

# Sentry Curling Center: National curling event coming to central Wisconsin

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**PLOVER, WI (February, 21, 2022)** — Some of the nation's best curlers will compete in the 2022 Junior National Championship presented by USA Curling, <https://www.usacurling.org/>. The championship is April 23-30 at the Sentry Curling Center, 1515 Maple Dr, Plover WI. The event host is the Stevens Point Curling Club, <https://pointcurling.org/> .

"We are excited to host the national championship and curling talent from across the country at our new facility. The Stevens Point Curling Club is committed to teaching, developing, promoting the Olympic Sport and encouraging the spirit of curling. This event is perfectly aligned with our mission of serving youth in our community.", said Steve Wykle, vice president of the Stevens Point Curling Club and Event Chair.

"Our partnerships with local business and community groups including the Portage County Business Council, Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Village of Plover, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, local school districts, and the hospitality community will help us to roll out the red carpet for the upcoming event and showcase Central Wisconsin to the curling athletes and their guests."

Community partners may contact the Stevens Point Curling Club at [juniornationals@pointcurling.org](mailto:juniornationals@pointcurling.org) or Kris Henning, 715-343-0417 with event sponsorship and welcome packet questions.

Teams qualify for the championship through a series of tournaments. USA Curling will finalize the field of teams, including 10 junior men's and 10 junior women's

teams, age 21 and under, by April 1st. At the national championship, the field competes in round robin play to identify four teams in each men's and women's division to advance to the medal rounds. The winning men's and women's teams advance to represent the United States at the World Junior Curling Championships in 2023.

"Many of the current athletes participating in the 2022 Olympics in Beijing China for team USA, started their competitive curling experiences by participating in the US Junior National Championship.", said Lori Kawleski, coach of Stevens Point High School Curling program and Team Tamboli participating in this event.

"It's exciting to have a national event in our own backyard. It's an opportunity for our high school program athletes to see and learn an advanced competitive level of strategy in the game, maybe even become inspired to train to become a future Olympian."