

***WORLD CURLING
CODE ON THE
PREVENTION
OF THE MANIPULATION
OF COMPETITIONS***

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INTRODUCTION

World Curling (herein after also referred to as WCF/ World Curling Federation) and its Member Associations recognise the threat to the integrity of curling posed by the manipulation of sports competitions. This is contrary to the 'Spirit of Curling' which is highlighted in the Rules of Curling.

The Members of World Curling Federation agreed to follow and be bound by the "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" at the Annual General Assembly of the World Curling Federation, held in Bled, Slovenia in September 2017.

This update is undertaken to align with the 2022 version of the "International Olympic Committee (IOC) Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions", subject to approval by the World Curling Annual General Assembly in Bratislava, Slovakia in September 2026.

PREAMBLE

- a) Acknowledging the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions, World Curling restates their commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in the Olympic Agenda 2020 and the Olympic Agenda 2020+5
- b) Due to the complex nature of this threat, World Curling recognises that they cannot tackle this threat alone, and hence cooperation with public authorities, in particular law enforcement and sports betting entities, is crucial
- c) World Curling declares their commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, and by requiring their members to do likewise

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS ⁽¹⁾

1.1 "Benefit" means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts; Sporting advantage is also a benefit

1.2 "Competition" means any sports competition, tournament, match or event, organised in accordance with the rules of World Curling or its affiliated organisations, or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organisation

1.3 "Inside Information" means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public, or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition

1.4 "Participant" means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:

- a) "athlete" means any person or group of persons, participating in sports competitions
- b) "athlete support personnel" means any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, team official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for sports competitions, and all other persons working with the athletes
- c) "official" means any person who is the owner of, a shareholder in, an executive or a staff member of the entities which organise and/or promote sports competitions, as well as umpires, and any other accredited or engaged persons. The term also covers the executives and staff of the sports organisation, or where appropriate, other competent sports organisation or club that recognises the competition

1.5 "Sports Betting, Bet or Betting" means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition

ARTICLE 2 - VIOLATIONS

The following conduct as defined in this Article constitutes a violation of this Code:

2.1 Betting

Betting in relation:

- a) to any Curling Competition
- b) to any event of a multisport Competition in which the participant is accredited to

2.2 Manipulation of sports competitions

2.2.1. An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others

2.3 Corrupt conduct

Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition or any other form of corruption

2.4 Inside information

2.4.1. Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity

2.4.2. Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes

2.4.3 Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided

2.5 Failure to report

2.5.1 Failing to report to World Curling or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code

2.5.2 Failing to report to World Curling or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code

2.6 Failure to cooperate

2.6.1 Failing to cooperate with any investigation carried out by World Curling and/or its affiliates in relation to a possible breach of this Code, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested by World Curling or its designate as part of such investigation

2.6.2 Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by World Curling and/or its affiliates in relation to a possible violation of this Code, including, without limitation, concealing, tampering with, or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation

2.7 Determination of violation

2.7.1 For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:

- a) Whether or not the Participant is participating in the Competition concerned
- b) The outcome of the Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made
- c) Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
- d) The nature or outcome of the Bet
- e) Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Competition concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question
- f) Whether or not the result of the Competition concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question
- g) Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of World Curling
- h) Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of World Curling

2.7.2 Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently

ARTICLE 3 - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The contents of this Article are minimum standards which must be respected by all Sports Organisations.

3.1 Investigations

3.1.1 The Participant who is alleged to have committed a violation of this Code must be informed of the alleged violations that have been committed, details of the alleged acts and/or omissions, and the range of possible sanctions

3.1.2 Upon request by World Curling or its affiliates, the concerned Participant must provide any information which the Organisation considers may be relevant to investigate the alleged violation, including records relating to the alleged violation (such as betting account numbers and information, itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and/or a statement setting out the relevant facts and circumstances around the alleged violation

Where, following receipt of such information, World Curling believes there is a case of code violation against a Participant, World Curling shall transfer the matter to the World Curling Disciplinary Panel for further investigation and determination in accordance with the World Curling Disciplinary Policy

3.2 Rights of the concerned person

In all procedures linked to violations of the present Code, the following rights must be respected:

3.2.1 The right to be informed of the charges; and

3.2.2 The right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of World Curling or its affiliates and/or submitting a defence in writing; and

3.2.4 The right to be accompanied and/or represented

3.3 Burden and standard of proof

World Curling shall have the burden of establishing that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of the evidence, it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred

3.4 Confidentiality

The principle of confidentiality must be strictly respected by World Curling and its affiliates during the entire procedure; information should only be exchanged with entities on a need-to-know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned with the procedure until there is public disclosure of the case

3.5 Safe Reporting Mechanism

World Curling ensures that an appropriate and safe reporting mechanism is available and that this is duly made known to athletes, athletes support personnel and officials. Reports can be submitted via the IOC Integrity Hotline

3.6. Adjudication and appeals

3.6.1. The first instance disciplinary body is the World Curling Disciplinary Panel as per the World Curling Constitution

3.6.2 An appeal, in relation to the decisions reached by the World Curling Disciplinary Panel, can be submitted, in writing, to the World Curling Secretary General in accordance with the World Curling Appeals Policy

3.7. Admissibility of Evidence

The Disciplinary Body shall review any evidence and facts submitted, including, but not limited to, admissions, evidence of third parties, witness statements, betting monitoring reports, expert reports, documentary evidence and other analytical information

ARTICLE 4 - PROVISIONAL MEASURES

4.1 World Curling may impose provisional measures, including a provisional suspension, on the participant where there is a particular risk to the reputation of the sport, while ensuring respect for Article 3 of this Code

4.2 Where a provisional measure is imposed, this shall be taken into consideration in the determination of any sanction which may ultimately be imposed

ARTICLE 5 - SANCTIONS

5.1 Where it is determined that a violation has been committed, World Curling shall impose an appropriate sanction upon the Participant from the range of permissible sanctions, which may range from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of a life ban

5.2 When determining the appropriate sanctions applicable, World Curling shall take into consideration all aggravating and mitigating circumstances and shall detail the effect of such circumstances on the final sanction in the written decision

5.3 Substantial assistance provided by a Participant that results in the discovery or establishment of an offence by another Participant may reduce any sanction applied under this Code

ARTICLE 6 - MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND GLOBALISATION OF DECISIONS

6.1 Subject to the right of appeal, any decision issued in compliance with this Code by any other Sporting Organisation will be recognised and respected by Word Curling

6.2 World Curling shall recognise and respect the relevant decision(s) made by any court of competent jurisdiction which is not a Sports Organisation as defined under this Code

6.3 A multisport events organiser's disciplinary body's decision does not prevent World Curling from imposing its own sanction

6.4. World Curling extends the sanctions imposed by a national member federation (2) to all other national member federations

6.5 World Curling may take on jurisdiction on a national or continental level should the NF or continental association does not act timely or should the credibility of the decision imposed by the NF or CA is questioned

ARTICLE 7 - IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Olympic Charter, all Sports Organisations bound by the Olympic Charter agree to respect this Code. World Curling is bound by the Olympic Charter and therefore agrees to respect the Code.

7.2 World Curling commits to the implementation of the present Code within its own jurisdiction

7.3 World Curling commits to carry out regular and continuous awareness raising initiatives

NOTES

- (1) When definitions are provided by the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, such definitions are used in this Code to minimise the risk of misinterpretation
- (2) "National Member Federation" / "NF" is referred to as "Member Association" / "MA" within World Curling

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Olympic Agenda 2020+5](#)
- [Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sport Competition](#)
- [IOC Guidelines for the Sanctioning of Competition Manipulation by Sports Organisations – May 2025](#)