



Sport Communication

Item: 1

Mixed Doubles Event: Did Not Start (DNS) Policy

Summary:

At the conclusion of the regular Mixed event, the teams receive a final ranking, which has them ranked from 1 to 16. This final ranking and the player position on the original team line-up is used to form the 32 teams for the Mixed Doubles event. It is arranged so that players are never from the same NOC. This allows all players to curl with a teammate from a different NOC, thereby making new friends and learning other cultures.

Every player is used to form these 32 teams. If a player(s) is injured or ill and cannot play, that would mean another athlete is without a partner and could not participate in the Mixed Doubles event. The following policy is intended to prevent that from happening:

Mixed Doubles Did Not Start Policy:

- a) Since the Mixed Doubles event is a single elimination tournament, athletes are eliminated after each round. Using a random selection process, these eliminated players would be allowed to rejoin the event, and would be partnered with an athlete that does not have a partner. The selection would be done in such a way that it would ensure that athletes from the same NOCs are not paired together on the same team.
- b) The policy would only be used during the first rounds of play (Round of 32), so every individual at least gets the opportunity to start in the event.
- c) If this policy needs to be applied in the very first round, individuals from the same NOC might have to be switched to a different team to allow play to get underway.

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