

## 2020 Youth Olympic Games

### **The Selection Process for Canada's Curling Athletes**

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### **About the Youth Olympics [www.olympic.org/youth-olympic-games](http://www.olympic.org/youth-olympic-games)**

The vision of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and adopt and live by the Olympic values. It was during its session in Guatemala City in July 2007 that the IOC decided to create a new sporting event to educate, engage and influence young athletes by inspiring them to play an active role in their communities. The Youth Olympic Games are a sporting event for young people balancing sport, culture and education. These Games work as a catalyst in these fields throughout the Olympic Movement.

Young athletes will participate in high-level competitions and alongside the sports element of the event, will participate in a Culture and Education Programme (CEP) focused on five themes: Olympism and Olympic values, skills development, well-being and healthy lifestyle, social responsibility and expression through digital media. Non-athletes (young ambassadors, young reporters etc.) will also participate with young athletes in CEP activities.

The Youth Olympic Games aim to bring together talented young athletes from around the world, but also non-athlete participants such as young ambassadors and young reporters.

### **About the Canada Winter Games [www.canadagames.ca](http://www.canadagames.ca)**

February 1967, in Québec City, for the first time in Canada's history, 1,800 athletes from ten provinces and two territories gathered to compete in 15 sports. This first Canada Winter Games (CWG) paved the way to what is now Canada's largest multi-sport competition for young athletes. Held every two years, alternating between summer and winter, the Canada Games are a key event in the development of Canada's young athletes. The Canada Games and their lasting legacies continue to be the catalyst for the growth of sport and recreation across the country.

The Games are the product of ongoing collaboration between the Government of Canada, provincial/territorial governments, host municipalities, the private sector and the Canada Games Council. The 2019 Canada Winter Games will be held in Red Deer, AB in February 2019.

### **About the U18 National Championships**

In April 2017, in Moncton, NB, Curling Canada hosted the inaugural U18 Men's and Women's National Championships where all 14 Member Associations were invited to participate. This event is now being held every season, which gives our top young curlers an opportunity to compete against athletes their own age from across Canada.

Both Canada Winter Games and U18 National Championship athletes are on the pathway to become Canada's next generation National, International and Olympic champions.

### **The objectives of the selection process for Canada's representatives**

- To select four (4) athletes to represent Canada at the 2020 Youth Olympics in Lausanne, Switzerland. We will select two (2) women and two (2) men born no earlier than January 1, 2002 and no later than December 31, 2005 inclusive.
- Select athletes who have a combination of results indicating likelihood to represent Canada at future international competitions, combined with a demonstrated alignment of values with the vision of the YOG as outlined above.

### **Minimum Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- Must have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before July 22, 2020.
- Born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2005 inclusive.
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- Athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified in the NCCP Competition Coach or equivalent.
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary, secondary school, colleges and universities).
- Must be a member in good standing of Curling Canada
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) athlete agreement and Lausanne 2020 Conditions of Participation form.
- Be in compliance with all relevant World Curling Federation (WCF) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for eligibility.

### Athlete Selection Requirements and Process

- The athletes will be selected from the pool of players (meeting the age criteria) at the **2019 Canada Winter Games (February 24 – March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Red Deer, AB) and the 2019 U18 National Championships (April 2-7<sup>th</sup>) in Sherwood Park, AB.**
- Positions on the team - skip, third, second and lead - will all be considered equal. We will not be choosing one lead, one second etc., but rather the four best candidates (two men and two women).
- Athletes will submit a written application that includes the following:
  - Personal information (as per form)
  - Part A (80%) – Performance Information
    - 2019 Canada Winter Games performance
    - 2019 Canadian U18 performance
    - Provincial, National and International accomplishments
    - Other Sport Accomplishments
    - Sport Awards (all stars, sportsmanship, MVP)
  - Part B (20%)
    - Written Component
      - 500 words
      - Why do you want to participate in the Youth Olympic Games?
      - If you are one of the athletes chosen, how will your participation in the Youth Olympic Games impact your future and how can you assist in the future of curling development in our country?
    - Volunteer Information (participation and references)
    - Academic Achievements (report cards, scholarship info, other)
    - Volunteering and Community Involvement
    - References (two)
- A Selection Committee (consisting of five members) will review all applications, including the sport specific questionnaire. The Committee will review all applications in a manner that is fair and objective.
- Curling Canada will publish the names of the four selected athletes no later than May 15, 2019.
- All athletes who apply, **meet the age criteria** and are competing in the 2019 Canada Winter Games and/or the 2019 Canadian U18's will be given equal consideration.

### **Deadlines and Attachments**

1. The deadline for submission of application and all attachments for athletes competing in the **Canada Winter Games** is **4:00 p.m. (EST) Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. The hard copies must be in our hands by that time. Please mail application and attachments to Danny Lamoureux at the mailing address listed at the end of this document.
2. The deadline for submission of application and all attachments for athletes competing in the **U18 National Championships** is **4:00 p.m. (EST) Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. The hard copies must be in our hands by that time. Please mail application and attachments to Danny Lamoureux at the mailing address listed at the end of this document. If an athlete is competing in both competitions (Canada Winter Games and U18 Nationals), only one application is required.

## Application Form

<b>A1. Name</b>		
<b>A2. Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>A3. Date of Birth</b> <i>e.g. March 25, 2002</i>
<b>A4. Address:</b>		
<b>A5. Home Phone:</b>		<b>A6. Mobile:</b>
<b>A7. E-mail address:</b>		
<b>A8. Curling Club represented:</b>		
<b>A9. School attending:</b>		<b>A10. Grade/Level</b>
<b>B1. Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):</b>		
<b>B2. Parent/Guardian Home Phone:</b>		<b>B3. Parent/Guardian Mobile:</b>
<b>B4. Parent/Guardian e-mail address:</b>		
<b>C1. Name of Coach:</b>		
<b>C2. NCCP Certification Level</b>		<b>C3. NCCP #</b>
<b>C4. Coach e-mail address:</b>		
<b>D. Performance Information</b>		
D1. Provincial, National and International accomplishments		
D2. Other sport accomplishments – please list		
D3. Sport Awards (all stars, MVP, etc.) – please list		
<b>E. Part B - Written Component</b>		
E1. Why do you want to participate in the Youth Olympic Games? If you are one of the athletes chosen, how will your participation in the Youth Olympic Games impact your future and, how can you assist in the future of curling development in our country. (Maximum 500 words)		
E2. List any volunteer information including the name of the volunteer coordinator or organization		
E3. List any academic achievements including your grade average for the 2018-2019 school year to date		

Feel free to attach other pages with this form, however, please identify them with their number and title. For example, D2. Other sport accomplishments. **PLEASE SUBMIT TO CURLING CANADA BY THE DEADLINES LISTED ABOVE.**

## Selection of Candidates

1. The selection committee will be comprised of Brenda Rogers, Curling Canada's Chief Umpire for the 2019 Canada Winter Games, Helen Radford, Head Coach Canada's Youth Olympic Team, Jeff Hoffart, U18 National Championship Mentor Coach and Danny Lamoureux, Curling Canada plus at least one other member TBA.
2. The successful candidates (two men and two women) will be invited to represent Canada at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland, January 10 – 19, 2020.

Alternates – one male and one female athlete will be named as alternates in the event of injury/illness between the selection date and the YOG

Selection Date – all athletes will be notified before May 15, 2019

Appeals – all appeals must be written and submitted to Katherine Henderson, CEO, Curling Canada

## WORLD CURLING FEDERATION (Background information)

### A. Events

MIXED EVENTS (2)
Mixed team competition (2 junior women and 2 junior men per team)
Mixed doubles competition (1 junior woman and 1 junior man per team)

### B. Athletes Quota

ATHLETES QUOTA	TOTAL	MAXIMUM NOC QUOTA	TOTAL
Men	<b>48</b>	Men	2
Women	<b>48</b>	Women	2
TOTAL	<b>96</b>	TOTAL	4

### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors), and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.
To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, <b>athletes must have been born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2005.</b>

## D. Qualification Pathway

### PERFORMANCE & CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

NOCs will be awarded points based on the finishing position of their Member Associations at the 2018 and 2019 World Junior Curling Championships (WJCC) and World Junior B Curling Championships (WJBCC). The accumulation of points from these events will create the YOG Ranking List.

#### Number of Quota Places

##### D.1:

Men: 30  
Women: 30  
(15 Mixed Teams)

#### Qualification Event

**D.1.1** NOCs will be awarded points based on the finishing position of their Member Associations at the 2018 and 2019 World Junior Curling Championships (WJCC) and World Junior B Curling Championships (WJBCC). The accumulation of points from the 2018 and 2019 World Junior Curling Championships (WJCC) and World Junior B Curling Championships (WJBCC) will create the YOG Ranking List.

**D.1.2** 15 Mixed Team quotas will be allocated based on the YOG Ranking List, following the distribution of quotas per qualifying zone below:

- The two (2) best-ranked NOCs from North America
- The best-ranked NOC from South America
- The three (3) best-ranked NOCs from Asia
- The best-ranked NOC from Oceania
- The eight (8) best-ranked NOCs from Europe

##### D.2:

Men: 16  
Women: 16  
(8 Mixed Teams)

**D.2.1** The allocation of quota places in D.2 is based on the WCF Men's and Women's World Junior Ranking List.

**D.2.2** The remaining eight (8) Mixed Team quota places will be allocated to NOCs not yet qualified according to D.1 based on the WCF Men's and Women's World Junior Ranking Lists. The allocation of quota places will be done by alternating between the WCF Junior Women's Ranking and WCF Junior Men's Ranking List.

**D.2.3** Allocation of quota places will be done as follows:

- The first (1<sup>st</sup>) quota place will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified in D.1 on the WCF Women's World Junior ranking;
- The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) quota place will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified in D.1 on the WCF Men's World Junior ranking and not already allocated a quota place from the WCF Women's World Junior ranking;
- This allocation process will continue until eight (8) Mixed Team quota places are filled.

The NOC shall determine how their mixed team of two (2) junior women and two (2) junior men will be selected to represent them.

The composition of teams for the mixed doubles competition will take place at the completion of the mixed team competition, as the same athletes will participate in both events. However, the mixed doubles teams will be formed on the basis of the final ranking from the team competition, and players will be assigned to teams of two (2) players using a pre-determined formula. These teams will have one (1) junior woman and one (1) junior man per team, and they cannot be from the same NOC.

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

Switzerland has a guaranteed entry. Their NOC is allowed to select their mixed team (4 athletes) in the same manner as the other qualified NOCs.

**E. Reallocation of unused quota places**
**REALLOCATION PROCEDURE**

Any allocated quota place declined or not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated as follows:

- If the NOC qualified through D.1., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified of the same qualifying zone based on YOG Ranking List;
- If the NOC qualified through D.2., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified based on the WCF Men's and Women's World Junior Ranking Lists continuing the alternation sequence according to D.2.3.

**F. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
1 January 2018 to 8 Dec. 2019	Lausanne 2020 qualification period
3-10 January 2018	2018 World Junior-B Curling Championships, Lohja (FIN)
3-10 March 2018	2018 World Junior Curling Championships, Aberdeen (GBR)
3-10 January 2019	2019 World Junior-B Curling Championships, (TBD)
16-24 February 2019	2019 World Junior Curling Championships, Liverpool (CAN)
31 March 2019	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WCF and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries department
16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries deadline
9 – 22 January 2020	Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games (updated dates)

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