2022 Wheelchair Mixed Doubles National Championship

- Start and finish dates of the Wheelchair Mixed Doubles National Championships are subject to change, depending on the number of entries (accordion in nature).
- It is recommended that travel arrangements ie. flights, not be made until the number of registered teams have been determined (close of registration- 4 weeks prior to competition start).
- There will be no limit on Team field size at Nationals. Registration will close 4 weeks prior to the competition start date at which time the competition format of Nationals will be determined and announced (i.e. 2 brackets round robin with a semi and Finals OR Top- 2 Teams advance to finals).
- Location:
  - Kettle Moraine Curling club
  - Dec. 15-18, 2022

Eligibility for Nationals & World Championships:
- U.S. citizenship is required on or before the close of registration.
- Athletes need not be residents of the United States.
- Athletes must be dues-paying members of USA Curling.
- Athletes must exhibit a recognized physical impairment which allows the athlete to meet one of the six eligibility criteria for international classification specific to the sport of Wheelchair Curling
  - Please see WCF Classification information.

Qualification for the 2023 World Wheelchair Curling Championships:
- The Champion Team will earn the right to represent the United States at the 2023 World Wheelchair Curling Championships for Mixed Doubles.
  - If one athlete of the winning team declines the slot, first right of refusal goes to the athlete of the opposite gender from the 2nd place team to complete the team. Both athletes must agree to play with each other, otherwise the slot goes to the application process;
  - If both team members of the winning team decline the slot, it will be rolled to the 2nd place team who must accept the slot as a team (both individuals);
- An application process will be used if:
  - The Champion Team declines the slot therefore it rolls to the 2nd place team who also declines the slot;
  - If one athlete of the winning team declines the slot, first right of refusal goes to the athlete of the opposite gender from the 2nd place team yet one of the athletes does not want to play with the other;
    - athlete(s) must accept or decline the slot within 72 hours of the event’s completion by emailing Pete Annis.
  - The Champion Team or one member of the Team is considered ineligible by WCF classification criteria;
  - the National Championship is cancelled.
  - If the team needs to be replaced after Dec. 31st, 2022, the application process will be used.
    - Each individual athlete must apply individually therefore no “team” applications will be accepted.

Application Process: Selection for the team will be considered based on the following criteria:
- mixed doubles experience
- mixed doubles competitive results
- coachability of athlete
- availability of athlete to train/prepare for Mixed Doubles World Championships
- potential of athlete to perform in the future in Mixed Doubles
- WCF classification status and/or potential to classify based on outlined criteria
- Applications will be reviewed by the following Selection Committee:
  - 2 athlete representatives designated by the AAC
  - Pete Annis, Director of Wheelchair Curling Program
  - Jess Schultz, Athlete Services Director
  - Katie Baker, Sporting Director
- Mixed Doubles Worlds Team to be named no later than December 31, 2022
- All applications must be received, via email at Pete.Annis@usacurling.org, by 11:59 pm CT on December 14, 2022.

- International Representation: The team invited to represent the United States at the 2023 World Championships are required to meet the following criteria:
  - The application process will finalize the team to represent the US at the 2023 Wheelchair Mixed Doubles World Championships if not determined on the field above per the above.
  - The representing team will come under the direction of the National Team program in preparation for the World Championships.
  - Athlete must be allocated a Sport Class (other than Sport Class Not Eligible) and designated Athlete to compete with a Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Rules by the first day of competition at the World Wheelchair Curling Championships.

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