



Wheelchair Curling Information Book

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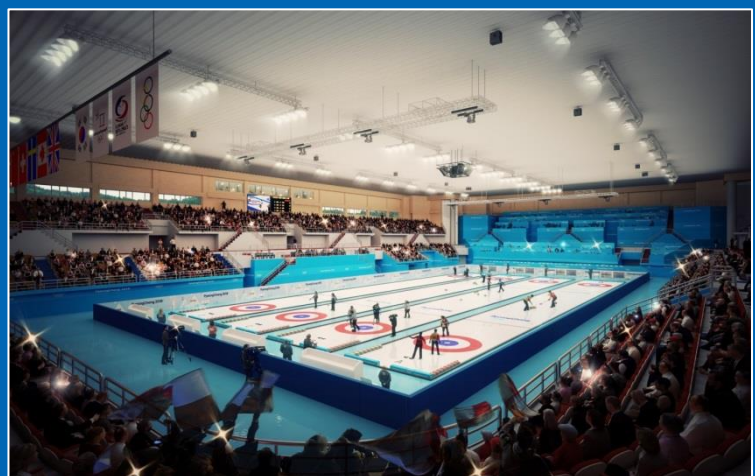
Published in January 2017, the Sport Information Books offer a detailed introduction to each sport at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, as well as provide information on a variety of other fundamental topics that may be of importance to teams as they continue their planning and preparations. *Sport Information Books* is the new name for what was called *Sport Explanatory Books*.

This guide is divided into several sections:

- Sport-specific information on subjects such as the competition venue and format; rules; training; and qualification criteria;
- General information touching on the athletes' village, transport, doping control and awards;
- (appendix) A venue map, a venue fact sheet and a daily competition schedule for all sports.

All information provided in this InformationBook was correct at the time of publication in January 2017; however, please note that details may change between this date and the Games. NPCs are advised to check the PyeongChang 2018's NPC Extranet (extranet.pyeongchang2018.com) for important updates on topics, such as the competition schedule.

Detailed Team Leaders' Manuals, covering Games-time plans for every Paralympic sport, will be distributed to NPCs in January 2018.



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Overview

The Gangneung Curling Centre will host the wheelchair curling competition for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games from 10 to 17 March 2018.

Training will also take place at the Gangneung Curling Centre on 8 and 9 March 2018

Each team will have one 1 hour 20 minutes training session on each of their training day(s). Each team will practice for 20 minutes on each sheet, rotating from A to B to C to D.

Events

1 medal event:

Mixed Events (1)

- Mixed Team Tournament (12 teams)

Venues

Gangneung Curling Centre

Gross Capacity

2,982 seats

Seating for Spectators with an Impairment

49 wheelchair spectator positions and companion seats.

Field of Play

The ice rink is 56 m by 30 m with four sheets measuring 46 m long and 4.75 m wide.

Athletes Services

The Gangneung Curling Centre features medical facilities, a warm-up room, dressing rooms, an information desk and an athletes' lounge.

Directions from PyeongChang Paralympic Village



The PyeongChang Paralympic Village will be constructed as high-quality apartments which will remain as a legacy of the Games to advance the regional development of Gangwon Province.

The village will be located on a 107,276 m² site at an altitude of 700 m. The style of housing in the village consists of apartment units of five or six beds with two bathrooms.

PyeongChang Paralympic Village Facts

Planned Number of Residents	1,720
Residents by Sport Discipline	Para alpine skiing, Para biathlon, Para cross-country skiing, Para ice hockey, Para snowboard, wheelchair curling
Housing Type	Apartments (600 flats in 8 buildings, 15 storey)

Distances from the PyeongChang Paralympic Village to:

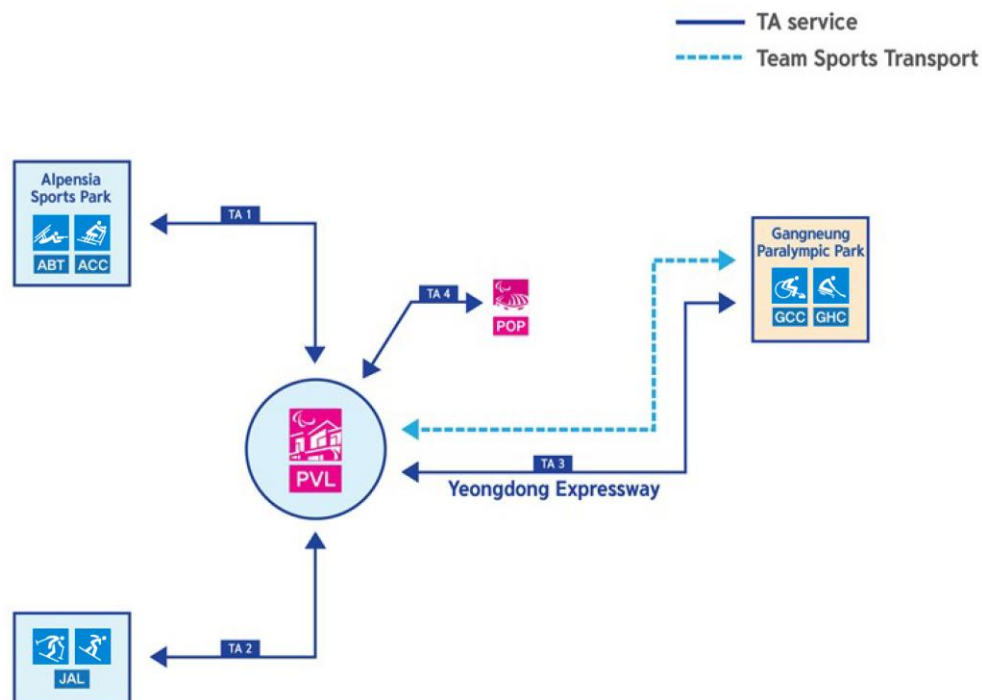
Jeongseon Alpine Centre	< 41.5 km	57 min.
Alpensia Biathlon Centre	< 3.0 km	6 min.
Gangneung Curling Centre	< 46.5 km	53 min.
Gangneung Hockey Centre	< 46.5 km	53 min.
PyeongChang Olympic Plaza	< 2.0 km	3 min.
Jinbu Station (Transport Hub)	< 14.2 km	23 min.
Incheon International Airport (ICN) to Jinbu Station	< 236.8 km	98 min.(train)
Jinbu Station to the PyeongChang Paralympic Village	< 14.2 km	23 min. (bus)
Yangyang International Airport (YNY)	< 68.0 km	44 min.

Transport System

Athlete Transport System (TA)

The TA System is divided into two separate systems that connect the PyeongChang Paralympic Village with the competition venues. The services include for trainings, competitions, opening & closing ceremonies and from/to the Paralympic Medals Plaza in PyeongChang.

- 1) The shuttle will be available to both competing and spectating athletes travelling from the Paralympic Village to the Gangneung Curling Centre and the Gangneung Hockey Centre. Shuttles will operate with a regular frequency based on competition times
- 2) Accessible vehicles will be provided for the other sports (Ice hockey and wheelchair curling) from the front of a team's accommodation inside the Paralympic Village directly to the venue.



PyeongChang Paralympic Village to the Gangneung Curling Centre	
Transport Dates	8 - 17 March 2018
Estimated Distance / Travel Time	46.5 km / 53 minutes
Vehicle Type and Capacity	Dedicated Bus with 30-38 seats for each team (including 6-15 wheelchair seats)

General Rules

Wheelchair curling competition are held in accordance with the World Curling Federation (WCF) rules.

Any questions or incidents not covered by the rules are handled as follows:

- Cases of a general nature are resolved in accordance with the IPC Handbook.

Changes since Sochi 2014

The athlete quota has changed to from 50 to 60 (mixed gender) and from 10 to 12 teams.

Qualification System for Wheelchair Curling

The following information is taken from the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, a publication updated by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in May 2016.

Athletes Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
12*	12*	36	60

* Both genders must be represented on each team.

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete or team.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) team qualification slot.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes. Both genders must be represented on each team.

Qualification System

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

Method	Qualification	Total																								
Paralympic Qualification Points List Allocation	The eleven (11) highest ranked teams on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the WCF 2017 Wheelchair Curling World Championship will each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC. Qualification Points are awarded at the 2015, 2016 and 2017 World Championships according to the following matrix:	11 teams																								
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If two or more teams are tied for the final qualification slot(s) then the team(s) with the highest finish at the 2017 World Championship will be awarded the slot(s).																										
Scotland will earn the qualification points for Great Britain (GBR). England and Wales are not entitled to earn qualifying points. Should they finish in the Top-10 at any World Championship, they will be removed from the points list, and the points will be redistributed to the team(s) below them as appropriate.																										
Host Country Allocation	The host country (Republic of Korea) qualifies one (1) team.	1 team																								
Total		12 teams																								

Qualification Timeline

Date	Milestone
7 - 13 February 2015	WCF 2015 World Championship, Lohja, Finland
21 - 28 February 2016	WCF 2016 World Championship, Lucerne, Switzerland
March 2017	WCF 2017 World Championship, Gangneung, South Korea
March 2017	End of the period for teams to achieve points on the WCF Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Qualification Points List for qualification slot allocation
30 April 2017	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
30 June 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WCF the use of allocated team qualification slots
31 July 2017	WCF confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots

8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 30 June 2017 each NPC must confirm to WCF in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their team qualification slot. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WCF may reallocate them.

By 31 July 2017 WCF will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By 31 July 2017 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated team slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WCF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Paralympic Qualification Points List or if required the WCF World Wheelchair Ranking.

Note: For complete and updated information on all elements of the qualification criteria for athletes, please refer to the official text in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, which is regularly updated by IPC on its website (www.paralympic.org)

General Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC and WCF Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for wheelchair curling, as laid down in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, may compete in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

Nationality of Competitors

Any athlete in the Paralympic Winter Games must be a national of the country/territory of the NPC entering him/her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athletes Nationality Code.

Classification

Please refer to the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Classification Guide to get detailed information on classification policies and procedures. PyeongChang 2018 will publish this guide in late February and will be available on the NPC Extranet (extranet.pyeongchang2018.com).

Sport Entries and Qualifications for Paralympic Games (PEQ)

The PyeongChang 2018 Games will implement the online sport entries system (eSEQ) only. The system will provide NPCs with the ability to manage, review and submit their individual athlete and team entries online.

Sport Entries

Entries for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games must be submitted by NPCs through the online entries system, eSEQ. Instructions for the eSEQ system will be distributed to NPCs in advance. All entries must be submitted to PyeongChang 2018 by **21:00 GMT on 23 February 2018 (06:00, Korean time, on 24 February 2018)**.

Eligibility Form

All NPC categories including athletes, coaches, trainers, officials and other members of NPC delegations participating in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will need to complete and sign a copy of the Eligibility Form. Each form must include a signature of a representative of the NPC and the NPC's official stamp. A parent or legal guardian of all participants who are under the age of 14 or who have not reached the age of majority in their country on the date of signing the form must also complete and sign a Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgement of Consent for Minors Form. The forms will be distributed electronically to the NPCs. Only original signed copies of the form(s) will be accepted, and must be received at, or prior to, each NPC's Delegation Registration Meeting.

Late Replacements

All replacements requested by NPCs after the final entries deadline of 21:00 GMT on 23 February 2018 (06:00, Korean time, on 24 February 2018) must follow the IPC and PyeongChang 2018's late athlete replacement policy. Details of the late athlete replacement policy for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will be included in the Sport Entries and Qualification Manual, which will be distributed to NPCs in 2017.

Doping Control

During the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, doping control is carried out in accordance with the IPC's anti-doping rules. Urine and blood samples can be collected anytime, anywhere.

The IPC is responsible for the test distribution plan. The selection criteria may include targeted or random selections.

Doping control includes testing for all prohibited substances and methods referred to on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list.

Competition Rules

Competition Management

The PyeongChang 2018's Competition Management team is responsible for organising the wheelchair curling competitions under the supervision of the WCF.

PyeongChang 2018 Competition Management

Vice President of Games Operations

BAEK Sung-il

Director General of Sport

LEE Hong-jae

Sport Director

PARK In-kyu

Deputy Sport Director

Jerry LING

Sport Manager

HONG Jun-pyo

Deputy Sport Manager

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Secretary General

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Eeva ROETHLISBERGER

Assistant Technical Delegate

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Chief Umpire

Michael SCHLATTER

Deputy Chief Umpire

Linda KIRTON

Game Umpires

Anton POROTIKOV

Brenda ROGERS

Michele GOWER

Gregor RIGLER

Daryl KIRTON

Glenda BARROWMAN

KIM Kyung-seog

Chief Ice Technician

Mark CALLAN

Deputy Chief Ice Technician

Stefan ROETHLISBERGER

Chief Timer

Paul SMITH

Deputy Chief Timer

Brian YEATS

Chief Statistician

Michalka RASTISLAV

Medical Officer

Irantzu GARCIA

Competition Format

* In case of any divergences, the Competition Rules in effect prevail.

Tournament

The mixed gender wheelchair curling tournament of the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will be a round robin competition with 12 competing teams. During the round-robin sessions, each team will play against each of the other teams. Based on the results of the round robin, the top four teams will advance to the semifinals held on 16 March 2018. The medal games will be held on 17 March.

Rankings and Tie-Breakers

Rankings within the round robin along with the tie-breaking formulas will be determined in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the WCF Official Rules of Play. The tie-breaker game will take place on 16 March 2018, after completion of the round robin.

WCF Rule 9 - Team Ranking Procedure / Draw Shot Challenge

(a) During the round robin portion of a competition, teams with the same win-loss record will be listed alphabetically, by their three letter code, and ranked equal.

(b) The following criteria (in order) will be used to rank the teams at the completion of the round robin:

- (i) Teams will be ranked according to their win/loss record;
- (ii) If two teams are tied, the team that won their round robin game will be ranked higher;
- (iii) Where three or more teams are tied, the record of the games between the tied teams shall provide the ranking (should this procedure provide a ranking for some teams but not all, then the record of the games between the remaining teams that are still tied shall determine the ranking);
- (iv) For all remaining teams whose ranking cannot be determined by (i) or (ii) or (iii), ranking is determined using the Draw Shot Challenge (DSC). The DSC is the average distance of all the individual Last Stone Draw stones, which were delivered by a team during the round robin.

The two least favourable results will be eliminated when calculating the average distance. The team with the lesser DSC receives the higher ranking. If the DSCs are equal then the team with the best non-equal counting LSD receives the higher ranking. In the case where all counting LSDs are equal the team ranked higher in the WCF World Rankings is ranked higher.

(v) In events where a single loss eliminates a team from the competition, teams eliminated during the same session will be listed alphabetically, by their three letter code, and ranked equal.

(c) When teams are tied for a play-off position, a maximum of one session of tie-breakers will be played to determine which team(s) advances to the play-offs. Team(s) can be eliminated, without playing an extra game, if more than one session of tie-breakers would be required.

Fifth through Twelfth Place

In the round robin, each team competes against each of the other teams. After the round robin, all 12 teams are ranked according to their win/loss record. The top four qualify to the semi-finals. If two or more teams are tied for a qualifying position, tiebreaker games (a maximum of one tie-breaker session) will be played to break the ties and decide which teams qualify. For teams ranked 5th to 12th after the round robin and tiebreaker games (if any), these will be their final rankings in the tournament.

Team Meetings

The team meeting will be held in the Press Conference Room on 8 March 2018.

The WCF, in consultation with PyeongChang 2018, will establish the Round Robin schedule in 2017.

Protests

In accordance with the WCF Official Rules of Play and Competition Handbook, the Chief Umpire will decide the outcome of all protests and appeals.

Competition Uniforms

Uniforms worn during competition must comply with WCF and IPC Regulations.

Awards

Victory Ceremonies will take place at the Gangneung Curling Centre immediately following the completion of medal events.