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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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:



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- 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](mailto:Pete.Annis@usacurling.org), by 11:59pm CT on December 14, 2022.**
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- 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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