



2024 Best of the West Qualifying Criteria

1. The SGI CANADA Best of the West players and teams will be invited based on Canadian Team Ranking System Points from the 2023-2024 season.
 - a. 12 Men's and 12 Women's teams will be invited on February 14th, 2024.
 - i. 2 Men's and 2 Women's teams from British Columbia
 - ii. 2 Men's and 2 Women's teams from Alberta
 - iii. 2 Men's and 2 Women's teams from Saskatchewan
 - iv. 2 Men's and 2 Women's teams from Manitoba
 - v. 4 Men's and 4 Women's Wildcard teams from BC, AB, SK, or MB
 - b. Teams must maintain 3 out of 4 eligible players from their respective Men's and Women's teams from the 2023-2024 season in order to be considered for an invite.
 - c. For qualification, teams are allowed to count their best 7 CTRS events from the 2023-2024 season up until February 14, 2024.
 - d. Teams that qualify for the Brier or Scotties National Championships will NOT be eligible to play in the BOTW.

2. **A team's age eligibility is based on the teams age as of June 30th, 2023. The cumulative team age must not exceed 120 years, and no athlete can be 40 years of age and older. A team cannot have a player 40 years of age and older registered on the team roster at any point and be eligible even if 3 of 4 are age eligible.**
 - a. 3 out of the 4 players must play in their respective provinces provincial playdown they are representing at the SGI CANADA Best of the West in the 2023-2024 season.
 - b. Must be your declared roster on all World Curling Tour Ranking System events as of October 1, 2023.
 - c. **5 person teams:**
If one of your 5 players is not age eligible then the remaining 4 players cumulative age will be calculated providing all remaining players are within the age threshold.
 - d. 5 person teams MUST have 4 of 5 players present at the event. 3 of 5 will not count and will be ineligible to be invited.
 - e. All Wildcard teams must have played together in their respective Provincial Playdown (CURLSASK, CurlManitoba, Curling Alberta, Curl BC).
 - f. Teams import players are permitted to reside anywhere in Canada.

3. Teams will be invited on February 14, 2024 and will be given until February 21st, 2024 to accept their event invite.

- a. If a team(s) declines an invite to the SGI CANADA Best of the West or is deemed unable to compete, the Event Chairs will go four spots down the CTRS list. If two teams cannot be declared out of the four teams that are asked, Event Chairs will have the right to pick a team.
4. The Event Chairs may consult with Curling Canada Member Association High Performance Directors (CURLSASK, CurlManitoba, Curling Alberta, and Curl BC) to receive their recommendations on which teams the Event Chairs should invite if a province is unable to field a team under the criteria stated in points #1, #2, and or #3.
5. The SGI CANADA Best of the West Event Chairs will make all final decisions on team selections for the event.