



CURLING
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO ATHLETE SELECTION
PROCEDURES OLYMPIC GAMES,
MILANO/CORTINA 2026
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TO: All eligible curlers interested in participating in the 2026 Olympic Games

FROM: United States Curling Association

CC: Jen Bryant, USOPC Winter Sports High Performance Director

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedure for the Olympic Games, Milan/ Cortina 2026

This note is to let Curling athletes and the community know more about where we stand with qualification for the 2026 Olympic Games.

- IOC Approved Qualification System:
 - The 2026 Olympic Games Qualification System can be found here:
 - <https://olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/milano-cortina-2026-olympic-winter-games>
- While we are waiting for the formal selection document template from the USOPC, we would like to share the basic principles for Olympic Selection:
 - The 2026 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Men's and Women's Curling will take place during Q4 of 2025. Exact dates and location as well as event schedule are to be determined and posted at least 60 days in advance at USA Curling's website. The winner(s) of this event will represent Team USA at the 2026 Olympic Games.
 - Four (4) teams per gender will qualify for the Trials as follows:
 - Winner of the 2024 USA Curling Nationals, provided the team finishes 6th place or higher at the 2024 WCF World Championships.
 - Winner of the 2025 USA Curling Nationals, provided the team finishes 6th place or higher at the 2025 WCF World Championships.
 - The highest ranked team(s) via the WCF Team Rankings as of May 1, 2025, not already qualified will earn a berth.
 - If results at the 2024 and 2025 WCF World Championships do not determine Trials berths, up to two (2) berth(s) will be awarded based

on WCF Team Rankings as of May 1, 2025 so potentially a max of three (3) teams can qualify via WCF Rankings.

- One (1) team will qualify from a Pre-Trials Qualification event tentatively slated to be held in September of 2025. Exact date and location are to be determined and will be posted at least 60 days in advance. To be eligible to enter and compete in the Pre-Trials, teams must be ranked in the Top 100 in the WCF Team Rankings as of May 1, 2025.
 - If only one (1) US team finishes in the Top 100 of the WCF World Team Rankings as of May 1, 2025, then the Pre-Trials will be canceled, and that team would advance to the Olympic Team Trials. If no team finishes in the Top 100 then the Pre-Trials would be canceled, and no team will advance.
- If you have any questions, comments or follow ups at all please, contact us. You can reach Katie Baker at katie.baker@usacurling.org