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## **CURLING: World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2016 to be held in Lucerne, Switzerland**

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LUCERNE, Switzerland - The World Curling Federation (WCF) announced today that the World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2016 will be hosted by Lucerne in Switzerland between 22 and 28 February 2016.

The Championship will be held in Eiszentrum Luzern, a multi sports venue containing a four sheet curling facility close to Lake Lucerne.

This will be the fourth time that this event has been held in Switzerland, following the World Wheelchair Curling Championships in 2002, 2004 and 2008 which were all held in Sursee.

The latest host award means that Switzerland will now host three World Curling Championship events during the 2015/2016 curling season.

The World Mixed Curling Championship 2015 will be held in the capital, Berne (12-19 September) while the World Men's Curling Championship 2016 will be held in Basel (2-10 April).

Speaking of this latest host award, WCF President, Kate Caithness, said: "It is certainly going to be an exciting curling season for Switzerland with three World Curling Championship events being held across the country. This World Wheelchair Curling Championship will be a particularly exciting event as, in addition to teams playing for the world title, it is also the second opportunity for them to gain qualification points towards the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games."

She continued: "With Switzerland's long association with our sport, they have proven time and time again how successful they are at hosting international curling events and I'm sure that the World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2016 will be no exception. Switzerland is a beautiful country and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to these championships throughout the season."

Bruno Schallberger, Chairman of the local organising committee, was also pleased to welcome the event to the city. He said: "We are very proud to host the World Wheelchair Curling Championship once more in Switzerland. It is the fourth time after 2002, 2004 and



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2008, that we have organised this prestigious event, together with the Swiss Paraplegic Association and along with a vastly experienced organising committee.”

He added: “This event will help develop the sport of wheelchair curling in Switzerland. I’m certain that the people of Lucerne will offer all participants an unforgettable experience during their time in the city and we are all extremely excited to welcome everyone to our country!”

The World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2015 is taking place in Lohja, Finland between 7-13 February. More information about that Championship can be found here: <http://wwhcc2015.curlingevents.com>

The top seven placed teams for that event will qualify for the World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2016 in Lucerne, along with hosts Switzerland.

Two other teams will qualify from the World Wheelchair Curling Qualification event 2015 which is also taking place in Lohja, Finland, between 7-12 November, later this year.

Further details about all other WCF events can be found here: [www.worldcurling.org/events](http://www.worldcurling.org/events)

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/WorldWheelchairCurlingChampionships>

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#### **Paralympic Winter Games 2018**

The World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2016 will be the second opportunity for nations to gather qualification points for the Wheelchair Curling competition at the Paralympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, Korea in 2018.

For more information about Pyeongchang 2018, visit:

<http://pyeongchang2018.com>

<http://www.worldcurling.org/curling-at-the-paralympics>

#### **About Wheelchair Curling:**

Wheelchair curling is similar in many ways to its able-bodied parent game, except that teams are mixed gender, no sweeping takes place and each game consists of a maximum eight ends instead of ten.

More information about Wheelchair Curling see: <http://www.worldcurling.org/wheelchair-curling>

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The World Curling Federation (WCF) is the international sport federation governing the Olympic winter sport of curling and the Paralympic winter sport of wheelchair curling. The WCF is one of seven International Sports Federations currently part of the Winter Olympic programme. It represents 54 Member Associations and is generally acknowledged to direct one of the fastest-growing international winter sports.

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