - Latvia
NOR - Norway
SVK - Slovakia
SWE - Sweden
USA - United States of America

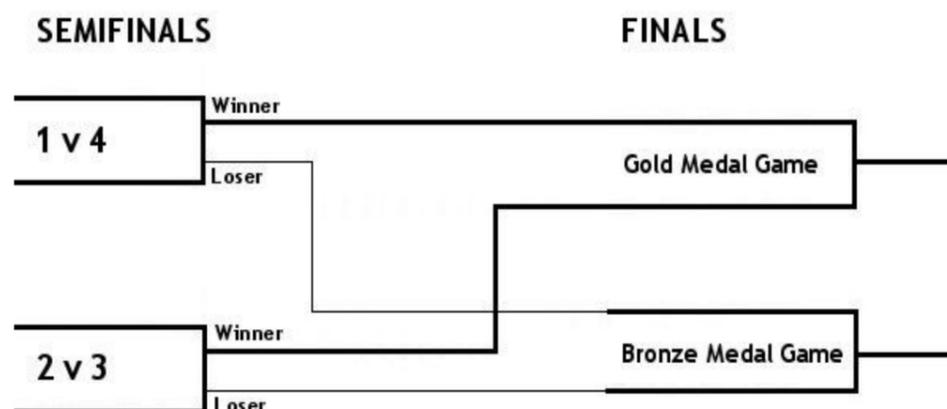
RULES AND SYSTEM OF PLAY

The competition will be played under the World Curling rules, as published in the Rules of Curling (2025) and the Competition Policy & Procedure Manual (August 2025).

The documents are available to download at <https://worldcurling.org/competitions/rules>

The mixed doubles and team competitions will be played in the following stages:

- Round-robin games
- Semi-final games: 1v4 and 2v3
- Bronze medal games: loser of 1v4 and loser of 2v3
- Gold medal games: winner of 1v4 and winner of 2v3



MIXED DOUBLES & MIXED TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE

PLAYING SCHEDULE						
Date	Draw	Time	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D
Tuesday 03 March	MD MEETING	19:30	Team Meeting Cortina Paralympic Village (closed meeting)			
Wednesday 04 March	MD PRACTICE	10:30	Pre-event Practice			
	MD PRACTICE	13:00	Pre-event Practice			
	MD1	19:05	ITA v KOR	JPN v CHN	GBR v EST	LAT v USA
Thursday 05 March	MD2	10:05	CHN v LAT	EST v ITA	JPN v USA	GBR v KOR
	MT MEETING	14:00	Team Meeting Cortina Paralympic Village (closed meeting)			
	MD3	19:05	USA v EST	KOR v JPN	LAT v GBR	ITA v CHN
Friday 06 March	MD4	09:05	JPN v ITA	GBR v USA	CHN v KOR	EST v LAT
	MT PRACTICE	12:30	Pre-event Practice			
	MT PRACTICE	15:10	Pre-event Practice			
Saturday 07 March	MT1	09:35	GBR v SVK	KOR v LAT	USA v CHN	NOR v SWE
	MD5	14:35	KOR v USA	CHN v EST	ITA v LAT	JPN v GBR
	MT2	18:35	ITA v CAN	USA v GBR	SWE v KOR	LAT v SVK
Sunday 08 March	MT3	09:35	SWE v LAT	ITA v CHN	SVK v NOR	CAN v GBR
	MD6	14:35	GBR v CHN	LAT v KOR	EST v JPN	USA v ITA
	MT4	18:35	USA v ITA	CAN v NOR		CHN v KOR
Monday 09 March	MT5	09:35	KOR v GBR	SWE v USA	CAN v LAT	SVK v ITA
	MD7	14:35	LAT v JPN	ITA v GBR	USA v CHN	KOR v EST
	MT6	18:35	NOR v CHN	KOR v SVK	GBR v SWE	USA v LAT
Tuesday 10 March	MT7	09:35		GBR v ITA	CHN v CAN	KOR v NOR
	MD SF	14:35	#1 v #4			#2 v #3
	MT8	18:35	SVK v USA	LAT v CHN	ITA v NOR	SWE v CAN
Wednesday 11 March	MT9	09:05	LAT v NOR	USA v KOR	SWE v SVK	GBR v CHN
	MD MEDAL	14:35		Bronze Medal	Gold Medal	
	MD CEREMONY		Medal ceremony immediately after the end of the games			
Thursday 12 March	MT10	20:05	ITA v SWE	SVK v CAN	LAT v GBR	
	MT11	13:35	CAN v KOR	CHN v SWE	NOR v USA	ITA v LAT
Friday 13 March	MT12	18:35	CHN v SVK	NOR v GBR	KOR v ITA	CAN v USA
	MT SF	10:05		#1 v #4		#2 v #3
Saturday 14 March	MT BRONZE	18:35			Bronze Medal	
	MT GOLD	15:05			Gold Medal	
	MT CEREMONY		Medal ceremony immediately after the end of the games			

Note: v = coin-toss required

PAST PARALYMPIC MEDALLISTS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2022 Beijing	China (Haitao Wang, Jianxin Chen, Mingliang Zhang, Zhuo Yan, Yulong Sun)	Sweden (Viljo Petersson-Dahl, Ronny Persson, Mats Ola Engborg, Kristina Ulander, Sabina Johansson)	Canada (Jon Thurston, Ina Forrest, Dennis Thiessen, Mark Ideson, Collinda Joseph)
2018 Pyeongchang	China (Haitao Wang, Jianxin Chen, Wei Liu, Meng Wang, Qiang Zhang)	Norway (Rune Lorentsen, Jostein Stordahl, Ole Fredrik Syversen, Sissel Løchen, Rikke Iversen)	Canada (Mark Ideson, Ina Forrest, Dennis Thiessen, Marie Wright, Jamie Anseeuw)
2014 Sochi	Canada (Jim Armstrong, Ina Forrest, Dennis Thiessen, Sonja Gaudet, Mark Ideson)	Russia (Andrey Smirnov, Alexander Shevchenko, Svetlana Pakhomova, Marat Romanov, Oxana Slesarenko)	Great Britain (Aileen Neilson, Gregor Ewan, Robert McPherson, Jim Gault, Angie Malone)
2010 Vancouver	Canada (Jim Armstrong, Darryl Neighbour, Ina Forrest, Sonja Gaudet, Bruno Yizek)	Korea (Hak-Sung Kim, Myung Jin Kim, Kilwoo Park, Mi-Suk Kang, Yang Hyun Cho)	Sweden (Jalle Jungnell, Glenn Ikonen, Patrik Burman, Anette Wilhelm, Patrik Kallin)
2006 Torino	Canada (Chris Daw, Gerry Austgarden, Gary Cormack, Sonja Gaudet, Karen Blachford)	Great Britain (Frank Duffy, Michael McCreddie, Tom Killin, Angie Malone, Ken Dickson)	Sweden (Jalle Jungnell, Glenn Ikonen, Rolf Johansson, Anette Wilhelm, Bernt Sjöberg)