

Coaching and Officiating Framework Kicks Off National Rollout

14 June 2025 - Curling Australia is pleased to announce the next phase of its national coaching and officiating framework, with implementation now commencing across States and Territories.

This initiative—central to Curling Australia’s 2023–2026 Strategic Plan—was developed throughout 2024 with input from across the curling community. It is funded through the International Olympic Committee’s Solidarity Funding for the Development of National Sports Structures, with support from the Australian Olympic Committee and World Curling.

The framework was finalised following State-based planning workshops led by National Head Coach Perry Marshall in December 2024. Designed to support participation and performance outcomes, the framework provides structured learning pathways, accreditation models, and access to tailored development opportunities for coaches and officials at all levels.

As part of the rollout, Perry Marshall will visit Melbourne, Perth, and Brisbane in the coming weeks to engage directly with Member States, coaches, officials, and volunteers. These sessions will support local implementation, provide practical guidance, and help connect community-level leaders with national resources.

“This next phase is about creating meaningful opportunities for coaches and officials to build skills, confidence, and capability,” said Curling Australia Chair Laurie Weeden. “It’s a key investment in the foundation of our sport.”

“This framework gives coaches and officials a clear starting point and a pathway for growth—whether they’re just getting involved or aiming to contribute at the highest levels. I’m looking forward to reconnecting with each State and supporting people as they take the next step in their development,” added National Head Coach Perry Marshall.

“I am excited that there is now a clear path to follow for those who want to be involved in the curling community in a manner that fits with their own goals. I look forward to working with all who would like to join us on the journey,” said Chief Umpire Sandy Gagnon.

The rollout marks the beginning of Phases 2 and 3 of the project—focused on delivery and upskilling—following the development of the framework and initial planning in 2024.

For more information, visit www.curling.org.au or contact secretary@curling.org.au.

About Curling Australia:

Curling Australia is the governing body that leads, develops, and promotes the sport of Curling in Australia. We aid and support the individual Member States and their grassroots endeavours to advance Curling whilst providing a pathway for curlers to compete at National and International events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

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