

2026 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mixed Doubles Curling Bid Packet

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ABOUT USA CURLING

Located in Eagan, Minnesota, The United States Curling Association, more commonly known as USA Curling, is the National Governing Body of the Olympic sport of curling and the Paralympic sport of wheelchair curling in the United States.

The mission of USA Curling is to grow, strengthen, and advocate for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of Curling in the United States by prioritizing accessibility and programmatic development from grassroots to podium.

USA Curling (USCA) is a member of the World Curling Federation and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee.



EVENT DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mixed Doubles Curling determine the Mixed Doubles team that will represent the United States at the 2026 Winter Olympics

Event Dates: Tuesday, October 7 – Sunday, October 12 **Does not include ice install*



LOC

A strong Local Organizing Committee (LOC) needs to be in place to successfully run this event. A minimum of three individuals/parties are required to form the LOC:

- Venue
- Convention & Visitors Bureau/Sports Commission
- Local curling club

The LOC will be responsible for signing the event contract and negotiating any expense/revenue splits with USCA.



VENUE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 4 locker room spaces; 8 is preferred
- Officials' office
- Tournament (USCA) Office
- Hospitality area for staff, officials, and volunteers
- Sports Medicine room
- Anti-doping room
- Indoor storage for USCA equipment
- Loading dock or similar area to accommodate 53' equipment trailer
- Free parking areas for teams and staff
- In-house ticketing system
- 1,000+ seating capacity
- Concessions
- High speed internet and cabling to accommodate broadcast production



ICE REQUIREMENTS

- Exclusive access at least 5 days prior to the start of pre-event practices
- Adequate space to install 5 curling sheets *See Appendix A
- Ability to install staging at the end of the curling sheets
- Air conditioning system with capacity to keep the air temperature at 50 degrees Fahrenheit regardless of heat load. There should be no airflow over the ice surface.
- Dehumidification system with capacity to maintain a dew point temperature of 25 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Refrigeration system and cooling floor must be in good condition. Access to and control of both systems must be given to the USCA head ice technician.
- NO SAND FLOORS



HOTELS

USCA, with the assistance of the LOC, will contract a room block for the event. The following groups, not including fans, will be traveling for this event.

- Teams: 30 people/20 rooms
- Staff/Officials: 20 people/15 rooms

Key Amenities:

- Breakfast
- Free parking
- Room night rebates
- Airport shuttle



LOC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hospitality for officials and ice crew (approx. 20 people)
- Drinks and snacks for teams (approx. 30 people)
- On-ice staging
- Venue staffing
- Ticketing
- Food and beverage sales
- Volunteer recruitment *see Appendix C
- Site visit for USCA Event Director and Head Ice Technician
- Local marketing and promotion
- Revenue and expense numbers shared with USCA within 30 days of the end of the event



USCA RESPONSIBILITIES

- Venue rental
- Curling sheets installation and maintenance
- Stones and handles
- Timing Equipment
- Scoreboards and team name placards
- Event and sponsor signage
- Awards
- Freight and shipping
- Event registration and team rosters
- Event schedule *See Appendix B for schedule template
- Head Ice Technician, Chief Umpire, and Deputy Chief Umpire
- On-site USCA staff to run the event
- Travel and lodging for USCA Staff, Head Ice Technician, Chief Umpire, and Deputy Chief Umpire
- Photographer
- Setup of live scoring through Curling Zone



FINANCES

USCA and the LOC will share expenses as laid out in the “Responsibilities” slides. Revenue sharing will be negotiated during the contracting phase.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 Mixed Doubles Olympic Trials was not a spectator event. Financial information below is from the 2021 Team Trials and the 2022 Mixed Doubles National Championship.

- 2021 Olympic Trials
 - 13,800 tickets sold
 - \$220,900 in ticket revenue
 - \$458,000 in total event revenue
 - \$305,000 in net revenue split between USCA & LOC
- 2022 Mixed Doubles National Championship
 - 1,600 tickets sold
 - \$42,000 in total event revenue



ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

USA Curling is committed to fostering a community that embodies “The Spirit of Curling” in every way. From grassroots to podium, it is our responsibility to ensure that not only everyone feels welcomed to the sport, but is also provided resources to achieve success. As such, USA Curling stands against discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

Every selected host site of a USA Curling sanctioned event is expected to uphold these fundamental responsibilities to ensure safety and equality for all staff, volunteers, and participants.



SUBMITTING A BID

To submit a bid to host the 2025 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mixed Doubles Curling please submit the following items to competitions@usacurling.org by December 15, 2023.

- Letter of Intent
- Venue name, address, and capacity
- Venue diagram
- Names and contact information of LOC
- List of previously hosted curling events
- Air conditioning, dehumidification, and cooling floor system details
- List of nearby hotels
- Nearest major airport



APPENDIX

A. Curling Dimensions

- 5 Sheets
- Individual sheets: 150' x 14' 6"
- Walkway between 2nd & 3rd and 3rd & 4th sheets
- [Diagram](#)



APPENDIX

B. Template Schedule

- Tuesday: Pre-event Practice
- Wednesday: Round-robin play
- Thursday: Round-robin play
- Friday: Round-robin play
- Saturday: Playoffs
- Sunday: Playoffs



APPENDIX

C. Volunteer Needs

Venue Setup

- 10 people the first 3 days of ice install

Ice Crew

- 5 people the last 2 days of ice install
- 4 people for each day of practice & competition

Check-in

- 1 each day of practice and competition

Timers

- 1 per sheet each draw



APPENDIX

C. Volunteer Needs Continued

Level II Curling Officials

- 4 each draw

Live Scoring

- 1 each draw

Venue Tear-down

- 10 people last evening of event

*Subject to change. More or fewer volunteers could be required once the venue, dates, and schedule are finalized.

