List of edits to the USCA Rules of Curling & Competition (for 2013-2014)

Grammatical edits, editing marks, and other changes of lesser significance have not been included.

- In the Table of Contents, the Arena Nationals and Olympic Trials were added. The Wheelchair Tryouts and WUGs were removed.

Section I – Rules of Curling

- Removed reference to *WUGs* event and *Wheelchair Tryouts* (no event for the upcoming season) and added the *Arena Curling Championships*.

Section II – General Rules and Guidelines

- Under *1.* Overview: *"For any national event that leads to a world event, the WCF Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition also apply. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the WCF rules by going to: http://www.worldcurling.org/rules-and-regulations." was added.*
- Under *2.* General Eligibility: "*Every team member, including fifth players (alternates) AND coaches must have completed online registration and have their names listed on a respective participant report from the national office, before being allowed to step onto the ice during a championship event. Team members can be added electronically at the venue if an internet connection is available (see the chief umpire). Alternatively, if necessary, a team member can call the national office during regular business hours (excluding holidays) for registration assistance, providing assistance is available. The Chief Umpire or Deputy Chief Umpire, or his or her designated substitute, must be provided with acceptable proof of registration and will screen the athlete or coach for the appropriate participation requirements. If applicable, acceptable proof of citizenship must also be provided (see #3. Entry Process, Deadlines, and Fees for information). Proof of citizenship is not required if registrant is already listed on the proof of citizenship list on the USA Curling website.*
  Coaches must be at least 21 years of age, register through the Coaches Association, and complete at least the minimum requirements.
  Non-registered players or those who knowingly provide false information are subject to disqualification. If registration information is intentionally falsified and an individual is found to be ineligible because of it, the player will not be allowed to compete, entry fees will not be refunded, and the entire team's entry could be determined ineligible to compete due to a lack of personnel." was added.
- Under 2. General Eligibility: *"Athletes should check with their club to ensure that their names appear on the club dues/ membership roster similar to the way they appear in the Sports Signup (SSU) online registration system. Updates can be made by the athletes to their personal SSU accounts if necessary."* was added.
- Under the Proof of Citizenship section: the second paragraph, first sentence regarding junior nationals entries, after the word "*information*" text following was added "*included within the online registration questions*."

- Under 3. Entry Process, Deadlines and Fees: information about taking checks for entry fee payments has been removed. Information regarding coaches registering with the coaches association was added.
- Under 7. USCA Format Policy: information regarding seeding has been edited.
- Under listing #*9.* Personnel: Registered Players – the second sentence has been update to read *"A team may start, play, and/or end a competition with three of their registered four or five players, except during the Mixed Nationals where four players are required. There is no option for a player to resign from a team, or to be replaced*."
- Under the "Caution" heading of 9. the text has been updated to read: *"Players are registered on a team as of the entry deadline. Teams registering five players have* ***NO*** *option to add an additional player for any reason except at the World Championships and U.S. Olympic Team Trials as noted below. The Request for Ruling Committee may grant exceptions to this rule for extreme hardship."* Similar information was added under the "Four-Person Team Events" section.
- The "*Coaches"* section was updated to be in line with the actual requirements of the Coaches Association.
- Under "Regional Playdowns and RFRs," a note was added as follows: *"Where an athlete "resides" is the region they will be considered as registering to represent. Registration addresses are reviewed. If not already registered to compete, and if there is any confusion or ambiguity regarding region of residence, call the national office and ask for the event services manager or email entries@usacurl.org for clarification. Please be sure to follow up if you do not get a response within a day or two (during regular work hours) as registration season is an extremely busy time".*
- Under #10. Uniforms, information has been further clarified. Sponsor Cresting information has also been updated to be more clear.
- The Drug Testing section has WADA (World Anti-Doping Association) information added.
- The Supervision section information has been further clarified.
- Under #16. Refund/Withdrawal Policy, overpayments and certain scheduling conflicts were added to the list.

Section III – USCA Championships

- The Arena National Championships rules have been updated and added.
- Under the Club Nationals heading, information about definitions of "league-playing" members has been updated.
- Information regarding the Junior's finals format has been updated.
- Information regarding the Men's and Women's finals format has been updated. USA World Championships Team Qualification Process 2014, Men's and Women's 2-Tier Playdown, and Olympic National Qualifying Trials, has been added.

Section IV – Event Procedures

- Under "Draws," information about peer seeding has been removed.

- Under item "L(b) the text specifies that "*Teams are allowed to meet with a coach, the alternate player and one other team official within the playing area."* information regarding who the "one other team official" can be has been clarified. Only registered individuals listed on the event participant report from the national office are allowed on the ice.
- Under Q. Post Round Robin Advantages, information has been updated.
- Tie Breakers for 2nd Place (Page Playoff Charts) have been removed.

Note: The Championships Schedule, which lists changing event information such as dates, venues, chairperson(s) and their contact information, officials, etc., is no longer published. The new website platform allows USA Curling to list this information for each specific event. If a copy of the most current issue of the Championships Schedule is needed, please email or phone in a request to entries@usacurl.org (888-287-5377 ext. 201).