2022 Paralympic Curling Team Selection Trials
Application Package

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WELCOME!!!!

Thank you for having the interest and taking the time for applying for spot on the 2021 U.S. National Wheelchair Curling Team and the 2022 US Paralympic Curling Team. This package is intended to assist you in that process.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the staff listed below. We are here to help.

Best wishes on your journey to make the National Team!!

Sincerely,

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The Process

USA Wheelchair Curling utilizes a multistep process to allow for and select among developmental athletes wishing to earn a coveted spot at the annual U.S. Wheelchair Team Selection Trials.

The process starts with you at your local club. Use this package and the “Skill Shots” to practice for your application and tryout. You can practice the Skill Shots as many times as you wish. You will be required to submit with your application five repetitions of the completed Skill Shots, each witnessed and signed by a local official. This official may be a local curling club board member, a local coach or other responsible individual who can attest that they witnessed and scored your submitted score. The official does not have to be the same person each time a score is submitted.
With the five submitted scoresheets, you will also need to submit the required application and a completed resume. The application is not considered “complete and submitted” until all of the above are received by USA Curling. The application deadline is March 1, 2020.

The applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of USA Curling staff and at least one past National Team member of USA Curling, any discipline. Applications will be ranked, gender specific, on Skill Shot results and demonstrated past performance and involvement as evidenced by the resume. A minimum of eight and a maximum of 12 athletes will be selected from these applications to compete at the Paralympic Curling PreTrials. The results of the selection process will be released no later than March 10, 2020.

The Paralympic Curling PreTrials will be held in Denver, Co at the Denver Curling Club on 16-17 April, 2020. The PreTrials serves two purposes; aid in the development of the “Next Gen” U.S. wheelchair athletes, and to seed the final spots in the U.S. National Team Selection Trials to complete a full field of 12 athletes. The selection committee will evaluate athletes on skills, game knowledge and team dynamics. Potential will also be noted and recognized. A gender-specific rank ordered listing will be created by the selection committee. This rank ordered listing will be used to fill the U.S. National Team Selection Trials, which are scheduled for 28-29 May 2020, also at the Denver Curling Club.

The Paralympic Curling PreTrials to be held Apr 16-17, 2020 in Denver, Colorado will be the last open selection for US wheelchair curling athletes to be considered for either the 2021 US National Wheelchair Curling Team or the 2022 US Paralympic Curling National Team.

The Process Timeline

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Practice Skill Shots

Complete at least five repetitions of the Skill Shots with an “Official” who can sign for the authenticity of those scores. You can complete and score as many repetitions as you want, but submit only your top five scores.
Complete the application and submit it by March 1, 2020. A complete registration must include the following

- Application Form
- 5 Signed Skill Set score sheets
- Resume

Notification of invitations to the U.S. National Team Selection Trials will be announced no later than 10 March 2020.

Upon completion of the Paralympic Curling PreTrials, four individuals will immediately be invited to the U.S. National Team Selection Trials.

The application deadline for the prior year’s team to register for the U.S. National Team Selection Trials is April 1, 2020.

If required to fill to a Trials field size of 12, additional athletes, as selected in descending order from the gender-specific rank order listing from the Paralympic Curling PreTrials will be invited to the U.S. National Team Trials. Notifications to those selected athletes will occur as soon as possible after the application and selection deadlines noted above.

Once the Trials field is filled to 12 athletes, should a selected athlete drop out any time after they have been notified of being selected, the selection committee retains the sole authority of determining if that open spot will be filled.

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### The Skill Shots

NOTE: For all Skill Shots, the delivered stone must be in a position touching the Center Line at the initiation of the delivery (the start of the forward motion).
Skill Shot 1 and 2  The Cluster

Setup.  None required

The Drill.  Four stones for each turn. Deliver a single draw using the clockwise turn. The stone MUST come to rest in play (Free Guard Zone, in house or corners behind and beside house). If not in play, deliver a draw with your second stone, same turn. If not in play move to the third and fourth stone, same turn, as required. This stone becomes the target stone. Once a stone is in play, deliver the remaining stones, using the same turn, to within a brooms length (edge of stone to edge of stone) of that target stone. Remove these successive stones from play. Repeat until you have delivered the 4 stones. Skill Shot #2  Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring:  
5 pts  First stone comes to rest in play (Target stone)  
3 pts  First stone not in play but 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4th stone becomes first stone in play (Target stone)  
5 pts  Each successive stone coming to rest within one broom’s length of the target stone

Note.  Once the target stone is in play, the successive stones will count for score if they are short of the hog line or longer than the back line IF they are still within 1 broom length of the target stone.

Skill Shot 3 and 4  The Draw to the House

Setup.  None required.

The Drill.  Four stones each turn. Deliver a single draw to the house aiming for the button using the clockwise turn. Remove stone from play. Repeat for shot 2, 3 and 4 with the same turn. Skill Shot #4 Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring:  
5 pts  Stone comes to rest in or touching the button  
4 pts  Stone comes to rest in or touching the 4 foot  
3 pts  Stone comes to rest in or touching the 8 foot  
2 pts  Stone comes to rest in or touching the 12 foot

Note:  The delivered stone only needs to touch a line to be scored in the higher scoring zone.
Skill Shot 5 and 6 The Tap Back

Setup: Place one stone (the target stone) equally straddling the center line one foot in front of the house (measured from back of stone to the top of the house).

The Drill. Four Stones each turn. Deliver a clockwise turn to tap the target stone onto the rings. Remove your stone from play and return target stone to its prior location. Repeat for shot 2, 3 and 4 with the same turn. Skill Shot #6 Counterclockwise Turn.

Scoring: 5pts Target stone is tapped to a position touching the House 2 pts Target stone is not tapped up to a scoring position but the shooter comes to rest at least touching the House.

Note: A complete miss of the Target Stone is scored as 2 if the shooter draws into a position at least touching the House. The same is true if the shooter rubs the guard, the Target Stone does not get promoted onto the rings and the shooter is redirected into a position at least touching the House.

Skill Shot 7 The Takeout On Tee Line (Inside to Outside)

Setup. One stone at a time will be centered on the Tee Line and the:

Shot 1. Skip’s Right 12’
Shot 2. Skip’s right 8’
Shot 3. Skip’s Right 4’
Shot 4. Button
Shot 5. Button
Shot 6. Skip’s left 4’
Shot 7. Skip’s left 8’
Shot 8. Skip’s left 12’.
The Drill. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for Shot 1. Deliver a takeout using the Counterclockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 2. Repeat for shots 2-4. Starting at Shot 5, the turn switches to the Clockwise Turn. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for shot #5. Deliver a takeout using the Clockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 6. Repeat for shots 6-8.

Scoring: 5 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone comes to rest at least touching the rings of the house.

3 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone rolls off the rings.

Note: For a Takeout to receive any points the target stone MUST be completely removed from the scoring rings.

Skill Shot 8 The Takeout on Tee Line (Outside to Inside)

Setup. One stone at a time will be centered on the Tee Line and the:

- Shot 1. Skip’s Right 12’
- Shot 2. Skip’s right 8’
- Shot 3. Skip’s Right 4’
- Shot 4. Button
- Shot 5. Button
- Shot 6. Skip’s left 4’
- Shot 7. Skip’s left 8’
- Shot 8. Skip’s left 12’

The Drill. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for Shot 1. Deliver a takeout using the Clockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 2. Repeat for shots 2-4. Starting at Shot 5, the turn switches to the Counterclockwise Turn. Place the target stone in its position as depicted above for shot #5. Deliver a takeout using the Counterclockwise turn. Remove all rocks from play and set up Shot 6. Repeat for shots 6-8.
Scoring:  5 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone comes to rest at least touching the rings of the House

3 pts The target stone is removed from the rings AND the shooter stone rolls off the rings.

Note. For a Takeout to receive any points the target stone MUST be completely removed from the rings.
2022 Paralympic Curling PreTrials Selection Application

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________

CITY: _______________ STATE: _____ ZIP: _______________

PHONE: ________________________________ E-MAIL: ________________________________

HOME CURLING CLUB: ____________________________________________

DISABILITY TYPE/LEVEL: ____________________________________________

MANUAL OR POWER WHEELCHAIR: ____________________________

EXPERIENCE WITH WHEELCHAIR CURLING:

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Please ensure that you have returned the following with this application.

Completed Application (this form) __________

Resume __________

5 completed and signed Skill Shot Score sheets __________

Applications are incomplete until ALL of the above are returned. Application deadline is 5 PM Central time, March 1, 2020.

Email applications to info@usacurl.org.