

LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021 moved to Calgary bubble



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Calgary, Canada – The LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021, presented by BKT Tires, will now be held at the WinSport Arena at Canada Olympic Park, in Calgary, Canada from 30 April – 9 May.

The LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021, originally scheduled to take place in Schaffhausen, Switzerland from 19–28 March, was previously cancelled due to the complications caused by the global pandemic.

However, after discussions with all stakeholders, an agreement has been reached for the championship to be moved to Calgary as part of the bubble that includes the BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021.

World Curling Federation President, Kate Caithness, said: "We are delighted to have reached an agreement to hold the LGT World Women's Curling Championship in the Calgary bubble. This is a vitally important championship for Olympic Qualification.

"We are extremely grateful to Curling Canada and all our stakeholders for their willingness to work together, and at such short notice, to ensure that qualification for Beijing 2022 happens on the ice and in competition."

Katherine Henderson, Executive Officer of Curling Canada, said: "The protocols that have been in place for the early events in Calgary have proved successful in keeping athletes, officials and the host city safe, so we feel good about this plan carrying on successfully through to the end of the LGT World Women's Curling Championship.

"Our Board of Governors has been truly supportive of our plans from day one as we started down this road, and then as this late situation presented itself, they again stood behind us. It is a result of the positive relationships between our Board and the World Curling Federation that we have been entrusted with this opportunity"

The LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021 will feature 14 teams – Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, The Russian Curling Federation Team, Scotland, Sweden, reigning champions Switzerland and United States competing for the world title. The six highest ranking National Olympic Committees will earn their place in the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games women's team competition.

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LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021 cancelled



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Schaffhausen, Switzerland – The LGT World Women's Curling Championship 2021 scheduled to take place from 19–28 March in Schaffhausen, Switzerland has been cancelled following a decision by the Swiss Local Health Authority not to support the event.

The World Curling Federation and the event's Local Organising Committee were informed that due to the current pandemic situation and concerns around the spread of new variants, permission to host an international sporting event will not be granted. This decision was made despite the extensive efforts by the World Curling Federation, the local organisers and Swiss Curling to develop a set of comprehensive safety protocols to deliver a COVID-safe event.

World Curling Federation President, Kate Caithness, said: "Our staff and the local organisers had worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all our athletes, officials, staff and volunteers working at the event. We are extremely disappointed that the athletes who have worked so hard to compete for a World Championship title will not have that opportunity for the second year in a row due to the cancellation of the event.

"We will be evaluating all the options available to us in order to complete the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games women's team qualification process and do everything we can to ensure that it's carried out on the ice in competition."

Stakeholders and partners are now being consulted to determine the next steps to complete the Olympic Qualification process with a variety of options being investigated, including rescheduling the World Championship or replacing it with an alternative Olympic qualification event. Additionally, discussions will take place surrounding the opportunities for Schaffhausen to host a future World Championship.

The BKT Tires & OK Tire World Men's Curling Championship 2021 and World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2021 continue to move forward as planned, with information on the protocols in place for each event to be released in the coming weeks.

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