



EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS C-DIVISION 2017
7 – 13 May
ANDORRA

COMPETITOR'S GUIDE

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Competitor's Guide

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European Curling Championships C-Division 2017 Andorra

President's Welcome Message

On behalf of the World Curling Federation and our 56 Member Associations, I would like to congratulate you on earning the right to represent your country at the European Curling Championships C-Division 2017 in Andorra.

For some of you, this may be your first time competing at an international level which will make it an unforgettable experience and develop you individually as curlers, and of course give you the opportunity to forge new friendships.

Your goal is qualifying for the championships, which will take place in St. Gallen, Switzerland later this year and I wish you all good luck and good curling.

The local organising committee are doing everything they can to ensure the success of this event and that everyone enjoys their time in this beautiful part of the world.

Within this guide you will find valuable information that will help you prepare for this event and will answer any questions you may have.

I hope you find the information provided useful and I wish you the utmost success and enjoyment at this, the European Curling Championships C-Division 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Caithness".

**Kate Caithness OBE
President
World Curling Federation**



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Michael Jörgensen (SWE)
Alexander Orlov (RUS)

Chief Ice Technician Mark Callan (SCO)
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VENUE

Palau de Gel d'Andorra

Crta General

AD100 Canillo

Principat d'Andorra

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The ice rink is situated in Canillo, at an altitude of 1525m, the best conditions for athletes to improve their physical performance.

The Palau de Gel de Canillo is located in the centre of the city of Canillo. This allows easy access to different services (shops, restaurants, hotels). The venue includes an Olympic Ice Rink (60m x 30m) and seats for up to 1500 spectators. It has changing rooms and showers.

There is also a heated Pool (25m x 12.50m) with a depth of 1.60m - 2.10m as well as a gym and a restaurant with bar service.

ACCOMMODATION

There are all different accommodations, but the OC is recommending the following two options:

Hotel Ski Plaza Andorra
Carrer Prat del Riu, AD100 Canillo

Hotel Benavidez
Peu del Carrer, 1. AD100 CANILLO



Accommodation booking forms were distributed to the participating Member Associations. Those forms must be returned no later than **3 April 2017** to faeg@faeg.ad to guarantee your booking.

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are included in the official hotel packages (not in the apartments which are accommodation only). You can buy tickets for additional meals with the hotel booking form or by contacting Ana Macias from the Organising Committee: faeg@faeg.ad.



DRAW SCHEDULE

1. World Curling Federation (WCF) rules apply, unless otherwise indicated below or explained at the Team Meeting on 7 May at 12:30 in the auditorium at the venue.
2. The Women (8 teams) and the Men (10 teams) are each placed in a group and play a single round robin series. At the end of the round robin there will be a ranking established for places 1 to 4 using the October 2016 WCF Rules of Competition (C9) - Team Ranking Procedure. The team ranked 1st will play against the team ranked 2nd, the winner qualifies their Association for the 2017 European Curling Championship B-Division and wins the Gold medal. Also, the team ranked 3rd will play against the team ranked 4th. The loser of the 1 v 2 game will then play the winner of the 3 v 4 game, that winner also qualifies their Association for the 2017 European Curling Championship B-Division and wins the Silver medal; the loser receives the Bronze medal.
3. All games will be ten (10) ends, with extra end(s) to break tied games.
4. There will be a nine (9) minute practice for each team before each round robin game. The practice starts 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. The team with the first practice during the round robin will be the team with dark stones, except for the first game where a coin toss will determine 1st and 2nd practice.
5. At the conclusion of the team's pre-game practice, two players each deliver a stone to the tee at the home end; the first stone with a clockwise rotation, and the second stone with a counter-clockwise rotation. The distances are combined to determine the Last Stone Draw (LSD) for that game. The team with the lesser LSD distance has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end. If the LSD totals for both teams are the same, the individual LSD stones are compared and the best non-equal LSD has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end. When both teams have the exact same individual LSD stone distances, a coin toss will be used to determine that choice.
6. First named teams in each draw play the stones with the dark coloured handles, and wear dark coloured upper playing garments. Second named teams in each draw play the stones with the light coloured handles, and wear light coloured upper playing garments. Note: red is considered a dark colour.
7. NOTE: There will only be one session of tie-breaker games (Rule C9).
8. The Chief Umpire will determine the schedule and ice for all post round robin games as soon as the number of games required and the opponents have been determined.

Women
aut - Austria
cro - Croatia
esp - Spain
irl - Ireland
pol - Poland
rou - Romania
slo - Slovenia
svk - Slovakia

Men
AND - Andorra
BLR - Belarus
BUL - Bulgaria
CRO - Croatia
ESP - Spain
FRA - France
IRL - Ireland
LUX - Luxembourg
ROU - Romania
SRB - Serbia



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DRAW SCHEDULE

www.worldcurling.org/ecc2017

Local Time = Central European Time = GMT +1 hours

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PLAYING SCHEDULE																				
Day	D	M	Draw	Time	Sheet A		Sheet B		Sheet C		Sheet D		Sheet E							
Sat	6	May	Men & Women		Arrival of the teams...															
Sun	7	May	Men & Women		Team Training / Team Meeting / Welcome Reception															
Mon	8	May	M1	0900	LUX	v	BLR	AND	v	BUL	FRA	v	CRO	ESP	v	IRL	ROU	v	SRB	
			w1	1330	irl	v	slo	esp	v	cro	svk	v	pol	aut	v	rou				
			M2	1830	BUL	v	ESP	BLR	v	IRL	ROU	v	LUX	SRB	v	CRO	AND	v	FRA	
Tue	9	May	w2	0800	aut	v	irl	cro	v	pol	esp	v	rou	svk	v	slo				
			M3	1200	CRO	v	AND	LUX	v	SRB	BLR	v	ESP	FRA	v	ROU	BUL	v	IRL	
			w3	1600	slo	v	esp	rou	v	svk	cro	v	irl	pol	v	aut				
			M4	2000	IRL	v	ROU	FRA	v	ESP	SRB	v	BUL	CRO	v	LUX	BLR	v	AND	
Wed	10	May	w4	0900	svk	v	cro	irl	v	rou	aut	v	esp	slo	v	pol				
			M5	1330	FRA	v	BUL	ROU	v	BLR	LUX	v	IRL	AND	v	SRB	ESP	v	CRO	
			w5	1830	cro	v	aut	pol	v	irl	rou	v	slo	esp	v	svk				
Thu	11	May	M6	0900	ROU	v	CRO	BUL	v	LUX	ESP	v	AND	IRL	v	FRA	SRB	v	BLR	
			w6	1330	esp	v	pol	aut	v	slo	irl	v	svk	rou	v	cro				
			M7	1830	AND	v	IRL	SRB	v	FRA	CRO	v	BLR	ROU	v	BUL	LUX	v	ESP	
Fri	12	May	M8	0800	BLR	v	FRA	ESP	v	ROU	IRL	v	SRB	LUX	v	AND	CRO	v	BUL	
			w7	1200	pol	v	rou	svk	v	aut	slo	v	cro	irl	v	esp				
			M9	1600	ESP	v	SRB	IRL	v	CRO	AND	v	ROU	BUL	v	BLR	FRA	v	LUX	
			M/w	2000	Tie-breaker Games (if required)															
Sat	13	May	M/w	0900	1 v 2 (winner = Gold Medal, qualifies ECC-B) + 3 v 4															
			M/w	1430	Loser (1 v 2) v Winner (3 v 4) ... winner = Silver Medal, qualifies ECC-B Loser = Bronze Medal															

PRACTICE SCHEDULE & OFFICIAL EVENTS																				
Day	D	M			Sheet A		Sheet B		Sheet C		Sheet D		Sheet E							
Sun	7	May	1000 - 1100		pol		irl		slo		svk									
			1115 - 1215		aut		rou		esp		cro									
			1230		Team Meeting (auditorium at the venue) & Ice Maintenance															
			1400 - 1500		SRB		LUX		BLR		FRA		BUL							
			1515 - 1615		IRL		ROU		AND		CRO		ESP							
			1930		Welcome Reception - Restaurant Palau de Gel d'Andorra (venue)															
Sat	13	May	1730 (Approx.)		Closing Ceremony directly after the final at the venue															
			2000		Closing Banquet - Ski Plaza Hotel															

Men's teams practice for 12 mins on a sheet, rotating from A to B to C to D to E.

Women's teams practice for 15 mins on a sheet, rotating from A to B to C to D.



TEAM MEETING

The team meeting chaired by the Technical Delegate and the Chief Umpire will be held at auditorium Palau de Gel de Andorra (2nd floor) on Sunday 7 May at 12:30.

Attendance is mandatory for all team members and coaches.

The Team Meeting document will be distributed to all participating teams through their Member Associations.

FUNCTIONS

During the Championship there will be mandatory functions to be attended by all team members and coaches in team uniforms appropriate to the occasion. Teams are requested not to leave these official functions before team introductions have been made and all speeches and thanks have been given.

Sunday	07 May	19:30	Welcome Reception – at Ice restaurant (Palau de Gel)
Saturday	13 May	17:30	Closing Ceremony on ice (immediately following the final)
Saturday	13 May	20:00	Farewell Banquet – at Ski Plaza Hotel

WELCOME RECEPTION AND FAREWELL BANQUET

The Welcome Reception is free of charge for the teams (max. 5 players and one coach, as listed in the programme). Any additional tickets can be ordered with the hotel reservation form.

Tickets for the Closing Banquet are **EUR 40.00** per person. Tickets must be purchased with the hotel reservation form or by email at faeg@faeg.ad.

A last minute purchase for any Closing Banquet tickets can be made on-site at the accreditation centre before **10 May 2017 at 12:00**.

DRESS CODE

For the Opening Reception, you may either wear your playing uniform or casual dress.

The Closing Ceremony is on-ice so please wear your playing uniform.

The Farewell Banquet is considered semi-formal so business attire is requested.

Please note: Blue jeans are prohibited at all official functions.

MEDIA RELATIONS

There may be international, national and local media coverage of the event. The WCF and Organising Committee request that players grant interviews as requested by the media. Words of caution however, make certain you do not make reference to any matters you do not wish quoted. If you have a specific complaint about the event, please express it to the appropriate official of the WCF, not to the media.



PINS AND BADGES

Prior to the commencement of all round-robin games it is customary for each team member to exchange with his or her opposite competitor a pin, badge or banner representative of his or her club, region or Member Association as a souvenir gift. The teams' Member Association should arrange the required supply of these items.

MEDICAL SERVICES

First-aid medical services will be available at the venue and at the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell Hospital which is a 17 minute (11 km) drive away.

RULES

The competition will be played under the World Curling Federation rules, as published in the Rules of Curling and the Rules of Competition - October 2016.

It is the duty of all players and coaches to become fully acquainted with all rules prior to the team meeting.

The final authority for the operation and general conduct of the World Curling Federation events rests with the President of the Federation and her appointee(s).

Competitors should note that the WCF forbids doping and maintains an active policy to prevent the supply and taking of "prohibited substances" to or by players, coaches, umpires, officials or other agents involved with the conduct of the sport of curling. "Prohibited substances" shall be those substances which shall from time to time appear on lists prepared by the World Anti-Doping Agency and which have been shown to affect an individual's physical or mental condition and thereby influence the sporting performance of players or officials.

DOPE TESTING

Dope testing may be carried out during the competition, and any competitors who are currently taking any medication, which is on the banned list of substances, must firstly seek expert medical advice on the possibility of it being substituted by a comparable substance which is not on the banned list. If this is not possible, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in respect of the banned substance should have been made by **1 April 2017** to the World Curling Federation, 3 Atholl Crescent, Perth, PH1 5NG, Scotland, email: tue@worldcurling.org.

A copy of the list of banned substances and methods as issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), TUE information, TUE application form and the WCF Anti-Doping Rules can be found on the following link: <http://www.worldcurling.org/anti-doping-and-medical>

If TUE applications have not been returned by **1 April 2017** the granting of TUE by the WCF prior to the Competition cannot be guaranteed.

The Anti-Doping Rules of the World Curling Federation will apply and the Anti-Doping Rules consent form should have been signed by all participants in the competition and returned to the WCF by email to info@worldcurling.org by **1 April 2017**.

The WCF is required by the WADA to follow these procedures. It is therefore extremely important that ALL ATHLETES who may participate at WCF events are fully aware of these requirements and also provided with the necessary medical advice.



CRESTING POLICY

There are **six (6)** positions for crests and badges;

- **THE RIGHT CHEST (1) AND UPPER LEFT ARM (1):** will be reserved for the event, or an event crest of the Host Committee.
- **THE LEFT CHEST AND UPPER RIGHT ARM (total of 3):** reserved for team sponsor's crests or Member Association's emblem:

Option 1: The left chest (1), and upper right arm (2), for a maximum of 3 crests, **OR**
Option 2: The left chest (2) and upper right arm (1), for a maximum of 3 crests

- **ON THE LEG (1)** will be reserved for a team sponsor's crest. All team members need not wear the crest on the same leg (depends on right or left handed), but the crests must be at the same height and location on the leg.

Total crest size (edge to edge) shall not be greater than 10cm (4 inches) or not greater than 100 square centimetres (16 square inches). All team sponsors' cresting must have the approval of the team's Member Association. A clothing manufacturer's trademark may be displayed provided it is not greater than 20 square centimetres (3.1 square inches) on jackets and trousers and not greater than 6 square centimetres (0.93 square inches) on any other item of clothing, including hats.

Hats: The only logo permitted, in addition to the manufacturer's logo, is either that of the Event, or the athlete's Member Association.

Team or Member Associations sponsors cresting will only be permitted if they advertise companies or organisations who carry out business in the country represented by the team concerned, and do not conflict with any sponsor of WCF events. Member Associations shall register sponsor names, and business category with a photograph or diagram in actual size with the WCF no later than **1 May 2017**. The WCF will confirm approval in writing. Every effort will be made to facilitate the acceptance of team sponsor requests. Sponsor names registered later, or not registered, may not be approved by the WCF. Crests that are not approved must be removed from the on-ice uniform.

Cresting placement should be the same for all team members on all playing-garments, except on the leg, where the location must be the same, but the leg can be different depending on whether the player is left or right handed.

No cresting shall be permitted in any other area, or on other items of clothing or curling equipment without prior application to, and approval of the World Curling Federation.

All members of team support staff with On-Ice Accreditation must also adhere to the stated cresting policy.

Each team member shall wear identical uniforms for all games. Each garment (shirt, jacket or sweater) shall have the player's surname in 2-inch (5cm) letters across the upper back of the garment, and the country name in 2-inch (5cm), or larger letters, across the back above the waist. If desired, a national emblem may also be worn on the back, but only in addition to the country name and has to be displayed between the player's surname and the country name. The members of a team shall wear light-coloured shirts and playing jackets when delivering stones with light-coloured handles and dark-coloured shirts and playing jackets when delivering stones with dark handles (red is considered a dark colour). Upper playing garments of all team members must be the same colour during the competition.

When two players have the same surname, the first letter of their given name shall be added to the player's name on the garment. If the first letter is also the same either another initial should be added, or the full or abbreviated given names shown.

All Member Associations shall register the colour of the outer garments, jackets, or sweaters to be used by their teams when competing in WCF events. **Please register your colours by 1 May 2017.**



AIRPORT TRANSFER

Transportation from the airport will be made by "Andbus". It is a regular service that leaves from the airport every 2 hours. The cost of the transfer is 76 Euro per person (round trip).

If you want to book this transfer, please send your arrival and departure flight information to the Organising committee (faeg@faeg.ad) by **no later than 3 April 2017**.

PASSPORTS

Andorra has no visa requirements and requires only a passport or European Union national identity card for entrance. However, since the country is only accessible via the Schengen countries Spain or France, entrance is not possible without entering the Schengen area first and the Schengen visa rules can therefore be regarded to apply *de facto*. Because Andorra is not part of the Schengen area, a multiple entry visa is required to re-enter the Schengen area when leaving Andorra.

For up-to-date details on visa requirements go to: <http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/schengen-visa-application-requirements>

INSURANCE

All team members and officials are responsible for their own travel and medical insurance.

LAUNDRY

The hotel has laundry and dry cleaning services. Further details will be available at the reception.

LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency in Andorra is the Euro (€).

Currency exchange rates may be found at:

- XE Currency Converter - www.xe.com
- Google Finance - <http://www.google.com/finance/converter>

COUNTRY DIALING CODES

Dialling into Andorra:	+ 376
Emergencies:	112 – Any emergency
	110 – Police
	118 – Fire department
	116 – Medical emergencies

POWER ADAPTERS

In Andorra the standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets used are of type F.



TYPE C EUROPEAN 2-PIN



TYPE F SCHUKO PLUG

TIPPING

Tipping in Andorra is entirely optional, as in Spain and France. Tipping is, however, well regarded and is common to leave around 5 to 10% of the cost in bars and restaurants if you are specially satisfied.

WEATHER

Local weather information may be found at: <http://www.accuweather.com/en/ad/andorra-la-vella/2097/daily-weather-forecast/2097>

INTERNATIONAL CONSULATES

For a list of embassies and consulates follow this link:
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/andorra>

WATER

Tap water in Andorra is perfectly safe to drink. However, it might be different in composition to water in your home country, therefore it might upset your stomach. To avoid this unpleasant situation, it is recommended to drink the local bottled water.

SMOKING

Andorra has a ban on smoking in public places since the 13th of December 2012. Exceptions are made for bars and restaurants that have specific smoking rooms in which no food or drinks may be served.

LANGUAGE

Andorra's official language is Catalan; however, Spanish is the dominant language of communication among people of different linguistic backgrounds. French is widely spoken, especially in Pas de la Casa. Portuguese is the native language of 13% of the population. English is widely spoken by those involved in the tourism industry.

Basic Catalan

Guide to abbreviations: inf = informal, frm = formal, sg = singular (to one person), pl = plural (to two or more people), >m = said to men, >f = said to women

English	Catalan
Welcome	Benvingut (>m) Benvinguda (>f) Benvinguts (pl) Benvingudes (pl/f)
Hello	Hola
How are you?	Com estàs? (inf) Com està? (frm)
Reply to "how are you"	Bé, gràcies, i tu? (inf) Bé, gràcies, i vostè? (frm)
What's your name?	Com et dius? (inf) Com es diu? (frm)
My name is ...	Em dic ...
Where are you from?	D'on ets? (inf) D'on és vostè? (frm)
I'm from ...	Sóc de ...
Good morning	Bon dia
Good afternoon	Bona tarde
Good evening / good night	Bona nit
Goodbye	Adéu (goodbye) A revuere (see you) Que vagi bé (take care) Fins ara (see you soon) Fins després (see you later) Ja ens veurem (will be in touch)
Cheers! Good Health! (Toasts used when drinking)	Salut! Txin Txin!
I don't understand	No ho entenc
Yes	Sí
No	No
I don't know	No sé
Do you speak English?	Que parla anglès? Parla anglès? (frm) Parles anglès? (inf)
Sorry	Perdó! Em sap greu
Please	Sisplau
Thank you	Gràcies Moltes gràcies
Reply to "thank you"	De res
Help!	Socors! Auxili!



English	Catalan
0	Zero
1	Un
2	Dos
3	Tres
4	Quatre
5	Cinc
6	Sis
7	Set
8	Vuit
9	Nou
10	Deu
100	Cent
1000	Mil