

**2009 ONTARIO PARASPORT WINTER GAMES
SPORT TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

1. SPORT: WHEELCHAIR CURLING

2. PARTICIPANTS:

- a. Competitors:** 4 teams - 4 athletes (male or female)/team. Teams must have at least 1 member of the opposite gender.
- b. Coaches:** 1 coach/team
- c. Support:** 1 person per team

3. CLASSIFICATION:

- 3.1 Athletes must be 16 years of age or over (born January 1st 1992 or before this date will be eligible to compete).
 - 3.2 Wheelchair Curling should be restricted to individuals with significant impairments in lower leg/gait function i.e. spinal injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, double leg amputation etc., who usually require a wheelchair for daily mobility. More specifically those who are non ambulant or can walk only very short distances. Determination of minimum disability and appropriate classification shall be made by authorized international sports classifiers. (Ref WCF rules)
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4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Competitors:

Athletes on a Wheelchair curling team must meet all eligibility requirements outlined below to be eligible to participate in the Ontario Paralympic Winter Championships:

- i. The athlete must be a member a member in good standing of the Ontario Curling Association or the Northern Ontario Curling Association.
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- ii. The athlete must have competed in a qualifying event at either a sanctioned Paralympics Ontario competition or event (eg. Talent identification camp), or a PSO competition or event.

4.2 Coaches

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 1. Special provisions will be made for those coaches educated under the CBET program, whose equivalent level of training/education may not have been firmly established by the time of the event.

5. FACILITY:

1 curling rink with a minimum of 2 sheets of ice.

6. COMPETITION:

6.1 Rules:

Canadian Curling Association Rules of Curling for Officiated Play will be followed (including the WCF Wheelchair Curling Championship Rules)

The tournament competition will be a 4 team, one pool round robin.

6.2 Schedule:

Teams will be awarded two (2) points for a win; and 0 points for a loss.

In any game of the round robin or playoffs, if after 6 ends of play the score is tied, play shall be continued without changing the rotation of play (end the rocks are thrown to) for such additional end or ends as may be required to decide the winning team.

After completion of the round robin the team with the most points will play the team with the least points in one semi-final game; and the team with second-highest points will play the team with the third-highest points in the other semi-final game.

At the end of the semi-finals, there will be a Gold Medal game and a Bronze Medal game.

Specific game schedules will be determined and provided at a later date

6.3 Practice/Warm-Up:

If travel schedules permit practice times will be made available.

The competition schedule will allow for appropriate warm-up time for all athletes. Exact warm-up times will be made available once the competition schedule is finalized

6.4 Duration of Games

Each game will consist of six ends.

7. TIE BREAKING:

7.2 If two teams are tied at the end of round robin play, the win-loss results of the game against each other will be used to determine the placings.

7.3 If more than two teams are tied, the win-loss results of the games between those teams will determine the placing.

7.4 If the above teams still remained tied after the comparisons- the Skill Based Team Ranking Process will take place. Each member of the team will throw two draw shots to the tee. The second of these shots will be measured for distance from the button. The team with the least accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking.

8. EQUIPMENT:

Delivery of the stone may be undertaken by the conventional arm/hand release or by the use of the extender cue/stick. No sweeping is permitted.

9. OFFICIALS:

9.1 Major Officials –On Ice Official and the Head Official. The Head Official is responsible for rule enforcement and interpretation in all areas. His/her decision will be final except in matters involving disciplinary action.

9.2 Minor Officials – locally trained volunteers for scorekeeping and timing.

10. PROTEST PROCEDURES:

10.1 The Official Rule Book of the Canadian Curling Association will be used.

11. MEDALS:

Gold: 5

Silver: 5

Bronze: 5

12. COMPETITIVE UNIFORMS

Each club team is responsible for providing their own competitive team uniform.
