

## Wheelchair Curling Policy

This document outlines supplementary policies for wheelchair curling as mentioned in the "Rules of Curling". It is the responsibility of each player and coach to ensure that these policies are met.

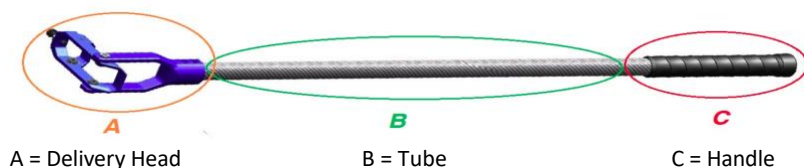
### DELIVERY STICKS

The World Curling Federation (WCF) will not conduct a certification process nor an official approval process for delivery sticks in wheelchair curling. The WCF will offer annual consultation services to provide advice on a product's conformation to the standards. A sample product needs to be received by the WCF prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Feedback and advice will be completed by 31 July. A fee may apply.

#### Delivery Stick Standards

The delivery stick shall not convey any mechanical advantage other than acting as an extension of the arm/hand. Mechanical advantage is defined as the amplification of a force. Examples that can exert such a force are, but not limited to springs and pistons.

This diagram describes the terminology of a delivery stick.



The delivery stick must also abide by the following:

- It cannot contain any part that automatically aims or assists in aiming the stone.
- It cannot contain any part that adjusts the weight/speed of the stone.
- The overall length of the delivery stick must be no greater than 2.45m/8 feet. This measurement is taken when the stick is lying on a horizontal plane. It is defined as the distance from the furthest point on the handle to the outstretched end of the delivery head.
- The tube must be hollow and static in length throughout the delivery. However, adjustment of tube length is allowed between shots.
- Customisation of the handle, tube and delivery head are allowed if they fall within the "Wheelchair Curling Policy". Examples include tape, velcro and silicon.
- If the delivery stick conforms to the standards given it does not matter where the force is applied to the stone handle.
- Throughout the delivery movement a fixed connection must occur between the athlete through the handle, tube and delivery head.

Please further note from the "Rules of Curling":

*Rule 10 (c): "Teams must not use electronic communication equipment, or any device to modify the voice during a game. With the exception of stopwatches that are limited to providing 'time' data only, the use of electronic devices during the games, which provide information to players on the field of play, are forbidden".*

#### Delivery Stick Penalties

The penalty for using a delivery stick in WCF competition games or practices, that does not conform to standards for Competition Equipment established by the WCF:

- First team offence during a competition: the player is disqualified from the competition and the team forfeits the game.
- Second team offence during a competition: the team is disqualified from the competition and all players are not permitted to play in WCF competitions for a 12-month period (365 days).

All teams will be allowed a maximum of eight delivery sticks within the field of play and any player can use any of those eight sticks at any time. A player may not change one of the eight delivery sticks during a game, or during / after a pre-game practice, unless the Chief Umpire grants special permission. Permission will be granted if the tube, handle or delivery head are damaged in an accidental manner. Penalty: If a change is made without permission, the team will forfeit the game. If you alternate a player during a game you may replace a maximum of two delivery sticks.