

# WISCONSIN STATE CURLING ASSOCIATION

## U21 INFORMATION



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## U21 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U21 Championships are held each year, and the winners of the championships will represent the US at the World Junior Championships. There are championships for the 4 person girls team, 4 person boys team, and mixed doubles (consisting of 1 boy and 1 girl). Information about the events are explained in by the USCA below:



### INFORMATION FROM THE USCA:

#### U21 JUNIOR MEN'S & JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1. Overview.** The Junior National Championships determine the top U21 Junior teams of each gender. The Junior National Championships serve as a selection event for the World Junior Championships.
- 2. Event Eligibility.** To be eligible to play in the 2025 Junior National Championships and qualifying events, a player must be a citizen of the United States (see Section I), have a USA Curling Competitor membership, and be less than 21 years of age by the end of the 30th day of June preceding the 2026 World Junior Curling Championships.
- 3. Entry and Qualifying Process.** See Section I for entry process information. Upon qualifying for the U21 Junior National Championship, individuals and teams will be required to register and meet all eligibility requirements. Teams will qualify for the U21 Junior National Championship as follows:
  - a.** The two (2) highest ranked U21 Junior Men's teams and the two (2) highest ranked U21 Junior Women's teams on the World Curling Team Rankings as of October 31st, 2024, will earn berths in Junior Nationals.
  - b.** Five (5) teams per gender from five (5) recognized Qualifying Bonspiels (Qualifying Bonspiels listed below) will earn berths in Junior Nationals. In each qualifier event, the highest finishing U.S.-based Junior Men's teams and Junior Women's teams, not already qualified, will earn berths in Junior Nationals. Teams competing in Qualifying Bonspiels will be ranked by WCF World Team Ranking total points and then at the discretion of the Qualifying Bonspiel Conveners in collaboration with USA Curling.

c. One (1) team per gender will earn the remaining berth based on points accumulated at Qualifying Bonspiels. Teams will accumulate points based on their top three (3) performances at qualifying events. Teams will earn four (4) points for a 2nd place finish, and three (3) points for a 3rd place and two (2) points for a 4th place finish. If both teams choose not to play the 3rd/4th place game, both teams are awarded two (2) points. If one team chooses not to play the 3rd/4th place game, the team choosing not to play will be reflected as a 4th place finisher. If a points tie occurs, it will be broken by head-to-head performance record from qualifying spiels. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by order of finish at the final Qualifying Bonspiel. If the order of finish is the same, teams will play one (1) game for the final berth. If no unqualified teams have earned a berth through this points system, the final Nationals berth will be awarded to the next highest finishing team, not already qualified, at the final Qualifying Bonspiel. If two (2) teams are tied on points but neither team is competing at the Final Qualifying Bonspiel, the berth will be awarded to the next highest finishing team, not already qualified, at the Final Qualifying Bonspiel.

#### **2024-25 Junior Nationals Qualifying Events**

\*registration directly through host club

**Madison Junior Bonspiel- Madison Curling Club, Madison, WI**

**October 18-20, 2024**

**Contact: Donnie Henry [extraend@gmail.com](mailto:extraend@gmail.com)**

**Broomstones Junior Bonspiel- Broomstones Curling Club, Boston, MA**

**November 15-17, 2024**

**Contact: Scott Price [scott.price@broomstones.org](mailto:scott.price@broomstones.org)**

**CurlVegas Junior Bonspiel- CurlVegas Curling Club, Las Vegas, NV**

**December 13-15, 2024**

**Contact: Sarah Miller [snmiller7720@outlook.com](mailto:snmiller7720@outlook.com)**

**Fargo Junior Bonspiel- Fargo-Moorhead Curling Club, Fargo, ND**

**January 3-5, 2025**

**Contact: Steve Scheel [smscheel013@gmail.com](mailto:smscheel013@gmail.com)**

**Four Seasons Junior Bonspiel & Junior Tour Championship, Four Seasons Curling, Blaine, MN**

**March 7-9, 2025**

**Contact: Chris Johnson [chris@conceptfinancial.com](mailto:chris@conceptfinancial.com)**

\*Fill Policy—If no teams qualify via the World Curling Team Rankings, or if a Qualifying Bonspiel is cancelled or not held, the berth(s) will be awarded at the final Qualifying Bonspiel prior to the Junior Nationals. \*\*If a team already qualified for Junior Nationals wins a recognized Qualifying Bonspiel, the next highest-finishing US-based team not already qualified at that Qualifying Bonspiel will earn the berth in U21 Junior Nationals. There will be no berths awarded beyond 4th place. If a berth goes unfilled, the unfilled berth will be awarded at the final Qualifying Bonspiel.

**4. Championship Format.** The 2025 Junior Men's and Junior Women's National Championship format will be a Round-Robin. The top four teams, as determined by the Round-Robin, will advance to the Page playoffs. Tiebreakers will be determined according to the World Curling Rules of Curling. All games will be ten ends. **5. International Representation.** Winning teams will be invited to represent the United States at the 2026 World Junior Men's/Women's Championships or, if necessary, the World Men's/Women's Junior B Championships that qualify teams for this event. Upon accepting the invite, the athletes and team coach will be under the direction of the Sporting Director and National Team Staff through to the completion of the World Junior Championships or the World Junior B Championships or USA Curling Adult Men's & Women's Nationals if a team playing at Junior Bs does not advance to the World Junior Championships. The Sporting Director will appoint a National Coach and support staff to assist the team in preparation for, and at, the World Junior Championships.

As necessary, a fifth player shall be selected to join the team at any time after the Junior National Championships. While the intent is to keep teams and coaches intact, USA Curling may collaborate and modify teams if there is a code of conduct violation, the athlete is not maintaining the required training defined in their Junior National Team Athlete Agreement or the athlete is ill or injured therefore unable to compete healthy as deemed by a medical professional. A fifth player for any World Championship team will be selected by the Sporting Director and the National Team Coaching staff. Consideration of previous national and international experience, coachability, and progress as a youth athlete will be evaluated in the selection process of a fifth player for the team. 6. World Team Code of Conduct. All athletes invited to Team USA for Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Juniors, Wheelchair Four Person, or Wheelchair Mixed Doubles World Championships are required to sign the USA Curling Code of Conduct. Any athlete failing to sign will be disqualified from representing the USA. If this occurs, USA Curling reserves the right to invite another athlete or, as necessary, another team to fill the vacant position.

## **U21 JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Overview. The Junior Mixed Doubles National Championship determines the top U21 Junior Mixed Doubles team. This event serves as a selection event for the World Junior Mixed Doubles Championships.

2. Event Eligibility. To be eligible to play in the 2024 Junior Mixed Doubles National Championship, a player must be a citizen of the United States (see Section I), have a USA Curling Competitor membership, and be less than 21 years of age by the end of the 30th day of June preceding the 2025 World Junior Mixed Doubles Championship.

3. Entry and Qualifying Process. This will be an open event without qualification requirements, but all eligibility requirements must be met. See Section I for entry process information. \*Fill Policy—Not applicable.

4. Championship Format. The 2025 Junior Mixed Doubles National Championship format will be determined and announced when registration for the event closes. Start and finish dates of the event are subject to change, depending on the number of entries (accordion in nature). It is recommended that travel arrangements not be made until the number of registered teams has been determined.

5. International Representation. The winning team will be invited to represent the United States at the 2025 World Junior Mixed Doubles Championship. Upon accepting the invite, the Junior Mixed Doubles champions and team coach will be under the direction of the Sporting Director and National Team Staff through to the completion of the World Junior Mixed Doubles 27 Championship. The Sporting Director will appoint a National Coach and support staff to assist the team in preparation for, and at, the World Junior Mixed Doubles Championship.

6. World Team Code of Conduct. All athletes invited to Team USA for Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles, Junior Men's, Junior Women's, Junior Mixed Doubles, Wheelchair Four Person, or Wheelchair Mixed Doubles World Championships are required to sign the USA Curling Code of Conduct. Any athlete failing to sign will be disqualified from representing the USA. If this occurs, USA Curling reserves the right to invite another athlete or, as necessary, another team to fill the vacant position.

## **REGISTRATION:**

Registration for the event is done through the USCA on the Sport 80 website. You will need to create an account to register as well as pay the fees through the website. If your team wins the event, you will also need to pay a team fee in order to compete at Nationals.

Registration Website: <https://usacurling.sport80.com/>

All teams must have a coach, and that coach will need to complete registration through the same website. The coach will also need to complete a Safe Sport training program, go through a background check, and pay the fee for registering as a coach.

Registration questions can be directed to the USCA through Aaron Kaylor ([aaron.kaylor@usacurling.org](mailto:aaron.kaylor@usacurling.org)) or the WSCA Junior Chair, Jim Wendling ([jwendling72@gmail.com](mailto:jwendling72@gmail.com) or 715).