

The WCTRS Points Group met multiple times throughout the season and reviewed feedback provided by athletes and other stakeholders on various topics regarding the point system and ranking lists. Due to changes in structure of events, qualification processes, and the addition of GSOC Satellite events – the group has decided to update the Strength of Field calculation processes associated with these events. Below are some key changes to the WCTRS system for the 2026-2027 season.

Increase Maximum Strength of Field for Tour Cashspiels

Current Rule: Tour Cashspiels - Maximum SFM for these events is 7.0

2026-2027 Change: Maximum SFM for Tour Cashspiels will be increased to 8.0

Rationale: With the addition of GSOC Satellite events, there is the potential for some tour events to feature strong fields. Increasing the maximum SFM for tour events will incentivise event hosts and reward teams participating in these events.

Reduce Importance Factor for European Curling Championship

Current Rule: ECC and PCCC receive Importance Factor of 1.75 to a maximum of 10.0

2026-2027 Change: ECC will receive an Importance Factor of 1.25 to a maximum of 10.0

Rationale: Since there is no longer a PCCC, and since ECC is no longer a direct qualifier for the World Men's and World Women's Championships – the decision was made to reduce the Importance Factor for this event.

Add Importance Factor for World Championship Qualifier Event

Current Rule: ECC and PCCC receive Importance Factor of 1.75 to a maximum of 10.0

2026-2027 Change: World Championship Qualifiers will receive an Importance Factor of 1.75 to a maximum of 10.0

Rationale: Since the World Championship Qualifier has replaced ECC and PCCC in the World Championship Qualification Process, this event will be given elevated importance as it is an opportunity for teams to qualify their Member Association for the World Men's and World Women's Championships. This is in alignment with the WMDQE which also receives an Importance Factor of 1.75 to a maximum of 10.0

Add Importance Factor for Grand Slam of Curling Events

Current Rule: GSOC Events have a Set SFM value of 10.0

2026-2027 Change: GSOC Events will receive an Importance Factor of 1.25 to a maximum of 10.0

Rationale: Due to the change in qualification process for some GSOC events, the decision was made to remove the Set SFM for all GSOC events and replace it with an Importance Factor value of 1.25 to a maximum of 10.0

Remove Minimum SFM for GSOC Satellite Events for 2027-2028 Season

Current Rule: The Minimum Strength of Field Multiplier for an event will be calculated by combining the SFM from the previous season with the SFM from the current season and taking the average of the two numbers.

2026-2027 Change: Events that have GSOC Satellite status for the 2026-2027 season will not carry a Minimum SFM for the 2027-2028 season.

Rationale: Since we are unsure of the impact being named a GSOC Satellite event will have on an events strength of field year over year, events that are designated a GSOC Satellite event for the 2026-2027 season will not carry a minimum strength of field value for the following season.