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## Australian Men's and Women's Curling Teams Gear Up for Pre-Olympic Qualifiers in Aberdeen

Released 01 October 2025 – Excitement is building within Australia's curling community as both the men's and women's national teams make final preparations for the Pre-Olympic Qualification Event (POQE), set to take place in Aberdeen, Scotland, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The Women's team has been acclimatising in Scotland since mid-September, engaging in rigorous training and capitalising on every opportunity for gameplay. Last weekend, they participated in the Kinross International Friendly Bonspiel, emerging as champions. The win has boosted their confidence and provided valuable match experience in preparation for the upcoming Aberdeen qualifiers.

The Men's team began their preparations in Estonia practising @Curling Tallinn with great support from Harri and Fred. They played strong local teams and competing in the 10th Tallinn Men's Challenger 2025. The team secured a win over Finland and delivered close games against a strong international field. The team remains confident and well-prepared for the upcoming POQE.

The Pre-Olympic Qualification Event involves a round-robin phase, followed by playoffs, with the top three teams advancing to the Olympic Qualification Event which will be held in Kelowna, Canada in December. The POQE schedule can be found on World Curling's website <a href="Pre-Olympic Qualification Event 2025">Pre-Olympic Qualification Event 2025</a> - World Curling with live scores found here <a href="Pre-Olympic Qualification Event 2025">Pre-Olympic Qualification Event 2025</a>.

For our men's and women's teams, a strong showing in Aberdeen will not only keep their Olympic dream alive but also inspire a new generation of athletes to take up curling in Australia.



L-R: Helen Williams, Sara Westman, Michelle Fredericks Armstrong, Karen Titheridge, Kristen Tsourlenes



L-R: Tanner Davis, Steve Johns, Matt Panoussi, Hugh Millikin, Geoff Davis (not pictured)

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