

2023 US National Team Selection Application
Package

USA Wheelchair Curling



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Thank you for having the interest and taking the time to try out for a spot on the US National Wheelchair Curling Team! This package is intended to assist you in that process.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the staff listed below. We are here to help.

Best wishes on your journey to make the National Team!!!

Sincerely,

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The Process

USA Wheelchair Curling utilizes a multistep process to allow for and select among developmental athletes wishing to earn a coveted spot at the annual US Wheelchair Curling Team Selection Trials.

The process starts with you at your local club. Use this package and the "Skill Shots" to practice for your application. You can practice the Skill Shots as many times as you wish. You will be required to submit with your application five repetitions of the completed Skill Shots, each witnessed and signed by a local official. This official may be a local curling club board member, a local coach or other responsible individual who can attest that they witnessed and scored your submitted score. The Official does not have to be the same person each time a score is submitted.

With the five submitted scoresheets, you will also need to submit the required application and a completed resume. The application is not considered "complete and submitted" until all of the above are received by USA Curling. The application deadline is 15 Feb 2022.

The applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of USA Curling Staff and at least one past team member of USA Curling. Applications will be ranked, gender specific, on Skill Shot results and demonstrated past performance and involvement as evidenced by the resume. Twelve

athletes will be selected from these applications to compete at the US Wheelchair Curling Challenge Round (formerly referred to as the PreTrials). The results of the selection process will be released no later than 20 Feb 2022.

The US Wheelchair Curling Challenge Round will consist of timed on ice skill sets. The selection committee will evaluate athletes on demonstrated skill, game knowledge and team dynamics. Potential will also be noted and recognized. A gender specific rank ordered listing will be created by the selection committee. This gender specific, rank ordered listing will be used to advance a minimum of four athletes onto the US National Team Selection Trials to fill a field size of 12 athletes.

The Process Timeline

Download and read “2023 US National Team Selection Application Package” (this package).

Practice Skill Shots

Complete at least five repetitions of the Skill Shots with an “Official” who can sign for the authenticity of those scores. You can complete and score as many repetitions as you want but submit only your top 5 scores.

Complete the registration and submit it by 15 Feb 2022. A complete registration must include the following

- Application Form

- 5 Signed Skill Set score sheets

- Resume

Notification of nominees to the US Wheelchair Curling Challenge Round (Challenge Round) will be no later than 20 Feb 2022.

Application deadline for the US National Team Selection Trials for RETURNING NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS ONLY is 4 April 2022. Registration will be reopened for those selected athletes advancing from the Challenge Round to the Trials 11-14 April 2022.

US Wheelchair Curling Challenge Round. 8-9 April 2022. Stevens Point Curling Club. Plover WI.

US National Team Selection Trials (the Trials). Upon completion of the Challenge Round, a minimum of four individuals will immediately be named to the US National Team Selection Trials. If required to fill to a field size of 12 at the Trials, additional athletes, as selected in descending order from the gender specific rank order listing from the Challenge Round, may be

nominated for the US National Team Selection Trials. Notifications to those selected athletes will be as soon as possible.

Registration will be reopened for those selected athletes advancing from the Challenge Round to the Trials 11-14 April 2022. Selected athletes must complete the Trials registration process before registration closes 14 April 2022.

If a selected athlete cannot attend the US National Team Trials or drops out any time after they have been notified of being selected, the selection committee retains the sole authority of determining if that open spot will be filled.

US National Team Selection Trials. 24-26 May 2022. Denver Curling Club, Golden, CO.

The Skill Shots

NOTE: For all Skill Shots, the delivered stone must be in a position touching the Center Line at the initiation of the delivery (the start of the forward motion).

Skill Shot 1 and 2 The Cluster

Setup. None required

The Drill. Four stones for each turn. Deliver a single draw using the clockwise turn. The stone MUST come to rest in play (Free Guard Zone, in house or corners behind and beside house). If not in play, deliver a draw with your second stone, same turn. If not in play move to the third and fourth stone, same turn, as required. This stone becomes the target stone. Once a stone is in play, deliver the remaining stones, using the same turn, to within a brooms length (edge of stone to edge of stone) of that target stone. Remove these successive stones from play. Repeat until you have delivered the 4 stones. Skill Shot #2 Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring: 5 pts First stone comes to rest in play (Target stone)
 3 pts First stone not in play but 2nd, 3rd or 4th stone becomes first stone in play (Target stone)
 5 pts Each successive stone coming to rest within one brooms length of the target stone

Note. Once the target stone is in play, the successive stones will count for score if they are short of the hog line or longer than the back line IF they are still within 1 broom length of the target stone.

Skill Shot 3 and 4 The Draw to the House

Setup. None required.

The Drill. Four stones each turn. Deliver a single draw to the house aiming for the button using the clockwise turn. Remove stone from play. Repeat for shot 2, 3 and 4 with the same turn. Skill Shot #4 Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring: 5 pts Stone comes to rest in or touching the button

4 pts Stone comes to rest in or touching the 4 foot

3 pts Stone comes to rest in or touching the 8 foot

2 pts Stone comes to rest in or touching the 12 foot

Note: The delivered stone only needs to touch a line to be scored in the higher scoring zone.

Skill Shot 5 and 6 The Tap Back

Setup: Place one stone (the target stone) equally straddling the center line one foot in front of the house (measured from back of stone to the top of the house).

The Drill. Four Stones each turn. Deliver a clockwise turn to tap the target stone onto the rings. Remove your stone from play and return target stone to its prior location. Repeat for shot 2, 3 and 4 with the same turn. Skill Shot #6 Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring: 5pts Target stone is tapped to a position touching the House

2 pts Target stone is not tapped up to a scoring position but the shooter comes to rest at least touching the House.

Note: A complete miss of the Target Stone is scored as 2 if the shooter draws into a position at least touching the House. The same is true if the shooter rubs the guard, the Target Stone does

not get promoted onto the rings and the shooter is redirected into a position at least touching the House.

Skill Shot 7 The Takeout On Tee Line (Inside to Outside)

Setup. One stone at a time will be centered on the Tee Line and the:

Shot 1. Skip's Right 12'

Shot 2. Skip's right 8'

Shot 3. Skip's Right 4'

Shot 4. Button

Shot 5. Button

Shot 6. Skip's left 4'

Shot 7. Skip's left 8'

Shot 8. Skip's left 12'.

The Drill. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for Shot 1. Deliver a takeout using the Counterclockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 2. Repeat for shots 2-4. Starting at Shot 5, the turn switches to the Clockwise Turn. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for shot #5. Deliver a takeout using the Clockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 6. Repeat for shots 6-8.

Scoring: 5 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone comes to rest at least touching the rings of the house.

3 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone rolls off the rings.

Note: For a Takeout to receive any points the target stone MUST be completely removed from the scoring rings.

Skill Shot 8 The Takeout on Tee Line (Outside to Inside)

Setup. One stone at a time will be centered on the Tee Line and the:

Shot 1. Skip's Right 8'

Shot 2. Skips right 8'

Shot 3. Skips Right 4'

Shot 4. Button

Shot 5. Button

Shot 6. Skip's left 4'

Shot 7. Skip's left 8' Shot

8. Skip's left 8'

The Drill. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for Shot 1. Deliver a takeout using the Clockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 2. Repeat for shots 2-4. Starting at Shot 5, the turn switches to the Counterclockwise Turn. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for shot #5. Deliver a takeout using the Counterclockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 6. Repeat for shots 6-8.

Scoring: 5 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone comes to rest at least touching the rings of the House

3 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone rolls off the rings.

Note. For a Takeout to receive any points the target stone MUST be completely removed from the rings.

2023 US WC Curling Challenge Round Registration

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME CURLING CLUB: _____

DISABILITY TYPE/LEVEL: _____

MANUAL OR POWER WHEELCHAIR: _____

EXPERIENCE WITH WHEELCHAIR CURLING:

Please ensure that you have returned the following with this application.

Completed Application (this form) _____

Resume _____

5 completed and signed Skill Shot Score sheets _____

Applications are incomplete until ALL of the above are returned. Application deadline is 2:00 PM Central Time, 15 Feb 2022.

Email applications to info@usacurling.org.