

WCTRS Team and Player Eligibility Rules



Four-Player Team Rules

Teams have until October 31 to confirm their lineup for the season. After October 31, Team lineups will be considered confirmed for the remainder of the season.

The total points earned by a four-player team are allocated 25% per player to make up 100% of the team total. This ensures that if a four-player team fully dissolves, each athlete is entitled to carry their 25% share of points forward to a new team.

A team that retains three of four players will carry, at minimum, 100% of its team points to the following season.

If a team that retains three of four players adds a new player who brings more points than the player they're replacing, the difference will be included in the teams point total.

For a four-player team to count WCTRS points toward their yearly total, they must have at least three of four registered players on the ice at all times during an event. The duty rests on the team to indicate when they are in violation of this eligibility requirement.

Teams found in violation of the eligibility requirements will lose all points for the event in question and be subject to a penalty of three times the scaled SFM value.
(i.e. if the scaled SFM value was 3.0 the penalty would be 9.0 points)

Five-Player Team Rules

To provide teams wishing to create a five-player team greater flexibility to award end of year points, teams will be allowed to mutually declare their breakdown based on their on-ice realities and team formations. Teams have until October 31 to confirm their five-player lineup for the season. Five-player teams have until April 1 of that current season to declare their intentions for their end of year point allocations to each player under the following options (all calculating to 100% of the teams points):

Full Five-Player rotation (default option if not declared otherwise)

each team member retains 20% of the teams total points

20% / 20% / 20% / 20% / 20%

Front end rotation

Skip and Third each retain 25% of the teams points and the three rotation front end players retain 16.67% each of the teams total points

25% / 25% / 16.67% / 16.67% / 16.67%

One player only rotation

Three players each retain 25% of the teams points and the two rotation players retain 12.5% each of the teams total points

25% / 25% / 25% / 12.5% / 12.5%

Majority Four-Player team

Two team members each retain 25% of the teams total points, two team members each retain 20% of the teams total and the fifth player receives 10% of the teams points

25% / 25% / 20% / 20% / 10%

Skip set and remaining team rotation

Skip retains 25% of the teams total points, four team members split the remaining 75% of the teams points

25% / 18.75% / 18.75% / 18.75% / 18.75%

These options will be available for teams to allocate until April 1 of that current season, and the World Curling Team Ranking System committee will follow up with your team to ensure declarations of intention are made.

A team that retains four of five players will carry, at minimum, 100% of its team points to the following season.

If a team that retains four of five players adds a new player who brings more points than the player they're replacing, the difference will be included in the teams point total.

Newly formed five-player teams will have each member contribute 20% of their previous teams point total towards the new team.

For a five-player team to count WCTRS points toward their yearly total, they cannot use any other replacement players outside of the five registered team members. The duty rests on the team to indicate when they are in violation of this eligibility requirement.

Teams found in violation of the eligibility requirements will lose all points for the event in question and be subject to a penalty of three times the scaled SFM value.
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Replacement Player/Line-up Change Scenarios Four-Player Teams

As of October 31, Team lineups will be considered confirmed for the remainder of the season.

If a player leaves Team A before October 31 and does not join another team for the remainder of the season, they will receive 25% of the points earned in the events they played in with Team A before October 31.

If a player leaves Team A before October 31 and joins Team B before October 31, they will be considered a member of Team B for the remainder of the season and will receive 25% of Team B's end of season total.

If a player leaves Team A before October 31 and joins Team B after October 31, they will receive 25% of the points earned in the events they played in with Team A before October 31 or 25% of the points earned in the events they played in with Team B after October 31 – whichever is higher.

If a player leaves Team A after October 31 and does not join a team for the remainder of the season, they are considered a member of Team A for the season and will receive 20% of Team A's end of season total.

If a player leaves Team A after October 31 and joins Team B for the remainder of the season, they will receive 20% of Team A's end of season total or 25% of the total for events played with Team B after October 31 – whichever is higher.

Team Eligibility Exemptions

Teams can apply for an exemption to the team eligibility requirements in order to remain compliant and continue earning WCTRS points.

Application for a Medical Exemption should be requested prior to any competition where a lineup change will be needed. If a player is injured during a competition, Medical Exemptions may be applied retroactively if the application is submitted within seven days of the completion of the event. Approved exemption requests will allow teams to replace an injured player until they are fit to return to competition.

Application for a Maternity/Paternity Exemption should be requested prior to any competition where a lineup change will be needed. Approved exemption requests will allow teams to replace a player until they are fit to return to competition.

If player(s) are selected to represent their Member Association at a World Curling sanctioned championship, the team will be eligible for special exemption to replace the player(s) without penalty.

To request an exemption, send an email to rob.gordon@worldcurling.org

Event Withdrawal Dates, Entry Fee Reimbursement, and Penalties

Teams should not be added to an event unless they have paid their entry fee in advance.

Before 1 month prior to an event – Teams are entitled to 100% refund of entry fee.

Inside 30 days from the start of an event – By default, teams are not entitled to reimbursement of their entry fee, however, arrangements can be made with event organisers on a case-by-case basis.

Teams who have not paid their entry fee and withdraw from an event within the 30-day window will be subject to a penalty of three times the scaled SFM value.
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For any event entry fee related queries, send an email to rob.gordon@worldcurling.org