

## **SUGGESTION FROM C&R FOR QUALIFICATION IN THE CASE OF CANCELLED EVENTS**

### **Task**

- To determine whether Championships can be held during the current global COVID-19 environment
- C&R group not used to determine the financial viability or medical protocols that must be in place in order to contest a Championship, the group was simply providing an opinion on a direction for qualification for each event

### **Notes**

- Impossible to create a uniform set of rules based on the differences in travel and quarantine restrictions across all Member Associations
- Determined that there was a difference between the playing of a Championship to determine a Champion and whether it was used for future qualification for World Championship, World Qualifying Event and subsequent Olympic / Paralympic

### **Principle to follow**

*Determined that main principle was as follows:*

- If teams travel is compromised or restricted due to government authority outside of their control, the 2020-2021 event will not be used to qualify teams for future events during this season. The restrictions would have to be either from the MA's countries regulation or from the host country regulations (it can't be an MA to decide that they don't want to compete even they would be allowed to).
- Qualification for this season will revert, where possible, to 2019-2020 season results for the applicable event, as those events were contested within the Olympic/Paralympic qualification window as originally constructed, with freedom of travel and teams able to earn their result based on merit in the field of play.
- To be eligible, the MA must have entered for the qualifying event of the 2020-2021 season.

Details for each event are listed under each event section.

- An event could take place with less teams than entered, if the OC and the WCF wish to run the event. Those events will not be counting to qualify teams for future events during this season.

## **Men's and Women's World Championships and Olympic Qualifying**

### **Pacific-Asia Championships – November 7-14, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND

- Championship can be contested as long as four or more member associations are able to attend and the WCF and LOC feel it is desirable to continue
- Teams qualifying directly for World Women's and Men's will be taken from the 2019 PACC Results

ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND

- Championship is contested in normal format
- Used to qualify teams for 2021 Women's and Men's World Championships and WQE

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### **America's Challenge – November 12-15, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND

- As this is a Challenge not a Championship this will not be played
- Teams qualifying for next level of qualification will revert to 2019-2020 qualification as following:
  - WWCC 2021: USA as winner of the Americas Challenge 2019 qualify. CAN as the highest ranked team in the Women World Ranking from the Americas Zone will also qualify (CAN did not play in the 2019 AC as they were the hosts of the 2020 WWCC).
  - WMCC 2021: USA as the winner of the Americas Challenge 2019 qualify. CAN qualify as the host

ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND

- Championship is contested in normal format
  - Used to qualify teams for 2021 Women's and Men's World Championships and 2021 World Qualification Event
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## **European C Curling Championships – August 17-25, 2020**

The ECC-C Curling Championships had to be cancelled due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation when the decision had to be made. 4 MAs had withdrawn from the event as they were worried about the situation, a number of other MAs would have had to quarantine upon entry or return to / from the event.

- Teams qualifying for next level of qualification will revert to 2019-2020 qualification. Teams that were relegated from European B in November 2019 will be awarded spots in 2020 European B if they entered a team for the 2020 ECC-C.
- Teams getting an entry to the ECC-B are:  
Men: SVK (not relegated), SLO (replacing ISR who was relegated but did not enter a team this year) and BEL (replacing POL who is suspended).  
Women: LTU (not relegated), AUT (replacing BLR who did not enter a team this year) and SLO (replacing POL who would have been relegated but is currently suspended).

## **European B Curling Championships – November 21-28, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND

- The championships will not be played as there will be no promotion and relegation
- Teams being relegated to the ECC-C 2021 will revert back to the results of the ECC-B 2019
- Teams qualifying for the ECC-A depends if that event can be played. If the ECC-A can take place, no teams from that event will be relegated to ECC-B 2021 and therefore no promotion would be required from ECC-B 2020. If the ECC-A can not take place, the qualification for the ECC-A and ECC-B 2021 will revert back to the results from 2019 ECC

ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND

- Championship is contested in normal format
- Used to qualify teams for WQE 2021
- Teams will be relegated to ECC-C 2020 as per WCF rules
- Teams will be promoted to 2021 ECC-A if that event can also take place. If the ECC-A can not take place, no teams will be promoted.

## **European A Curling Championships – November 21-28, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

### **YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND**

- Championship could be played but would not act as a qualifier and there would be no relegation
- Teams qualifying for next level of qualification will revert to 2019-2020 qualification
  - Qualification for the 2021 WCC's will be based on the results of the 2019 ECC-A
  - If the ECC-B 2020 can also not take place, then the qualification for the ECC-A 2021 will revert back to the results of the ECC-A and ECC-B 2019.

### **ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND**

- Championship is contested in normal format
  - Used to qualify teams for 2021 Women's and Men's World Championships and 2021 World Qualification Event
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## **World Qualification Event – January 12-17, 2021**

- If all zonal events can take place, then the WQE will be played with the teams which qualify from each of the zones from the 2020 events.  
Should the WQE not be able to be hosted in this case, the open spot in the 2021 World Championships (1 – one per gender) will be awarded to the next MA not already qualified as per the Women's and Men's World Rankings
- If none or only some of the zonal events can be played, the WQE will not be played either. The open spot in the 2021 World Championships (1 – one per gender) will be awarded to the next MA not already qualified as per the Women's and Men's World Rankings.

### **ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND**

- Event is contested in normal format
- Used to qualify one team per gender for the 2021 Women's and Men's World Championship

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## **World Women's & Men's Championships – March 20-28, 2021 & April 3-11, 2021**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

For future consideration

## **World Mixed Doubles and Olympic Qualifying**

### **World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event – December 5-12, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND

- Event will not be contested. Determining a Champion is not the reason for the event, qualification is the only reason.
- The event will be postponed to a later date. Should the event not be able to be hosted at all before the Mixed Doubles World Championship, then the World Championship will be played with the 20 teams that are already qualified. If this scenario happens then the WCF will consult with the IOC about the possibility of adding a pre-Olympic Qualification event in September 2021 open to all MA's who entered the 2021 WMDCC 2020 WMDQ and have not already qualified for the Olympics or the OQE.

ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND

- Championship is contested in normal format
- Used to qualify teams for 2021 World Mixed Doubles Championship

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## **World Mixed Doubles Championship – April 24-May 1, 2021**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

For future consideration

## **World Wheelchair Curling Championship and Paralympic Qualifying**

### **World Wheelchair B Curling Championship – October 31-November 6, 2020**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

#### **YES, AT LEAST ONE TEAM CANNOT ATTEND**

- Determining a Champion is not the reason for the event, qualification is the only reason
- The event will be postponed to allow all teams a chance to qualify for the WWhCC. The proposed dates for the re-scheduled event are 3-11 January 2021 (replacing the WJBCC) in Lohja, Finland. If the event can not be by those dates, then the 3 MAs which were relegated from the WWhCC 2020 will requalify for the WWhCC 2021. If this scenario happens then the WCF will consult with the IPC about the possibility of changing the qualification process so that only 10 teams qualify from the points list to the Paralympics and to include a Paralympic Qualification Event in Autumn 2021 open to all MA's who entered the WWhCC 2021 or the WWhB 2020 but have not already qualified for the Paralympics for the final two places.

#### **ALL TEAMS CAN ATTEND**

- Championship is contested in normal format
- Used to qualify teams for 2021 World Wheelchair Curling Championship

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### **World Wheelchair Curling Championship – March 6-13, 2021**

*Do government travel and quarantine restrictions disallow or make it logistically impossible for any Member Association to attend who had previously intended to?*

For future consideration

## **Other events**

**World Mixed**

**World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles**

**World Juniors B**

**World Juniors**

**World Seniors Curling Championships**

If World Junior B is unable to be completed:

Only the last team (10<sup>th</sup> place) from the 2020 WJCC will be relegated, all other teams earn berths to to the 2021 WJCC regardless of relegation.

World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles

The event will be postponed for a later date during the 2020-2021 season.

If any of the other Championships are unable to be competed, events are fully cancelled and no make-up events will be held.