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## **Motion to change the residency rules as it pertains to Canadian Wheelchair curling.**

A Provincial / Territorial Member Association, unable to field a team of a minimum of four (4) athletes representing both genders at the Canadian Wheelchair Championship due to a player shortage, may request a **residency exemption**.

The Member Association may contact any other Member Association requesting a replacement player from their jurisdiction to a maximum of one (1) player. The replacement player may have participated in their own provincial/territorial wheelchair playdown process and still be available for selection.

The Member Association considering the request may:

- Refuse the request without prejudice; or,
- Agree to the request by providing a pool of players available for selection.

Any player selected must be fully eligible to compete in the Canadian Wheelchair Championship as per Curling Canada's current residency and eligibility rules.

Any selected player will sign the participation agreement for the Canadian Wheelchair Championship and will be considered a full member of the Member Association provincial / territorial championship team making the request.

There will be a two (2) consecutive year limit for this exemption request by any Member Association. There is an expectation that each Member Association will recruit and develop sufficient players of both genders to field a full 4-person team.

If the Member Association is still short a player in the third consecutive year, they will be required to request a special exemption from Curling Canada.

## **Rationale**

*A number of our Provincial / Territorial Member Associations are experiencing dwindling numbers of experienced women wheelchair curlers to compete nationally. (Note: this exemption is available for players of both genders.)*

*While we all understand the need to continue to grow capacity in this discipline, Curling Canada would like to propose the following residency exemption for wheelchair curling for two reasons:*

- (1) The inability of a significant number of our Member Associations to field teams at the national championship would have a negative impact on the Canadian Wheelchair Championship and the communities hosting it.*
- (2) This will allow time for our MAs to continue to develop programmes to recruit and advance new players creating a sustainable pool of players to field home grown teams at future Canadian Wheelchair Championship.*

Respectfully,  
Curling Canada