

10. Advertising, Cresting

Advertising (cresting) shall be permitted on a player's on-ice uniform and equipment as follows:

a. Advertising shall consist of cloth patch(es), embroidery or screen printing, in the same positions for each team member, neatly attached to the uniform and professional in appearance.

b. Sponsor crests on team uniforms are generally allowed but must be pre-approved by the USCA. To avoid disappointment, the USCA advises teams to request approval for all sponsor cresting by writing to the national office at least 30 days in advance of the event.

c. Up to five sponsor crests may be worn on a team's uniform. The locations of team uniforms that are authorized for sponsor crests are limited to:

- the upper arm that is not taken by the USCA Trials patch
- on either side of the chest (a USCA sponsor has priority for one side)
- the lower left or lower right pocket area (i.e., waist level on an outer jacket or sweater)
- the exposed neck area of a turtleneck shirt or sweater
- the calf area on tights, slacks or pants
- the ankle area on tights or pants

One or two crests may be worn at each location above, subject to the overall limit of five crests. In addition, teams will be allowed to wear a sponsor patch on the back where the state and region patch typically is worn. The back patch cannot exceed 100 square inches.

d. The size limit for sponsor crests is 16 square inches, with a maximum dimension of 6 inches

e. The USCA reserves the right that the Chief Umpire may direct any team or player to remove any advertising deemed objectionable by the USCA, before they are allowed on the ice. All sponsor crests must be in good taste, as defined by the Chief Umpire. Any appeal of the Chief Umpire's ruling to ban a crest is subject to immediate review by the USCA On-Site Board of Review Committee appointed by the president. The USCA reserves the right to mandate that the teams will wear certain articles of clothing and/or sponsor crests while competing at the Trials and world championships if such clothing is furnished or paid for by the USCA or its sponsors.

11. Media

By entering the Trials at any level of play, athletes and their coaches waive their rights to broadcast or print media royalties and permit editorial use of their image and description by the media. Athletes and coaches are advised that the USCA Trials are a commercial property owned exclusively by the USCA.

12. Drug Testing

By entering any competition, all players acknowledge that they are subject to testing for substances banned by the USCA, the U.S. Anti Doping Agency (USADA), and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) substance abuse program, in accordance with the USOC/USADA testing standards and procedures, and that by failing such a test, or by refusing to be tested, the player will be subject to disqualification. (See section of the WCF Rules of Play Booklet for world championship doping procedures.) For information regarding banned substances, call the USOC/USADA Drug Hotline: 1-800-233-0393.

SECTION II –THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. WORLD TEAM TRIALS

March 4–12, 2006 Bemidji (Minn.) Curling Club

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1. Overview:

The World Team selection playdown system is open to all US citizens and is not geographically based. The Trials finals will be populated using a three-tiered playdown system (Preliminaries, Qualifier and Challenge Rounds) for 32 teams or more. A two-tiered system (Qualifier and Challenge Rounds) will be used if the total entries drop below 32 teams. The women's system is two-tiered only (Qualifier and Challenge Rounds). In all systems, teams can earn points toward a possible exemption from the Preliminary and/or Qualifying Rounds by competing in approved WCT and other cashspiels. See the USCA web site for details regarding the WCT Points system.

2. Event Eligibility:

Any player who is a citizen of the United States as of the registration deadline may be eligible. Players need not be residents of the United States. Players must also be paid members of the USCA as described in Section I.

The Olympic Trials winner shall be allotted a berth in the Trials finals provided that they declare in writing (including \$450.00 entry fee) to the USCA office by entry deadline date their intent to compete in the 2006 World Team Trials or the berth shall be forfeited. A team must have 4 of its 5 Olympic Trials winning players (or 3 of its 4 Olympic Trials winning players in the case of a Trials team that entered the Trials without a 5th player) or the berth