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Welcome

From March 12–21, 2010, the world's best Paralympic athletes will push themselves to new heights in the pursuit of excellence and a celebration of the possible at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Vancouver and Whistler will play host to an estimated 1,350 athletes and team officials from 40 nations during the 10-day event, which promises to bring together our small-town spirit and big-city facilities to provide worldwide exposure for the more than 64 Paralympic events.

As you make your preparations for the coming Games, know that we share your ambition and dedication to make these 2010 Paralympic Winter Games an extraordinary experience. We look forward to hosting the world's top Paralympic athletes and sharing their compelling stories and outstanding abilities with Canada and the world.

See you in 2010!



Dena Coward
Director, Paralympic Games
Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic
and Paralympic Winter Games



Welcome

There's only a year to go until the torch lights the cauldron to begin the tenth Paralympic Winter Games at Vancouver and Whistler.

This is the first time that Canada has hosted the Paralympic Winter Games, and we are very proud to welcome your passion for sport and to share in your Paralympic journey. We are committed to creating a sustainable environment that enables athletes to achieve greatness on a safe and fair field of play.

The Sport Explanatory Book aims to assist athletes and NPC team officials in their preparation for and participation at the Games. We hope you find the information useful.

We look forward to having you here in 2010!



Tim Gayda
Vice President, Sport
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and Paralympic Winter Games



Overview

The mixed gender wheelchair curling competitions for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games will be held at the Vancouver Paralympic Centre from March 13 to 20, 2010. The venue is 4 kilometres from the Paralympic Village Vancouver.

Training and Competition Dates

OFFICIAL TRAINING	March 12, 2010
COMPETITION DATES	March 13 to 21, 2010
EVENTS	1 medal event: Mixed gender tournament

Competition Venue Vancouver Paralympic Centre

Gross Venue Capacity

6,000

Seating for Spectators with Disabilities

(planning numbers as of November 2008)

60 wheelchair spectator positions plus 60 companion seats

Field of Play

The entire area of the rink (including the carpeted area and the sheets of ice) is 54 metres by 25.5 metres. The four sheets of ice each measure 45.7 metres long and 4.75 metres wide.

Directions from Paralympic Villages

Vancouver Paralympic Centre is approximately 4 kilometres from Paralympic Village Vancouver. From the Paralympic Village Vancouver main entrance, turn left onto 1st Avenue. Turn right onto Main Street. Proceed to East 33rd Avenue and turn right. East 33rd Avenue will become Midlothian Drive. Vancouver Paralympic Centre is on the left side.

Vancouver Paralympic Centre is approximately 119 kilometres from Paralympic Village Whistler. From the Paralympic Village Whistler main entrance, turn left onto Highway 99. Highway 99 will become Highway 1. Take Exit 14 to Vancouver. Turn left onto Capilano Road. Turn right onto Marine Drive. Stay right, and take the ramp onto the Lions' Gate Bridge. Continue straight onto West Georgia Street. Turn right onto Howe Street. Turn right onto Nelson Street. Nelson Street will become Cambie Street. Cross the Cambie Street Bridge, and proceed straight. Turn left on West King Edward Avenue. Turn right on Main Street. Turn right on Midlothian Avenue. Vancouver Paralympic Centre is on the right side.

Athlete Services

Vancouver Paralympic Centre features individual team dressing rooms, a warm-up area, and an athletes' lounge.

General Rules

Wheelchair curling competitions are held in accordance with the World Curling Federation (WCF) rules. In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of the rules, the English version prevails.

Any questions or incidents not covered by the rules are handled as follows:

- Cases of a general nature are resolved in accordance with the IPC Handbook.

Changes since Torino 2006

The athlete quota has changed to from 40 to 50 (mixed gender) and from 8 to 10 teams.

Sport Entries and Qualifications

Sport Entries

In order to compete at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, all athletes must be entered by name in the events in which they will participate. VANOC Sport Entries will work in conjunction with the IPC and WCF to verify that the entered athletes have met the eligibility and qualification standards. The verification of an athlete's sport class and classification status will be conducted in accordance with the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games classification guide.

The Paralympic Sport Entries process comprises three phases.

Phase I (Confirmation Of Qualification — July 1, 2009)

The first phase is the NPC's confirmation of qualification slots usage. As outlined in the Wheelchair Curling qualification criteria, NPCs are requested to confirm the use of qualification slots allocated to them or their qualified athletes to the WCF no later than July 1, 2009.

Phase II (Application For Accreditation Deadline — December 1, 2009)

The second phase is the NPC's submission of Accreditation Application Forms for all potential athletes. Each NPC must submit Accreditation Application Form(s) together with IPC Eligibility Code Form(s) for all athletes that are selected or may be selected to participate in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games no later than December 1, 2009.

Phase III (Sport Entries Deadline — February 26, 2010)

The third phase is the formal closing date of the Sport Entries process. NPCs must submit the names of all qualified athletes who have been selected to compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

NPCs will complete the sport entries process for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games online. All Paralympic entries must be completed in full and submitted to VANOC no later than midnight (Pacific Time), February 26, 2010. All information officially submitted is considered final. The Paralympic Sport Entry may not be amended after February 26, 2010. The IPC will validate all sport entry data.

Complete sport entry policies and procedures will be provided by VANOC in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games accreditation and sport entries manual to be distributed to NPCs by September, 2009.

General Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for Wheelchair Curling, as laid down in the *Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide*, may compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Nationality of Competitors

Any athlete in the Paralympic Games must be a national of the country (region) of the NPC entering him or her and in compliance with the provisions of the *IPC Athlete Nationality Policy* as stated in Chapter 3.1 of the *IPC Handbook* (June 2006). The IPC Governing Board shall resolve all disputes relating to the determination of the country (region) that a competitor may represent in the Paralympic Games.

Qualification System

The following information is taken from *Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide*, a publication produced by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

ATHLETE QUOTA	50 — Mixed (10 teams x 5 athletes)
	50 — Total

Allocation of Qualification

The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) mixed team qualification slot.

Athlete Eligibility

Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) mixed team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes, of which at least one (1) athlete must be of the opposite gender.

Qualification System Principles

Method: WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking List Allocation

Qualification: The top nine (9) ranked countries on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list, after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship qualify for the Paralympic Wheelchair Competition. Rankings on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list will be calculated based on the number of points each country attains from their performance during the WCF 2007, 2008 & 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, as follows:

PLACING	POINTS	PLACING	POINTS
1st Place	12	6th Place	5
2nd Place	10	7th Place	4
3rd Place	8	8th Place	3
4th Place	7	9th Place	2
5th Place	6	10th Place	1

Please note: The three National Federations from Great Britain — England, Scotland and Wales are all eligible to participate in World Wheelchair Curling Championships if qualified. However, by an agreement between the National Curling Federations of England, Scotland and Wales, only Scotland will be allocated Paralympic Qualifying Points for Great Britain in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

TOTAL: Nine (9) teams

Method: Host country allocation

Qualification : The host country directly qualifies. However, the host country will still be allocated points according to the Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Points Table if they enter into one of the three (3) qualifying World Wheelchair Curling Championships. If the Host Country holds a position amongst the top nine (9) ranked countries on the World Curling Federation (WCF) Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, the qualification slot will be redistributed and allocated to the next ranked country not otherwise qualified.

TOTAL: One (1) team

TOTAL: Ten (10) teams

Qualifying Timeline

February 16–24, 2007	WCF 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Solleftea, Sweden
January 19–24, 2008	WCF 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Sursee, Switzerland
February 21–28, 2009	WCF 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Vancouver, Canada
April 30, 2009	Closing date of the Wheelchair Curling Points List for qualification slot allocation
June 1, 2009 (no later than)	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated process
July 1, 2009 (no later than)	NPCs confirm to WCF in writing the use of qualification slots
August 5, 2009 (no later than)	WCF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
December 1, 2009	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
February 26, 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs

Dates/Process of Confirmation of Qualification Slots

By July 1, 2009, each NPC must confirm to WCF in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the WCF may reallocate these slots.

By August 5, 2009, WCF will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By August 5, 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and the WCF.

Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC on the WCF World Ranking List closing April 30, 2009.

Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

Paralympic Qualification Points were awarded during the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships. Where there were two or more countries tied for a points ranking, the countries were given an equal share of the accumulated points that these countries jointly held.

Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

In the event where two or more countries are tied for a points ranking position at the end of the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships (e.g. two or more countries holding the same win/loss record following the round robin and tie-break games) the following steps will be followed to determine the final points ranking positions:

Step 1 — The record of games between the countries; the country with the best record will be ranked highest and the remaining will be ranked in consecutive order based on their respective records.

Step 2 — In the event that step 1 is insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge will be used to determine final ranking.

Step 3 — In the event of steps 1 and 2 are insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e. two or more teams having the same result) the best non-equal Last Stone Draw will be used to determine the final ranking, and

Step 4 — If ties still exist (i.e., two or more teams having all equal Last Stone Draw results), the WCF World Ranking will decide the final ranking.

Elimination in the event of a Tied Points Ranking Applied to the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

In the event that following the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, there are more than nine (9) countries (in addition to the host country) that can be considered for qualification due to tied rankings, an elimination process will be conducted to determine nine (9) countries for qualification on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria No. 1 — In the event that two (2) or more countries tied so that an elimination of one (1) or more of these countries is necessary, the country with the latest World Wheelchair Curling Championships appearance will qualify. For example, if two (2) countries are tied in the ninth (9th) ranked position after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and one (1) of the countries participated in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and the other did not, then the country who played in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships qualifies.

Criteria No. 2 — In the event that Criteria No.1 is insufficient to determine nine (9) qualified countries, then the highest ranked country(s) from the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships will be the deciding factor, or 2008 — or even 2007 if that was the latest appearance of the countries that are tied.

Criteria No. 3 — Should there be a situation where neither Criteria No. 1 nor Criteria No. 2 can eliminate the necessary number of teams, the elimination will be done by a play-off competition to be held between the teams concerned at a time, venue and with a competition format to be decided by the WCF.

Please note: For complete and updated information on all the elements of the qualification criteria for athletes please refer to the official text in the “Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide”, which is regularly updated by IPC on its website (paralympic.org).

Classification

VANOC will publish detailed information on classification policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games classification guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.

Doping Control

At the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, doping control will be carried out in accordance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Standards. Samples will be collected both in competition and out of competition, and will include both blood and urine sample collection. The IPC will determine the number of tests to be conducted and testing selection criteria.

VANOC will publish detailed information on the anti-doping policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games doping control guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.

Competition Rules

Competition Management

VANOC-appointed competition management is responsible for organizing the mixed gender wheelchair curling competitions and will operate under the supervision of the WCF. The WCF has appointed 12 officials who will oversee the competitions.

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Competition Format

Tournament

The mixed gender wheelchair curling tournament of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games will be a round-robin competition with 10 competing teams. During the round-robin sessions, each team will play against each of the other teams. Based on the results of the round robin, the top four teams will advance to the semifinals held on March 20, 2010. The medal games will also be held on March 20.

Rankings and Tie-Breakers

Rankings within the round robin along with the tie-breaking formulas will be determined in accordance with the guidelines

outlined in the WCF Official Rules of Play. Tie-breaker games will take place on March 18 and 19, 2010, after the completion of the round robin.

Fifth through Tenth Place

The teams placing fifth through tenth as a result of the round robin will keep their respective rankings. In the event that two or more teams hold the same ranking (e.g., two or more teams holding the same win/loss record following the round robin and tie-break games), the following steps will be followed to determine the final points ranking positions:

Step 1 — The record of games between the teams; the team with the best record will be ranked highest and the remaining will be ranked in consecutive order based on their respective records.

Step 2 — In the event that step 1 is insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge will be used to determine final ranking.

Step 3 — In the event that steps 1 and 2 are insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e., two or more teams having the same result) they will be ranked equally.

Technical Meetings

Chief Umpire and Team Meeting

The schedule for Chief Umpire and Team Meeting will be determined by the technical delegate. This meeting will be held on training day (March 12) at the venue.

Tournament Draw

The WCF, in consultation with VANOC, will establish a round-robin schedule by July 15, 2009.

Technical Protests

In accordance with the WCF Official Rules of Play and Competition Handbook, the chief umpire decides the outcome of all protests and appeals.

IPC Manufacturing and Trademark Guidelines

Pursuant to the IPC Handbook, no form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Winter Games, except for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

The NPC should, where possible, use national colours, the official name and abbreviation of the country (region) and emblems, and NPC marks on all uniforms, in order to visually enhance the national identity of the athletes.

The NPC must not use any Olympic marks (e.g., Olympic Rings, NOC Emblem, "National Olympic Committee of COUNTRY (REGION)").

Equipment

One identification of the manufacturer per equipment item will be permitted, not taking up more than 10% of the surface area of the item with a maximum size of 60 cm².

Clothing

One identification of the manufacturer per clothing item will be permitted with a maximum size of 20 cm².

Accessories

One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted with a maximum size of 6 cm².

Eyewear — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, placed on one of the arms and to a maximum size of 6 cm²; alternatively, two identifications of the manufacturer will be permitted, placed one on each arm and to a maximum size of 3 cm² each.

Headgear — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm² and placed above either one of the ears.

Gloves — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm².

Identification of the manufacturer is prohibited on an athlete's person (e.g., tattoos), as well as on contact lenses, earplugs, mouthguards and water bottles.

Footwear

One identification of the manufacturer per item will be permitted, with a maximum size of 6 cm².

Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IPC Governing Board regarding this matter shall be final.

For more detailed information and specific identification of the sport, please refer to the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Awards

The Victory Ceremony takes place at the following the end of the gold medal game on March 20, 2010. For the sport of wheelchair curling, each athlete member of the winning team is entitled to a gold medal and a diploma, each such member of the second team to a silver medal and a diploma, and each such member of the third team to a bronze medal and a diploma. Athletes on each team ranked fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth are entitled to a diploma.

Explanatory Book Approval

The IPC approved the English version of this Explanatory Book on February 24, 2009.

The World Curling Federation (WCF) approved the regulations and conditions of the wheelchair curling competitions on March 5, 2009.

Please note: Information contained in this Explanatory Book is correct and up-to-date at the time of publication, and may be subject to change.

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