



CURLING
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO ATHLETE SELECTION
PROCEDURES OLYMPIC GAMES, MILANO/CORTINA 2026
MIXED DOUBLES
DECEMBER 8, 2023

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 for Mixed Doubles:
 - The 2026 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Mixed Doubles Curling will take place in late February/ early March 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 2025 Mixed Doubles World Championships as well as the 2026 Olympic Games. *If Team USA is not qualified for the Olympic Games after 2025 Mixed Doubles World Championships, this team will also represent Team USA at the Olympic Qualification Event in Autumn 2025.

Ten (10) teams will qualify for the Mixed Doubles Trials as follows:

- Three (3) Teams- Top- 3 finishing teams from the 2024 Nationals
- Four (4) Teams- Pre- Trials to be held in August of 2024
- Two (2) Teams- Highest unqualified finishers of two (2) Qualifying events in the fall of 2024

- One (1) Team- Top points earner as of Jan. 14, 2025, per Mixed Doubles Ranking, year-to-date
**all locations and dates to be communicated, at the very least, 60 days prior to the start of the event but will be confirmed and communicated ASAP*

Pre Trials Qualification-

-no cap on field size as long as at least one of the following criteria is met:

- Team must have an athlete ranked in the top 50 of the M/W World Team Rankings by May 1st, 2024
 - Team must be ranked in the top 75 of the WCF MD Team Ranking by May 1st, 2024 (year to date)
 - Team finished in the top half of the 2024 MD US Nationals
 - If we don't have a minimum of 8 teams, we will fill those slots to meet that minimal threshold using MD Rankings as of May 1, 2024
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- If you have any questions, comments or follow ups at all please, contact us. You can reach Katie Baker at katie.baker@usacurling.org