



Press release

«Green light for World Women's Curling Championship in Schaffhausen»

The preparations for the World Women's Curling Championship next March in Schaffhausen will continue - but the event will take place without an audience. This was stated by the responsible OC at a media conference today, Thursday.

Curling is no different from almost all other sports: a lot is up in the air because of Corona. As those responsible, headed by OC President Reto Dubach, were able to announce, important decisions have been taken following intensive discussions with the World Curling Federation and Swisscurling: As of today, it will be possible to hold the World Cup. However, the event must take place without an audience. In addition, the World Curling Federation has decided that 14 teams will participate instead of 13 as planned. This means more games and means that the event will start on 19 March 2021 instead of 20 March as planned.

The final will take place on 28 March as planned.

As the OC President pointed out, holding the event without an audience will also have financial implications, as the corresponding income will be lost. Therefore, on the other hand, the costs of the event must be reduced. «We hope that we will still be able to close with the planned black zero,» said Dubach. In addition, the international association has sent out positive signals for a possible deficit coverage. The federation has an eminent interest in the event, because after the cancellation of all eliminations in the continental federations, the Schaffhausen World Cup is the only event where teams can qualify for the 2022 Olympics.

As a result of these decisions, advance ticket sales for all ticket categories will be stopped immediately. However, this does not mean that there will be no people in the IWC Arena at all. Officials from the world federation, Swisscurling and the organiser will be in the hall; invited guests will also be admitted. However, tickets already purchased will remain valid until further notice. The OC will endeavour to make it possible for the relevant ticket buyers to attend. Participation by schools will also remain possible. Whether the 1st Swiss Pupils' Championship with the finals can take place at WWCC 2021 still has to be clarified with Swisscurling.

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The television broadcasts will nevertheless ensure that spectators worldwide will be able to enjoy the matches. During the last Women's Curling World Cup in Denmark, some 150 million people watched the games on TV. This means that Schaffhausen can continue to be known as an attractive region.

Even without an audience, the event needs helpers to look after the players and their accompanying teams, to keep time, to keep match statistics, etc. «Perhaps this will even make it easier for us to find helpers», said OC Vice President Marco Gabrieli, «because for many curlers and curling fans it will be the only way to follow matches directly in the hall».

For the OC of the LGT Women's Curling World Championships, these changes mean a high degree of additional work. «In the next few weeks we will have to clarify which details are to be adapted and how,» says the second OC Vice President Ueli Jäger. In addition, questions remain unanswered until the event itself due to corona, and if the corona pandemic develops negatively, a cancellation of the Curling World Championships cannot be ruled out.

The World Cup teams: Host: Switzerland; America: Canada and USA; Europe: Sweden, Scotland, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Denmark and Estonia; Asia: China and Japan; Last place due to world ranking list: Korea

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