



2024 Wheelchair Mixed Doubles National Championship

Fort Wayne, IN/ January 4- 7, 2024

- Start and finish dates of the Wheelchair Mixed Doubles National Championships are subject to change, depending on the number of entries (accordion in nature). Registration to open by September 1st and closing December 1st, 2023.
- It is recommended that travel arrangements ie. flights, not be made until the number of registered teams have been determined (close of registration- 5 weeks prior to competition start).
- There will be no limit on Team field size at Nationals. Registration will close 5 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).

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 have an "R" or "C" classification status at the close.
 - Please see WCF Classification information: https://s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/media.worldcurling.org/media.worldcurling.org/wcf_worldcurling/2022/05/25120404/WCF-Classification-Rules-July-2022.pdf
 - Please contact Marc Deperno at Marc.DePerno@usacurling.org for Classification information

Qualification for the 2024 World Wheelchair Curling Championships:

- The Champion Team will earn the right to represent the United States at the 2024 World Wheelchair Curling Championships for Mixed Doubles.
 - Both athletes of the winning team or second place team must accept the slot otherwise USCA will select the team if not, the slot will room to the second-place finishing team. If one of both athletes do not accept the slot selection will be determined via the application process outlined below;
 - Any team that chooses not to sign the National Team Athlete Agreement forfeits their opportunity to be eligible for National Team benefits to include financial support for the 2024 Wheelchair World Championships.
- An application process will be used if:
 - The Champion Team or second- place team(s) decline the slot.

- The qualified Team or one member of the Team is considered ineligible by WCF classification standards.
- The National Championship is cancelled. The National Championship will only be cancelled for a force majeure event or if less than two teams register for the nationals.
- If the team needs to be replaced due to injury, illness, or a code of conduct violation.
 - 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:

- ability for an individual to contribute to a Team performance that contributes to Paralympic qualification
 - 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 events
 - meet eligibility criteria outlined above
 - Applications will be reviewed by the following Selection Committee:
 - 1 athlete representatives designated by the AAC without a conflict of interest
 - Pete Annis, Director of Wheelchair Curling Program
 - Jess Schultz, Wheelchair Curling Program staff
 - Mixed Doubles Worlds Team to be named no later than January 15, 2024
 - **All applications must be received, via email at Pete.Annis@usacurling.org, by 11:59pm CT on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.**
- International Representation: The team invited to represent Team USA at the 2024 World Championships are required to meet the following criteria:
 - The application process will finalize the team to represent Team USA at the 2024 Wheelchair Mixed Doubles World Championships if not determined on the field of play per the above.
 - The representing team will come under the direction of the National Team Program in preparation for the World Championships otherwise all resources are forfeited.
 - 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.



2024 World Wheelchair Curling Championships Mixed Doubles Application

Please email application to Pete Annis at Pete.Annis@usacurling.org.
All applications must be received by 11:59pm CT on January 9, 2024.

Name:

Address:

Cell Number:

DOB:

Are you WCF classified?

If you are not classified, what is your eligible impairment that would meet WCF classification guidelines?

IF YOU HAVE ANY CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MARC DEPERNO AT MARC.DEPERNO@USACURLING.ORG

Domestic Mixed Doubles experience & results:

International Mixed Doubles experience & results:

Please speak about your commitment to Mixed Doubles:

Please understand there will be required training camps and/or sessions to prepare for the World Championships, is this a concern? What obligations do we need to be made aware of?

*All required training will be announced at least 30 days prior.

Do you have a partner that you train & compete with? If so, who?

If you have a MD partner, will you only consider competing at the World Championships if you are paired with that individual? YES or NO

Anything else the Selection Committee should know?