COMPETITION POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

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CRESTING

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

sponsor crests will only be permitted if they advertise companies or organisations who carry out business in the country represented by the team concerned and do not conflict with any sponsor of WCF events.

Cresting placement must be the same for all team members on all playing garments. No cresting shall be permitted in any other area, or on other items of clothing or curling equipment without prior application to, and approval of, the World Curling Federation.

When two players have the same surname, the first letter of their given name shall be added to the player's name on the garment. If the first letter is also the same either another initial should be added, or the full or abbreviated given names shown.

All members of team support staff with on-ice accreditation must also adhere to the stated cresting policy, except the word or can be used as an alternative to the surname. Team support staff with multiple teams must have team matching jackets or no sponsorship cresting.

Only approved cresting on any piece of clothing, equipment, accessory, or any other item used or worn by any player or a team official any time in the field of play or in the media mixed zone during an official pre-event photo session, post/ pre-game WCF media /WCTV interview, or during the medal ceremony is permitted.

National flags or emblems are allowed and are not limited by size or number on clothing, footwear and grippers, sport equipment and accessories.

No reference including the nicknames of the participants or any other persons, URL, social media accounts, hashtags, or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcode) may appear on clothing, equipment, accessory, or any other item used or worn by any player or a team official on the field of play, during media interview, or during the medal ceremony is permitted. Ex
the playing uniform is allowed.

No Identification of the manufacturer may appear in combination with any other authorised identification. Identifications of the manufacturer may not appear close or adjacent to other authorised identifications, in order to avoid a composite logo effect or a repetitive effect. This applies also in case of several layers of items worn by the same person.

Any identification of the manufacturer must be displayed as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

No personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, water bottles, national flags and Point of View (POV) camera devices, are permitted on podiums.

TIMESCALE FOR WCF APPROVAL

Member Associations shall register sponsor names and business category with a photograph or diagram in actual size with the WCF no later than **one week before the event. A photograph or diagram in actual size must be included.** The WCF will confirm approval in writing. Every effort will be made to facilitate the acceptance of team sponsor requests. Sponsor names registered later, or not

registered, will not be approved by the WCF. **There is no on-site crest approval at any WCF event.** Sponsor crests that are not approved or any non-compliant logos on any item must be removed or covered. Under the WCF Cresting Policy, no previous event crests are allowed, and approval of sponsor crests must be sought and / or renewed for every event.

CLOTHING

There are six (6) positions for crests and badges for all events except for wheelchair curling, where there are five (5) positions for crests and badges.

THE RIGHT CHEST (1) AND UPPER LEFT ARM (1): will be reserved for the event sponsor or an event crest of the Host Committee.

THE LEFT CHEST AND UPPER RIGHT ARM (total of 3): reserved for team sponsor's crests or Member Association's logo:

Option 1: The left chest (1), and upper right arm (2), for a maximum of 3 crests
OR
Option 2: The left chest (2) and upper right arm (1), for a maximum of 3 crests

ON THE TROUSERS (1): will
not wear the crest on the same leg (depends on right or left-handed), but the crests must be at the same height and location on the trouser. **Sponsor crests are not permitted on trousers in wheelchair curling.**

Total crest size (edge to edge) shall not be greater than 100 square centimetres (16 square inches) per crest. All team sponsors' cresting must have the approval of the team's Member Association. Two clothing manufacturer's identification marks may be displayed per item of clothing, provided they are not greater than 30 square centimetres each (4.65 square inches) on jackets, sweaters, shirts, vests and trousers and not greater than 8 square centimetres each (1.24 square inches) on any other item of clothing excluding headgear.

Base Layer (including compression sleeves) must be either:

a) white or the same colours as the light colour uniform when playing light coloured stones
b) black or the same colours as the dark colour uniform when playing dark coloured stones.

Please note: Base layers must be compliant with the 70/30 Rule.

All brand logos on the sleeve must meet the requirements above. For the 2XU branded sleeve, the X is considered a manufacturer identification mark.

Headgear: The only logo permitted on headgear is that of the event or the Member Association logo. Two identifications of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum of 10 square centimetres each (1.55 square inches), placed above the ear or on the back.

Gloves: One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted and not greater than 8 square centimetres (1.24 square inches).

Socks: One Identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 10cm².

Eyewear: Two identifications of the manufacturer per accessory item, one on each side, will be permitted and not greater than 6 square centimetres (1 square inch) each.

SHOES/FOOTWEAR

Grippers / Anti-sliders: Identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

Curling shoes: All footwear items may carry the Identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

SPORT EQUIPMENT

Brushes / Brooms: Each brush/broom may carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

No markings are allowed on the part of the brush which touches the ice. Each brush/broom may also carry the name of the Country.

Delivery sticks: Each delivery stick may carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade. Each delivery stick may also carry the name of the Country.

ACCESSORIES

Face Masks: Masks are not allowed to have any sponsor or manufacturer logos, text prints, hashtags, graphics, etc. (except the certification logos and national design).

Bags & Backpacks: If a bag or backpack enters the field of play, only one identification of the manufacturer per item will be permitted, covering not more than 10% of the surface and not greater than 60 square centimetres (9.3 square inches). The location of the identification must be on the larger side of the bag.

All team bags or back packs positioned on the back of the wheelchairs during a game must be the same.

Wheelchairs: One crest on each wheel (may be different sponsors), with the total crest size per wheel not greater than 200 square centimetres (31 square inches) is permitted. The Member Association logo and/or country name and emblem may be displayed on each wheel and may be in There are no size restrictions for the MA name or logo. They may also be displayed along with the surname on the back of the seat in the same dimensions as shown below for uniforms in the following order: top: surname, middle: emblem, bottom: country. A

provided each logo is not greater than 60 square centimetres (9.3 square inches).

UNIFORMS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Each team member shall wear identical uniforms for all games. Each garment that will be seen, (jacket, sweater, shirt, and vest/gilet) shall have the player's surname in 2-inch (5cm) letters across the upper back of the garment, and the country name in 2-inch (5cm), or larger letters, across the back above the waist. If desired, a national emblem may also be worn on the back, but only in addition to the country name and must be displayed between the player's surname and the country name. The members of a team shall wear light-coloured shirts and playing jackets when delivering stones with light-coloured handles and dark-coloured shirts and playing jackets when delivering stones with dark handles. Upper playing garments of all team members must be the same colour during the competition.

Unless otherwise approved by the WCF, a light-coloured uniform will be predominantly white or yellow in colour. There must be a minimum of 70% of white or yellow on both the front and back of the uniform. Approval for all uniform designs must be requested at least 8 weeks prior to an event or may be requested at the start of a season for multiple events. Grey may be considered as a light-coloured uniform only if the grey shade is no more than 10% black.

Trousers must all be the same colour but can be different brands. Wheelchair curling: One or more athletes can use a leg cover. The leg covers must be the same colour as the trousers.

One or more players can wear headgear. If more than 1 all must be the same, peaks forward. This applies to the team and persons on the coach bench.

Exception for Wheelchair Curling: If more than 1, all must be the same colour, peaks forward, but can be of different styles. Hats (styles and colour) must be submitted to WCF for approval 8 weeks prior to a championship.

Under the WCF Dress Code, in the FOP and the bench, **hoods on jackets and sweaters cannot be showing**, but must be rolled up or tucked inside.

TIMESCALE FOR WCF APPROVAL

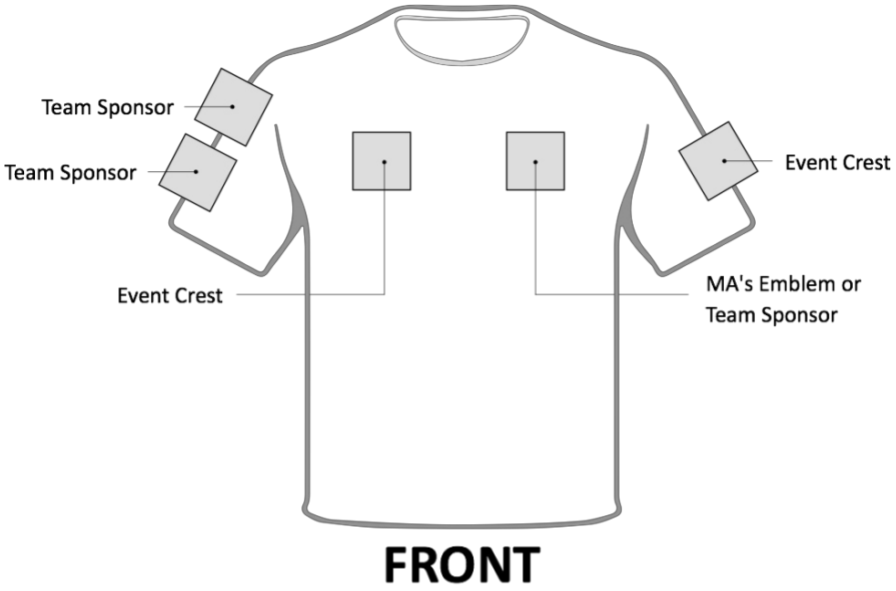
All Member Associations must register the design of the jerseys, outer garments, jackets, and sweaters to be used at least **8 weeks** prior to the start of the event. Designs may also be registered at the start of a season for multiple events.

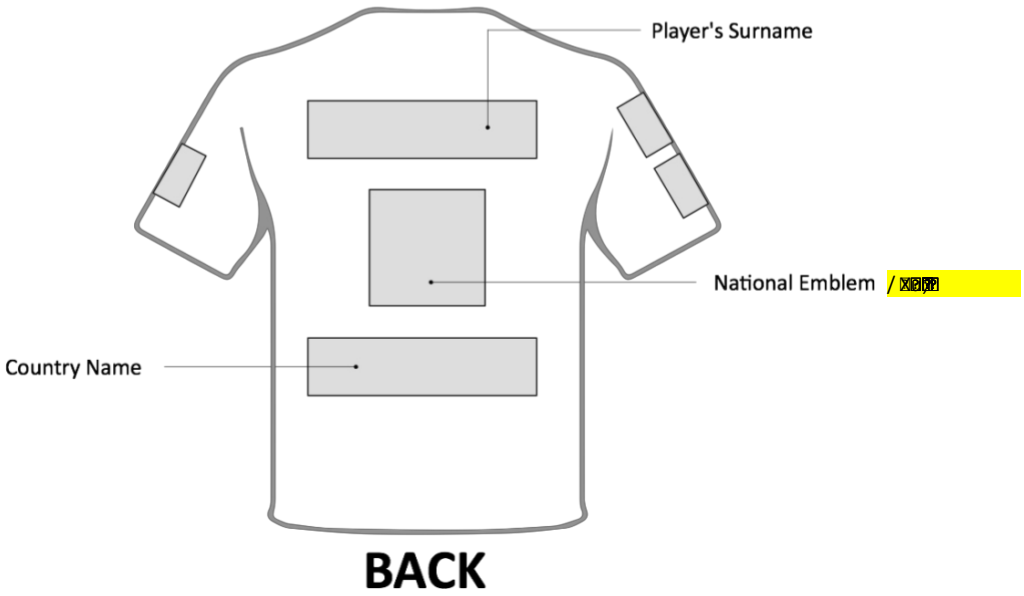
Wheelchair curling: Hats (styles and colour) must also be registered for WCF approval at least 8 weeks prior to any event or at the start of a season for multiple events.

The uniform colour/design approval does NOT automatically include sponsor crest approval! These must be applied for separately even if the crest(s) was shown on the uniform picture that was submitted.

POSITIONING OF LOGOS, NAMES, AND ADVERTISING

JACKETS, SWEATERS, SHIRTS AND VESTS –OPTION ONE

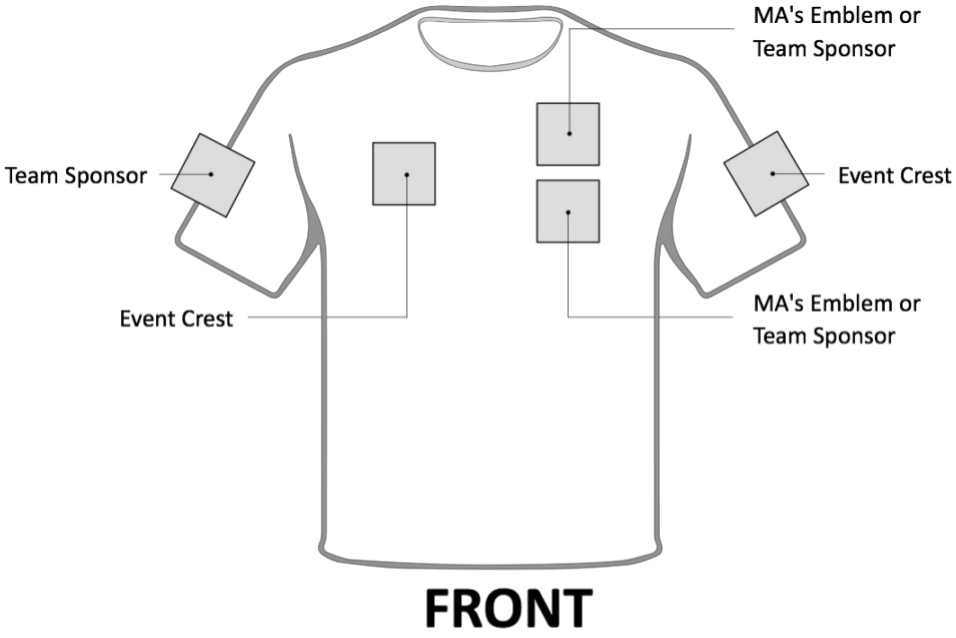


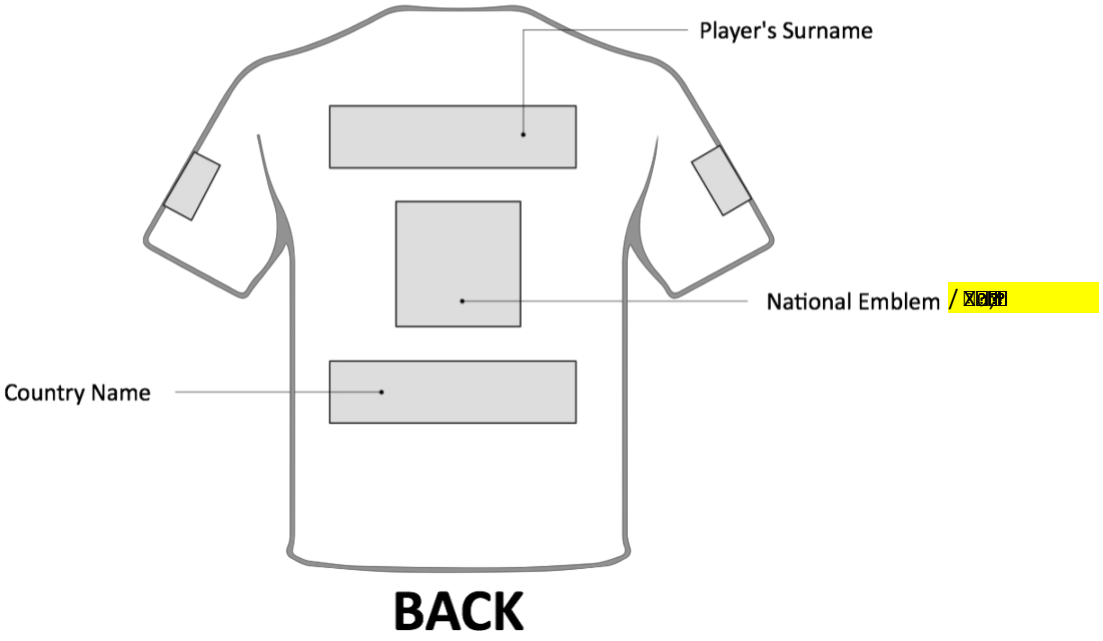


Shirts can be long or short sleeved. **If a garment has a collar, sponsor crests or manufacturer logos are NOT permitted on the collar.** Proper cresting is required on vests to show all elements visible on jackets, sweaters, or shirts.

JACKETS, SWEATERS, SHIRTS AND VESTS –OPTION TWO

Shirts can be long or short sleeved. If a garment has a collar, sponsor crests or manufacturer logos are NOT permitted on the collar. Proper cresting is required on vests to show all elements visible on jackets, sweaters, or shirts.





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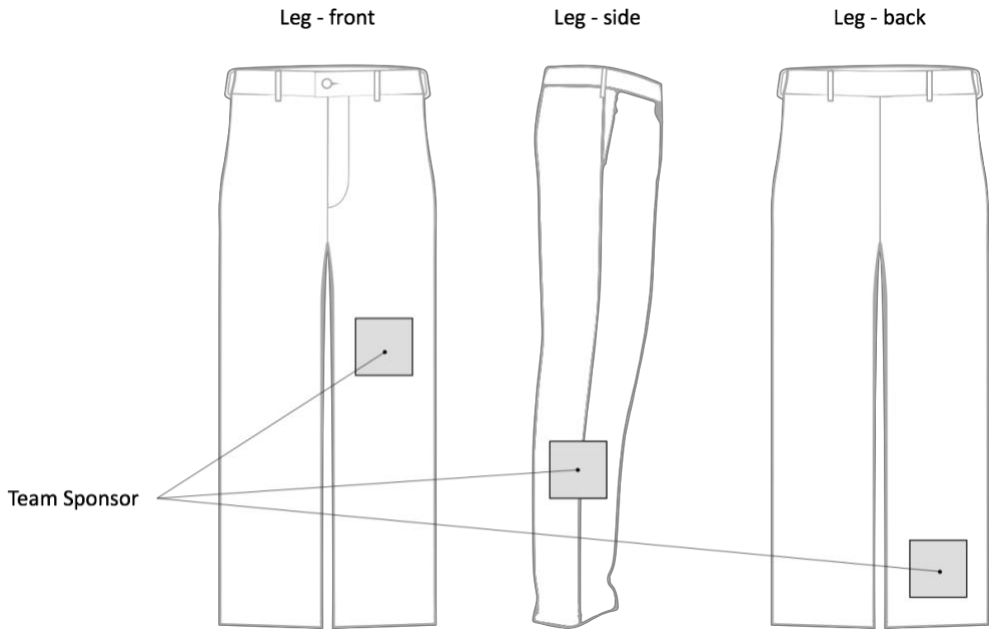
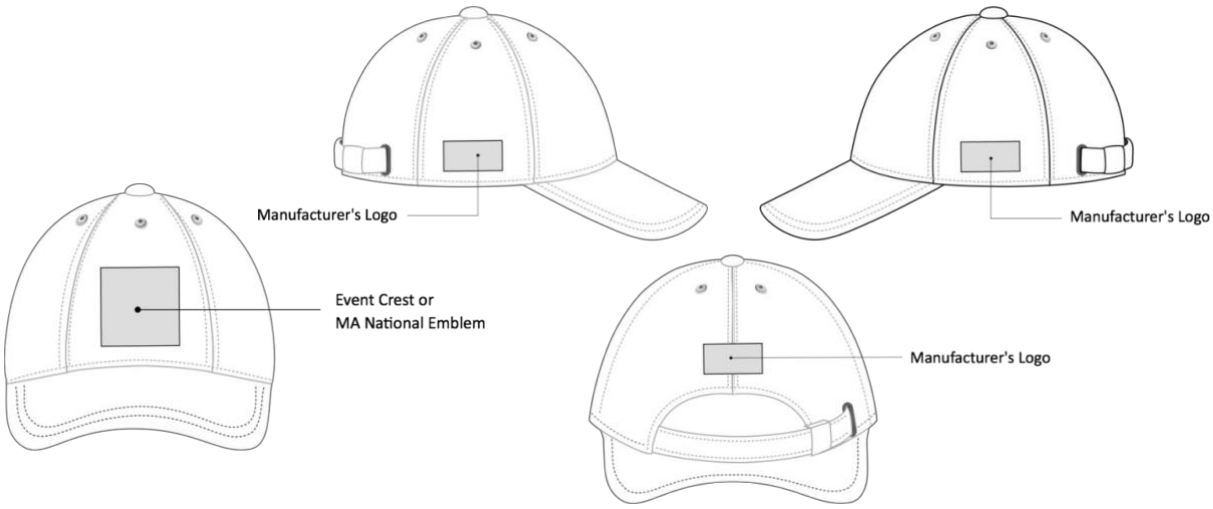


All team members need not wear the crest on the same leg (depends on right or left-handed), but the crests must be at the same height and location on the leg.

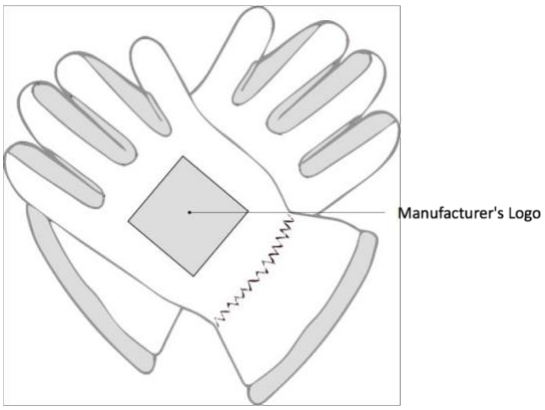
* Sponsor Crests are not permitted on trousers or on leg covers in wheelchair curling.

HEADGEAR



Two identifications of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum of 10 square centimetres (1.55 square inches) each, placed above the ear or on the back.

GLOVES



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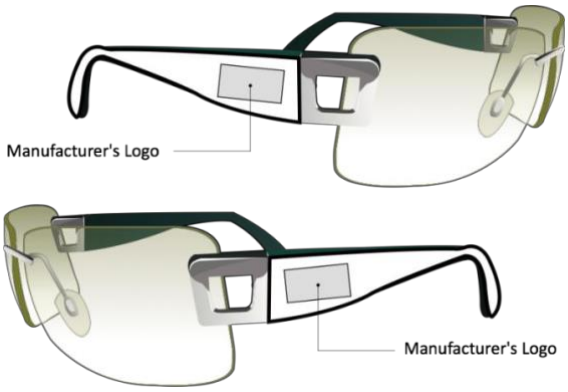
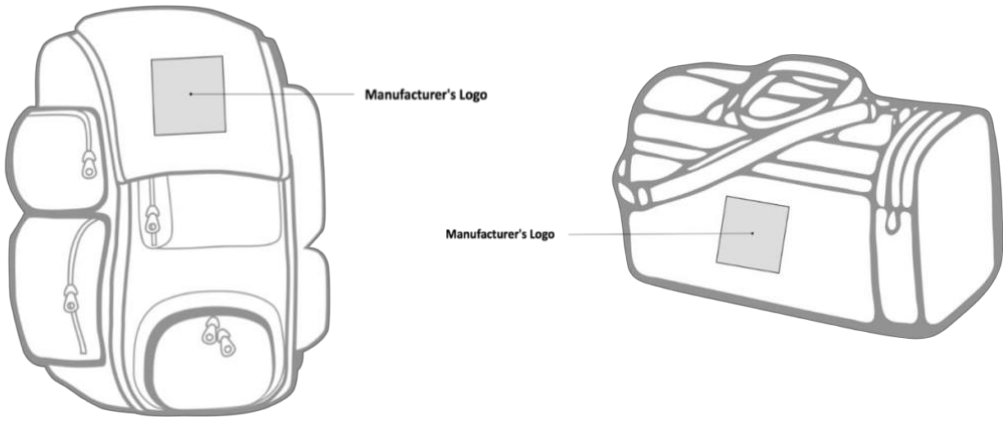


BAGS & BACKPACKS



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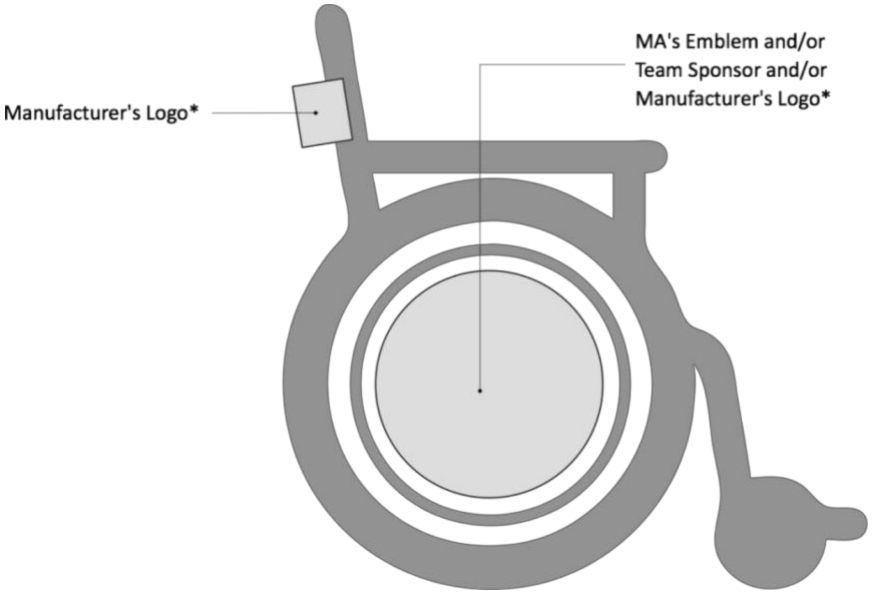


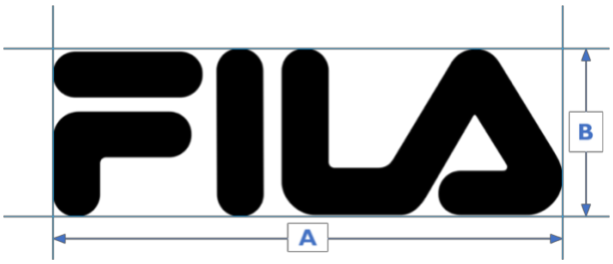
*A wheelchair trademark may be displayed on each wheel and on the back of the seat, provided each logo is not greater than 60 square centimetres (9.3 square inches).

MEASURING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS AND SPONSORS

REGULAR SHAPES

Where the Identification of the Manufacturer or Sponsor appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.

Area = **A** x **B**



IRREGULAR SHAPES

Where the Identification of the Manufacturer or Sponsor is an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the identification and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.

Area = **A** x **B**



COMBINED SHAPES

Where the Identification of the Manufacturer or Sponsor combines the manufacturer/ name with the manufacturer/sponsor logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined identification and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.

Area = **A** x **B**



PENALTIES FOR UNIFORM AND CRESTING POLICY VIOLATIONS

All fines will be issued to the concerned member association. The penalties apply for all WCF events.

Not meeting submission deadlines USD 300

Member Association submits uniforms design approval after deadline
Member Association submits sponsor cresting approval after deadline

Major violations during events USD 500 each

Team shows up in an unapproved uniform
Unapproved Team sponsor crest (500 USD for each unapproved sponsor)

Minor violations during events USD 100 each (including but not limited to)

Team sponsor crest wrong position, number or size over limit
Event crest or Event sponsor crest missing, wrong size, wrong position
Previous event crest or Event sponsor crest visible
Manufacturer logo wrong position, number or size over limit
Country sign or name wrong position, missing or outside limits
Wrong colour of the upper garment
Wrong colour of the base layer or the (compression) sleeves

The financial fines apply for every violation by one or more team members during an event. Repeated violations may result in additional sanctions as per the rules (C3 (d)).

Along with the above fine, any crests on clothing or shoes that violate the cresting policy need to be covered or removed for the entire event.

Any accessories that violate the cresting policy will not be allowed in the field of play. No taping of accessories is allowed.

Example fine

One or more player(s) or team official(s) present with event crest missing + unapproved team sponsor crest. (One team is violating two cresting rules).

The total financial fine is 100 (event crest missing) + 500 (unapproved team sponsor crest(s)) = 600 USD.

Note:

If a team commits any further uniform / cresting violations during an event, **each** violation will incur a fine (financial penalty) as above.

It is the responsibility of each player and coach to ensure his or her sweeping brush meets World Curling Federation (WCF) for Competition and is listed on the WCF This includes but is not limited to, ensuring a valid WCF Product Code is displayed on the pad or fabric, ensuring there is nothing between the fabric and the foam and ensuring the side of the fabric in contact with the ice is the side intended by the manufacturer, which will be the case if the WCF Product Code is visible on the fabric.

The penalty for sweeping with equipment in WCF competition games that does not conform to standards for Competition Equipment established by the WCF:

1) First team offence during a competition the player is disqualified from the competition and the team forfeits the game.
2) Second team offence during a competition the team is disqualified from the competition and all players are not permitted to play in WCF competitions for a 12-month period (365 days).

A stabilizing brush, which is used only during delivery, need not be on the conforming list, but can never be used for sweeping. Rule C3 (i) - Penalty During LSD Stones and Games: If a non-conforming stabilizing brush is used to sweep, the player is disqualified from the competition and the team forfeits the game. If a conforming stabilizing brush is used to sweep, the stone is removed from play, or for the LSD it will be recorded as the maximum (199.6 cm).

Penalty During All Practice Sessions: If a non-conforming or conforming stabilising brush is used to sweep, the player will be warned by an umpire, and if it occurs a second time during the same session, the player will not be allowed to continue in the practice session or participate in the LSD stones or in the game that immediately (same day) follows the practice session.

If a player is using a non-conforming brush for delivery, he/she must be aware that the brush head can stone to be delivered is permitted, as this is not considered to be sweeping. If a player has used the non-conforming brush to sweep the ice instead of lightly cleaning it when going down the ice or sweeps in the house (pre or post-delivery), the player is disqualified from the competition and the team forfeits the game.

The umpires will conduct random checks of brush heads during all competitions. The WCF reserves the right to undertake testing of approved equipment collected at WCF Championships and Events. The Chief Umpire may collect approved equipment from the participants, and any equipment collected for testing becomes the property of the WCF.

For all practices and games, a maximum of one conforming sweeping device per person can be taken into the field of play. Brush pads must be installed on the head assembly for which they are designed, with the exception being the oval heads, which can be installed on any assembly designed for oval heads. All sweeping devices will be marked with different coloured tape to identify which device belongs to which player or coach(s). For pre-competition / evening / special play- off / pre-game practices only these conforming brushes may be used to sweep, however a player or coach can sweep with any one of those brushes, their sweeping device need not be the one that is identified (taped) for their personal use during LSD stones and games.

For Last Stone Draws (LSDs) and the game, each player must declare the brush they will use for sweeping, and only that player can use that device for sweeping. The officials will keep a register of these brushes. Penalty is applied as per rule C3 (e).

A player may not change his/her brush head during a game, or during / after a pre-game practice, unless the Chief Umpire grants special permission. Permission will not be granted if the pad, handle or head are damaged due to brush abuse. Penalty is applied as per rule C3 (f)

If a team must change a player after the pre-game practice or during a game, the alternate player will have to use the brush head from the player he/she is replacing. If the brush head does not fit onto the the player who is being replaced.
Penalty: If a new sweeping device is brought into the game without permission of the Chief Umpire, the team will forfeit the game.

WCF –Policies / Rules for Brush Heads and Brushing 15 September 2019

BRUSH INSPECTION

The above brush policy states, that the umpires will conduct random checks during all competitions and that the WCF reserves the right to undertake testing of approved equipment collected at WCF Championships and Events. The Chief Umpire may collect approved equipment from the participants, and any equipment collected for testing becomes the property of the WCF.

Please note, that the foam is considered a part of the brush-head. This includes brushes where the fabric can be replaced separately. In the collection of equipment for testing, the Chief Umpire will always collect the foam and the fabric when they are not attached in the manufacturing process. It is

competitions.

BRUSH MARKING



This document outlines supplementary policies for wheelchair curling as mentioned in the "Rules of Curling". It is the responsibility of each player and coach to ensure that these policies are met.

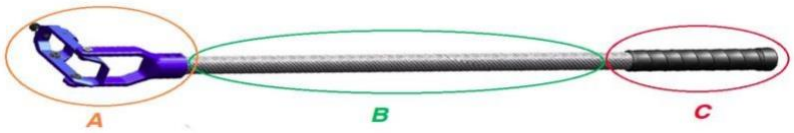
DELIVERY STICKS

The World Curling Federation (WCF) will not conduct a certification process nor an official approval process for delivery sticks in wheelchair curling. The WCF will offer annual consultation services to provide advice on a product's conformation to the standards. A sample product needs to be received by the WCF prior to May 31st. Feedback and advice will be completed by 31 July. A fee may apply.

Delivery Stick Standards

The delivery stick shall not convey any mechanical advantage other than acting as an extension of the arm/hand. Mechanical advantage is defined as the amplification of a force. Examples that can exert such a force are, but not limited to springs and pistons.

This diagram describes the terminology of a delivery stick.



A = Delivery Head B = Tube C = Handle

The delivery stick must also abide by the following:

a) It cannot contain any part that automatically aims or assists in aiming the stone.
b) It cannot contain any part that adjusts the weight/speed of the stone.
c) The overall length of the delivery stick must be no greater than 2.45m/8.04 feet. This measurement is taken when the stick is lying on a horizontal plane. It is defined as the distance from the furthest point on the handle to the outstretched end of the delivery head.
d) The tube must be hollow and static in length throughout the delivery. However, adjustment of tube length is allowed between shots.
e) Customisation of the handle, tube and delivery head are allowed if they fall within the "Wheelchair Curling Policy". Examples include tape, velcro and silicon.
f) If the delivery stick conforms to the standards given it does not matter where the force is applied to the stone handle.
g) Throughout the delivery movement a fixed connection must occur between the athlete through the handle, tube, and delivery head.

Please further note from the "Rules of Curling":

Rule 10 (c): "Teams must not use electronic communication equipment, or any device to modify the voice during a game. Except for stopwatches that are limited to providing 'time' data only, the use of electronic devices during the games, which provide information to players on the field of play, are forbidden".

DELIVERY STICK PENALTIES

The penalty for using a delivery stick in WCF competition games or practices, that does not conform to standards for Competition Equipment established by the WCF:

a) First team offence during a competition: the player is disqualified from the competition and the team forfeits the game.

b) Second team offence during a competition: the team is disqualified from the competition and all players are not permitted to play in WCF competitions for a 12-month period (365 days).

All teams will be allowed a maximum of four delivery sticks (two in Wheelchair Mixed Doubles) within the field of play and any player can use any of those sticks at any time. No delivery stick can be changed during a game, or during / after a pre-game practice, unless the Chief Umpire grants special permission. Permission will be granted if the tube, handle, or delivery head are damaged in an accidental manner. Penalty: If a change is made without permission, the team will forfeit the game.

If a team brings in an alternate a player during a game, that team may replace a maximum of one delivery stick (not applicable for Wheelchair Mixed Doubles).

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Regular teams = 5 players, 1 coach and 2 other team officials (e. g. - team leader, translator, etc.) Mixed Doubles teams = 2 players (1 male & 1 female), 1 coach and 1 other team official

Mixed teams = 4 players (2 male & 2 female), 1 coach and 1 other team official

Please note: At all WCF competitions, each team must have at least one person present who is at least f age by the end of the 30th day of June before the competition is to take place.

Privileges granted should include:

Players (5, includes the alternate) (2 for Mixed Doubles) (4 for Regular Mixed):

free entry to the venue for all games (when not playing, a seat in the team area)
possibility to have accommodation in the team hotel(s)
access to the coach bench, when in the alternate position and the team is playing
access to the lounge and other areas (medical / massage / interview area, etc.)
may use the team transportation system (could be a team car / van or shuttle system)
ticket to the Welcome Reception and Farewell Banquet, for a fee or complimentary, depends on the event
medal and other appropriate award items

Team Coach (1):

same as the players

Second Team Official (1):

free entry to the venue for all games
access to the coach bench when their team is playing and into the team area when not playing
access to the lounge and other areas (medical / massage / interview, etc.)
Organizing Committee has no obligation for transportation, only if space available; also, no guarantee of accommodation in the team hotel, only if space available
ticket to the Welcome Reception and Farewell Banquet, for a fee or complimentary, depends on the event

Third Team Official (1) for Regular 5-Player Teams:

The WCF has agreed to expand the number of to three persons without special permission from the WCF. Privileges granted to this person, should include:

free entry to the venue for all games
access to team area in the stands
access to the lounge and other areas (medical / massage / interview, etc.)
Organizing Committee has no obligation for transportation, only if space available; also, no guarantee of accommodation in the team hotel, only if space available
if attending the Welcome Reception and Farewell Banquet must purchase a ticket if they are sold

Definition Translator

A translator must be officially registered as one of the team officials as listed above.

That person is allowed to join the coach during a team time-out but could also be called by the officials to help with translations.

To be eligible to be registered as a translator / interpreter, that person must be able to communicate fluently in the language of the team (if not English) and also be able to translate that language to English.

1. Any maintenance on the stones will only be done with WCF approval during an event.
2. The recommendation for maintenance after the start of a competition must come from the event Chief Ice Technician, and then approval must come from the WCF Technical Delegate after consultation with the Chief Umpire.
3. Maintenance work would only be done when there is a minimum of two days remaining in the round robin. This timing restriction is to ensure the stones are played for several games prior to the start of the playoffs.
4. The maintenance work is done to return the stones to the condition they were in at the start of the competition. It is not intended to significantly alter the conditions for the athletes.
5. Additional practice will not be organised after the stones have been maintained.
6. The teams will always be informed when any maintenance work is done on the stones.

Pre-Event + Evening + Special Play-off Training + Training if a team has a bye or has won a game by forfeit

any 2 of the 3 accredited team officials are allowed in the Field of Play
both can deliver stones

Pre-Game Practice

any 2 of the 3 accredited team officials are allowed in the Field of Play
coaches are not allowed to deliver stones

Note: The 2 officials going into the Field of Play for these practices can change from training to training.

If for any reason, one or more sheets are delayed, and LSD stones cannot be delivered, after 60 seconds of delay the other sheet(s) where LSD stones can be delivered, will be allowed to do so.

If a team withdraws from a competition and it is too late to change the draw, the team they are to play get a bye. They can have a 30-minute practice starting at game time with both sets of stones.

Each team is responsible for the placement of their stone. If either team delays the start of an end, their timeclock will be activated. If both teams delay the start of an end, the time clock of the team that must start the end will be started.

At WCF competitions, players are often given a choice of stone selection for the play-off games. On the official stone selection form, there is space for two reserve stones (except in Mixed Doubles).

In the rare situation, that a stone must be replaced during a game, the team would be given the option, to replace the paired set of stones if they would like to. If they decide that they only want to replace the unplayable stone, that is their final decision for that game.

The rule clearly says: Any changes / additions must be declared by the end of the team meeting.

In the team meeting document, we also say: If a team must change a person on the coach bench (extenuating circumstances, i.e., sickness), the CU will consider the circumstances and their decision is final.

The following would be considered extenuating circumstances:

Sickness or injury, normally for the rest of the event; but it is up to the CU to decide if a coach who can return is allowed back on the coaches bench
Must leave the competition for home and will not return

A change cannot be made if it is clear, that the team official will return to the event after only one or two games. In that situation one of the other registered team officials must take over that position. If a coach must leave the event and is replaced by another coach, the accreditation of the leaving coach must be handed to the WCF Technical Delegate so that an accreditation for the new official can be issued.

If a team requires a technical time-out due to an issue with personal equipment (e.g., brush, delivery stick in wheelchair curling, wheelchair, or any clothing), the technical time-out cannot last more than 5 minutes. After that time the game must resume. If a team cannot resume after the 5 minutes have elapsed, they will forfeit the game.

If a technical time-out is caused due to an external force (e.g., power-failure, stone issues etc.), the Chief-Umpire will have the decision on how long the time-out will last for. Rule R12 will then be applied.

If a team needs to call for a medical time-out, the Chief Umpire will consult with the medical personnel and the affected team after 5 minutes. After that consultation, the Chief Umpire will decide how long the medical time-out will last. The maximum extra duration is 10 minutes (total of 15 minutes). The Chief Umpire will then consult with the ice-crew and informs the teams so that they can prepare for the recommencement.

Should the affected team not be able to re-join the game after 15 minutes (e.g., not enough players, no alternate), the team will forfeit the game.

Before the event, the Chief Umpire together with the Event Technical Delegate will share a document indicating a schedule, within what time-frame each end of a game should be completed.

That schedule includes extra time for measures, rulings etc. Should there be an extraordinary situation, the umpires will take that into account.

If a game is falling behind that schedule, the Umpires will first talk with both teams and ask them to speed up. From that point on, that game will be closely observed and if the game falls further behind schedule, then rule C6 (m) will be applied.

Rule C6 (m) states: If an umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the umpire notifies the skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivery end within 45 seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.

We all know that some stones do need longer discussions. If the front-end of the team is ready in the hack when it is their time to deliver a stone, the game will not fall behind schedule even if the stones of the back-end need some longer discussions.

If issuing warnings for single stones does not help that teams are playing within the time-frame allocated for a session, the Chief Umpire together with the Event Technical Delegate will decide on further actions.

PROCEDURE

The umpire will issue a 45 second warning to the team member in charge of the house and at the same time start their stopwatch. If the stone is not delivered within 45 seconds, the stone will be removed from play.

The warning applies to that stone only. If the pace of play does not improve, further 45 second warnings will be issued as required.

Should a Member Association (MA) be unable to compete at a World Curling Federation event, due to the pandemic, disciplinary sanctions, travel restrictions, etc. the MA will be replaced by the highest ranked team from the previously completed edition of a qualifying championship or lower division. If there is no completed qualification event, world ranking will be used:

ECC-A - the next highest MA from the previous ECC-B would be promoted
ECC-B - the next highest MA from the previous ECC-C would be promoted
ECC-C - open entry - play with fewer MAs

PCCC-A - the next highest MA from the previous PCCC-B would be promoted
PCCC-B - as long as there is no C-Division, play with fewer MAs

WWhBCC - open entry - play with fewer MAs
WWhCC - the next highest MA from the previous WWhBCC

WWhMDCC - open entry - play with fewer MAs

WMDQE - open entry - play with fewer MAs
WMDCC - the next highest MA from the previous WMDQE would be promoted

WJBCC - open entry - play with fewer MAs
WJCC - the next highest MA from the previous WJBCC

WWCC / WMCC - Depending on which region is affected, it would be the next highest MA from the previous ECC/PCCC

WSCC - open entry - play with fewer MAs

WMxCC - open entry - play with fewer MAs

Only medal winning teams are required on-ice for closing ceremonies.
Players are allowed to depart from a competition after being eliminated and after notifying the World Curling Federation Event Technical Delegate (TD). For events where a Per Diem or function tickets are provided, these will not be provided after a player has departed.
No speed traps are allowed for pre-game practice (only pre-event and evening practice).
If coaches are working with more than one team at an event (e.g., Men's and Women's WSCC teams) and those teams play at the same time, a coach must declare which team he/she will coach in any one session (can change from session to session). If a person is designated as the Team Coach for more than one team at an event (e.g., Men's and Women's WSCC teams) that person is entitled to receive any medal won by the team(s).
A team may change the athlete delivering LSD stone up until the time of delivery even though they had designated a different athlete in CuCoS.
A coach is entitled to use a mobile or tablet (with no network connection) during a timeout in place of a magnetic board.
Games recorded by team support staff for technical review cannot be publicly distributed at any time due to WCF broadcast rights.
Any accredited official (maximum of 2) is entitled to train with their team during evening practice. There is no restriction on how many sessions an accredited official can attend.
If a team quits the game before they have fulfilled the minimum number of required ends, the penalty or sanctions are determined by the WCF.
If enough players (illness or injury), the remaining player(s) can still participate in the pre-game practice and delivery their LSD(s) according to the rules, as long as they have the minimum players on the ice as per the WCF rules.
A team with a bye may be allotted practice (30 minutes) at the start of the scheduled game time. A team that forfeits a game may be allotted practice (30 minutes) once the forfeit is confirmed.
If the CIT recommends that an additional ice-maintenance is required, the Technical Delegate after consulting with the CIT and CU will make the final decision. If the decision is taken that there is an ice-scrape required after the start of the game, all players on the ice are allowed to throw one stone each in both directions, alternating with the opponent (the team not having Last Stone Current End (LSCE) throws first).
A maximum of 2 of the 3 accredited team support staff (if there is more than 1) can be designated to sit on the bench and train with the team. The two designates can change from game to game.
No tick-shot rule: If the stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.

