

USA Curling National Championships Bid Packet 2025-2028

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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

USA Curling hosts 11 national championships each season. In addition to determining the best team in the nation for each discipline/age group, a number of those events also determine the United States' representatives for various World Championships. Ten of those events (Arena, 5-and-Under, Club, College, Juniors, Mixed Doubles, Mixed 4s, Seniors, U18, Wheelchair Mixed Doubles) are hosted in conjunction with dedicated curling clubs.



2024-25 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following events are still in need of a host for the 2024-2025 season:

College National Championship

- March 7-9, 2025
- 16 teams
- 4 sheets = 10 draws



2025-26 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following events are still in need of a host for the 2025-2026 season:

Mixed Doubles National Championship

- December 16–21
- 16 teams
- 4 sheets = 17 draws

Arena National Championships

- November 2025: traditionally the first or second weekend
- 24 teams: 12 men and 12 women
- 6 sheets = 12 draws; 5 sheets = 14 draws; 4 sheets = 17 draws
 - 6 sheets preferred

Senior National Championships

- February or March 2026
- 16 teams
- 4 sheets = 17 draws



2025-26 CHAMPIONSHIPS Cont.

The following events are still in need of a host for the 2025-2026 season:

College National Championship

- March 6–8, 2026
- 16 teams
- 4 sheets = 10 draws

Club National Championships

- March or early April 2025
- 24 teams: 12 men and 12 women
- 6 sheets = 12 draws; 5 sheets = 14 draws; 4 sheets = 17 draws
 - 6 sheets preferred

5-and-Under National Championship

- April or early May 2026
- 24 teams
- 6 sheets = 12 draws; 5 sheets = 14 draws; 4 sheets = 17 draws
 - 6 sheets preferred



LOC

A strong Local Organizing Committee (LOC) needs to be in place to successfully run this event. An LOC could be a singular event chair, but the best run events typically split responsibilities across a few individuals. The LOC will be responsible for signing the event contract and negotiating any expense/revenue splits with USCA.

It is also highly recommended that clubs reach out to their local Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) or Sports Commission. Those entities can help with event funding, volunteer recruitment, hotel blocks, and more.



CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- Locker rooms (at least 1 men & 1 women)
- Officials' office
 - Workspace needed for their equipment; doesn't need to be a separate room
- Indoor storage for USCA equipment
 - For Mixed Doubles, a loading dock or similar area to accommodate 53' equipment trailer
- Free parking areas for teams and staff
- High speed internet
- 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.
- Streaming equipment is strongly preferred but not required



CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hospitality for Chief and Deputy Chief Umpires and ice crew
- Ticketing
- Scoreboards and team name placards
- Food and beverage sales
- Volunteer recruitment *see Appendix C
- Local marketing and promotion
- Revenue and expense numbers shared with USCA within 30 days of the end of the event



USCA RESPONSIBILITIES

- Timing Equipment
- 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
- Setup of live scoring through Curling Zone



BENEFITS OF HOSTING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Host team berth in the event (5-and-Under, Arena, Club, Mixed, U18)
- Local and national exposure for the club
- Event revenues: tickets, merchandise, bar, concessions, etc.
 - 100% of the revenue generated at the event stays with the club (exc. Mixed Doubles)
- Improved ice conditions
 - USA Curling ice tech on site to assist with the event and train local crew
- Officials Course
 - Clubs can opt to have Level 1 & 2 Courses conducted prior to the event

USA Curling also provides hosts an operational support fee of \$1,250



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 USA Curling Men's & Women's National Championships please submit the following items to competitions@usacurling.org.

- Letter of Intent
- Names and contact information of LOC
- Event you would like to host
- Venue name, address, and number of sheets
- Venue diagram
- List of nearby hotels
- Nearest major airport



APPENDIX

A. Volunteer Needs

Ice Crew

- 3 people for each day of practice & competition

Timers

- 1 per sheet each draw

Level II Curling Officials

- On-ice officials: 1 every 2 sheets each draw
- Timing Supervisor: 1 each draw

Live Scoring

- 1 each draw

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

