



Nomination Criteria

Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

Curling

1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a Team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to select Athletes to the Australian Olympic Team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an Athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Athlete means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

AWOT Chief Medical Officer means the Chief Medical Officer or Medical Director appointed or authorised as such by the Australian Winter Olympic Team.

Events means the Men's Curling, Women's Curling and the Mixed Doubles Curling.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Extenuating Circumstances means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Games means the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.



International Benchmark Competitions means an international competition recognised on the International Federation's calendar.

International Federation means World Curling.

IOC / Milano Cortina 2026 Late Athlete Replacement Policy means the Late Athlete Replacement Policy for the Milano Cortina 2026 Games, which will be made available from the AOC upon request.

Late Athlete Replacement Athlete means a non-competing, eligible, Athlete available for Late Athlete Replacement, who can only become a competing Athlete as per the conditions outlined in the IOC / Milano Cortina 2026 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

National Federation means Curling Australia Ltd.

NF Selection Panel means the panel as appointed by the National Federation to identify Athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.

Nomination Appeal has the meaning given in clause 10.

Nomination Date means 16 January 2026.

Nomination Fast Track Appeal has the meaning given in clause 10.

Olympic Qualification Event means the following event during the Qualification System, as amended from time to time by the International Federation, which at the date of this Nomination Criteria is:

Event	Location	Date
Olympic Qualification Event	Kelowna (CAN)	6-19 December 2025

Qualification Period means the period stated in the Qualification System, as updated from time to time, being from the World Men's/Women's/Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in March 2024 to the Olympic Qualification Event in December 2025.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, which can be found at <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/milano-cortina-2026-olympic-winter-games>.

Sport means Curling, which includes the Events.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to the Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 26 January 2026.

World Men's/Women's/Mixed Doubles Curling Championship means the following events during the Qualification Period, as amended from time to time by the International Federation, which at the date of this Nomination Criteria are:

Event	Location	Date
World Women's Curling Championship 2024	Nova Scotia (Canada)	16-24 March 2024
World Men's Curling Championship 2024	Schaffhausen (Switzerland)	30 March – 7 April 2024
World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2024	Östersund (Sweden)	20-27 April 2024
World Women's Curling Championship 2025	Uijeongbu (South Korea)	15-23 March 2025



World Men's Curling Championship 2025	Saskatchewan (Canada)	29 March - 6 April 2025
World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2025	New Brunswick (Canada)	26 April - 3 May 2025

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
 - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
 - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria (and any amendments to it) to all Athletes, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.
- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available to all Athletes the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (and any



amendments to it), including by publishing the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (or a link to it) on the National Federation's website.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation and/or the AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

4 Quota Places

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC quota places.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of quota places awarded to the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation must nominate the maximum number of Athletes that are permitted under the Qualification System.
- 4.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that the results/performance of an Athlete has secured a quota place for the AOC under the Qualification System does not ensure nomination of that Athlete by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team.

5 Eligibility Criteria

- 5.1 The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
 - (a) is an Australian citizen;
 - (b) is a member of the National Federation;
 - (c) satisfies the Qualification System, including that the Athlete respects and complies with the [Olympic Charter](#), the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and the [Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions](#);
 - (d) does, and will continue to, satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
 - (f) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete.

6 Nomination Criteria

- 6.1 If the AOC obtains quota places in accordance with the Qualification System, the National Federation will nominate Athletes, having regard to clause 5, who in the opinion of the NF



Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games.

6.2 In making its determination under clause 6.1 with respect to an Athlete, the NF Selection Panel may have regard to some, none or all of the following considerations, in its absolute discretion:

(a) **Availability and Readiness:**

- (i) the Athlete's current physical form and fitness including any injury issues relating to the Athlete (in consultation with the AWOT Chief Medical Officer (or their nominee));

(b) **Performance Metrics:**

- (i) the Athlete's past performances at national and International Benchmark Competitions;
- (ii) the Athlete having demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result or having demonstrated future medal winning potential at International Benchmark Competitions;
- (iii) the Athlete's experience at major events and proven performances under pressure;

(c) **Team Cohesion and Synergy:**

- (i) the Athlete's ability to integrate into the team structure;
- (ii) the benefit or detriment of the Athlete's membership on the Team with respect to team dynamics, team behaviour and team performance;

(d) **Development Considerations:**

- (i) potential contributions to Australian curling beyond the current competition cycle;
- (ii) whether the Athlete is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the Sport, National Federation and the Games; and

- (e) any other factor that, in the opinion of the NF Selection Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the Athlete/s who will achieve the highest competitive results at the Games.

The criteria listed in this clause are not arranged in any order of priority or importance.

7 Replacement of selected Athletes

7.1 Before the Sport Entries Deadline

(a) If prior to the Sport Entries Deadline:

- (i) a selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games; or
- (ii) in the opinion of the NF Selection Panel (in consultation with the AWOT Chief Medical Officer (or their nominee)), a selected Athlete has experienced injury or any other factor that will likely reduce the Athlete's capacity and ability to perform at the level at which the Athlete was nominated and selected provided that, in reaching their conclusion, the NF Selection Panel is satisfied that the reduction of capacity and ability is likely to be sustained and affect performance at the Games,

then the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and request to remove the Athlete from the Team, in which case the AOC will de-select the Athlete.



- (b) Following de-selection by the AOC of an Athlete under clause 7.1(a), the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athlete who in the opinion of the NF Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive result at the Games in accordance with the criteria set out in clause 6.2 as a replacement Athlete.

7.2 After the Sport Entries Deadline

- (a) If after the Sport Entries Deadline:
 - (i) a selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games; or
 - (ii) in the opinion of the NF Selection Panel (in consultation with the AWOT Chief Medical Officer (or their nominee)), a selected Athlete has experienced injury or any other factor that will likely reduce the Athlete's capacity and ability to perform at the level at which the Athlete was nominated and selected provided that, in reaching their conclusion, the NF Selection Panel is satisfied that the reduction of capacity and ability is likely to be sustained and affect performance at the Games, then the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and request the removal of the Athlete from the Team.
- (b) If the National Federation requests the removal of an Athlete under clause 7.2(a), the AOC will consider, at its absolute discretion, whether to de-select that Athlete. If the AOC decides to de-select the Athlete, the AOC will replace the selected Athlete with a Late Athlete Replacement Athlete nominated by the NF Selection Panel (as the delegate of the National Federation) on the condition the criteria for replacement under the IOC / Milano Cortina 2026 Late Athlete Replacement Policy is satisfied.
- (c) For clarity, in this circumstance, the NF Selection Panel will nominate to the AOC the Late Athlete Replacement Athlete who in the opinion of the NF Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive result at the Games in accordance with the criteria set out in clause 6.2.

8 Extenuating circumstances

- 8.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6, the NF Selection Panel will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

9 Submission of Nominations

- 9.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 9.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 9.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than



24 hours prior to the Nomination Date or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.

- 9.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 9.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

10 Appeals

A non-nominated Athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (**Nomination Appeal**) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (**Nomination Fast Track Appeal**).

11 Amendments

- 11.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.
- 11.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion.
- 11.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.
- 11.4 The National Federation must provide, and make available on National Federation's website, any updates to the Nomination Criteria (including any updates to the AOC Selection Criteria), to all Athletes.

12 Governing Law

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

13 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.



Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria

[Attached separately]



AOC SELECTION CRITERIA - ATHLETES

MILANO CORTINA 2026

The AOC has adopted this Selection Criteria pursuant to the AOC's [Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law](#). This criterion governs the selection of athletes to the Team by the AOC.

1 / Eligibility for Selection

An athlete who is nominated by a National Federation for selection to the Team (**Nominated Athlete**) must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC.

A Nominated Athlete must:

- A. have **met the requirements of the Qualification System** applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- B. have **satisfied the Nomination Criteria** adopted by their National Federation applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- C. have been **nominated** to the AOC by their National Federation;
- D. have met and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for **Australian competitors** outlined in the Olympic Charter;
- E. have respected and complied, and continue to respect and comply, with the [Olympic Charter](#), the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and the [Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions](#) as well as the rules of the relevant **International Federation** of their sport;
- F. have signed and will comply with the **Team Membership Agreement** for Athletes for the Games and agree to sign any entry form required by the International Olympic Committee, AOC or the Organising Committee for the Games;
- G. complied with the **AOC Constitution**;
- H. not have **breached the [AOC Anti-Doping By-Law](#), [AOC Ethical Behaviour By Law](#) or any other AOC By-Law** adopted by the AOC from time to time, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- I. not have **breached any National Federation's National Integrity Policy**, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- J. not have **breached the [AOC Safeguarding Children, Young and Vulnerable Persons Policy](#)**;
- K. not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), in or outside of Australia, which
 - i has **brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure**; or
 - ii is or would have the tendency to be **inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, reputation or values of the AOC or Team Sponsors**, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the **best interests of the Team**;

- L. not at any time been **charged with any offence, in or outside of Australia** involving violence, Abuse of a Child or Vulnerable Person, Grooming, alcohol or drugs, any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment (unless such charges have subsequently been withdrawn or the offences have been found to be not proven);
- M. not at any time been **convicted of any offence, in or outside of Australia** involving violence, Abuse of a Child or Vulnerable Person, Grooming, alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- N. have **disclosed any criminal offence** of whatever nature, **in or outside of Australia**, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the Nominated Athlete's National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- O. have and must continue to **honestly and fully disclose to their National Federation and AOC** until the end of the Games Period information concerning any conduct that would cause an actual or potential breach of clauses 1(A) - 1(N), including any **unresolved allegation of any breach** of the [Olympic Charter](#), the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and the [Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions](#), any of a **National Federation's National Integrity Policies**, any **AOC By-Law** or the [AOC Safeguarding Children, Young and Vulnerable Persons Policy](#);
- P. have, if required, assisted Sport Integrity Australia or a National Federation in any anti-doping or sport integrity matter or investigation and will continue to do so if required, including by fully and truthfully answering questions, attending interviews, disclosing information and producing documents;
- Q. consent to:
 - (a) their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - (b) consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and
- R. have completed or will complete medical assessments to the satisfaction of the AOC, if required.

A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(A) – (R) may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the Team, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

2 / Selection

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- A. whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- B. whether a Nominated Athlete is eligible for selection to the Team, having regard to the requirements of this Selection Criteria and any other circumstances or criteria the AOC considers appropriate;
- C. that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the Team for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- D. whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC under a Qualification System, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under that Qualification System.

3 / No Extenuating Circumstances

In determining whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements for selection to the Team, the AOC will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

For the purposes of this clause, “**extenuating circumstances**” means an inability to compete in, or attend, events, trials, training camps or other competitions arising from:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factor or reason that is considered by AOC to constitute extenuating circumstances.

4 / Amendments

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.

5 / Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

Unless otherwise defined in this Selection Criteria, capitalised terms used in this Selection Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law](#).

Abuse includes physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse and neglect of a Child or Vulnerable Person, each as defined in the [AOC Safeguarding Children, Young and Vulnerable Persons Policy](#). These forms of abuse may occur in combination or isolation, in person or online. These forms of abuse often result from the improper use of a position of influence, power or authority by an individual against another person.

[AOC Anti-Doping By-Law](#) means the Anti-Doping By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time.

[AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law](#) means the AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time.

[AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law](#) means the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time.

[AOC Safeguarding Children, Young and Vulnerable Persons Policy](#) adopted by the AOC that is in force from time to time.

Child means a person aged under the age of 18 years.

Games means the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Games Period means the period of time between the Sport Entries Deadline and the date that is three days after the “Closing Ceremony” of that Games.

Grooming means behaviours that manipulate or control a Child or Vulnerable Person, their

family, guardian and carers or other support networks, or organisations, with the intention to gain access to the Child or Vulnerable Person, obtain the Child or Vulnerable Person's compliance, maintain the Child or Vulnerable Person's silence, and avoid discovery of sexual abuse.

National Integrity Policies means:

- (a) the policies required by Sport Integrity Australia as part of its National Integrity Framework; or
- (b) policies (whether combined or separate) which address member protection, child safeguarding, improper use of drugs and medicine, competition manipulation and sports wagering and complaints management,

which are adopted and implemented by a National Federation and which underpin integrity in the National Federation's sport.

Sport Entries Deadline means 26 January 2026.

Team means the team of Athletes and Officials selected and appointed, respectively, by the AOC to participate in the Games.

Team Membership Agreement means the AOC Team Membership Agreement for Athletes which governs athletes' participation in the Games.

Team Sponsors means the sponsors, suppliers and licensees of the AOC and/or the Team.

Vulnerable Person aged 18 years old or older and who is unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves from harm or exploitation due to their illness, intellectual disability or physical disability.

- A. A reference to a clause or schedule is to a clause or schedule of this Selection Criteria.
- B. The singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.
- C. A reference to an agreement or document (including a reference to this agreement) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this agreement or that other agreement or document, and includes the recitals and schedules to that agreement or document.
- D. A reference to a party to this Agreement or another agreement or document includes the party's successors, permitted substitutes and permitted assigns (and, where applicable, the party's legal personal representatives).
- E. A reference to conduct includes an omission, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing.
- F. A reference to time is to Sydney time, unless otherwise stated.
- G. Mentioning anything after includes, including, for example or similar expressions does not limit what else might be included.

6 / Law

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.