

Curling



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Curling is a sport in which players slide stones across a sheet of ice towards a target area. It is related to bowls, boule and shuffleboard.



Curling was invented in Scotland, with the first written reference to a contest using stones on ice coming from the records of Paisley Abbey, in February 1541.

The game was also known as "the roaring game" because of the sound the stones make while traveling over the pebble (droplets of water applied to the playing surface). The verbal noun curling is formed from the Scots (and English) verb curl, which describes the motion of the stone.

Olympic Curling

- 1924 Winter Olympics – the first curling competition.
- Demonstration sport in 1932, 1988 and 1992.
- Officially added in 1998.

The first Olympic medals:

- The golden medal won by Great Britain and Ireland;
- 2 silver medals by Sweden;
- The bronze by France.

How to play and win

2 teams of 4 players are participate in.

The game consists of 10 periods, also called *“ends”*.

The end consists of each player from both teams throwing 2 stones down the sheet with the players on each side alternating shots, for a total of 16 stones. A game may be conceded if considered unwinnable. If the teams are tied play continues for as many ends as may be required to break the tie. The winner is the team with the highest score after all ends have been completed.

Equipment necessary

1. Curling Blooms
2. Curling stones
3. Curling shoes



Curling Blooms or “*brush*” is used to sweep the ice surface in the path of the stone, and is also often used as a balancing aid during delivery of the stone.

It usually made of *fiberglass* or *carbon fiber* instead of a solid length of wooden *dowel*.

Curling shoes are similar to ordinary athletic shoes except that they have dissimilar soles;

- *the slider shoe* is designed for the off foot (or sliding foot)
- *the non-sliding shoe* for the hack foot.

Curling stone is a thick stone disc weighing between 17-20 kg with a handle attached to the top.

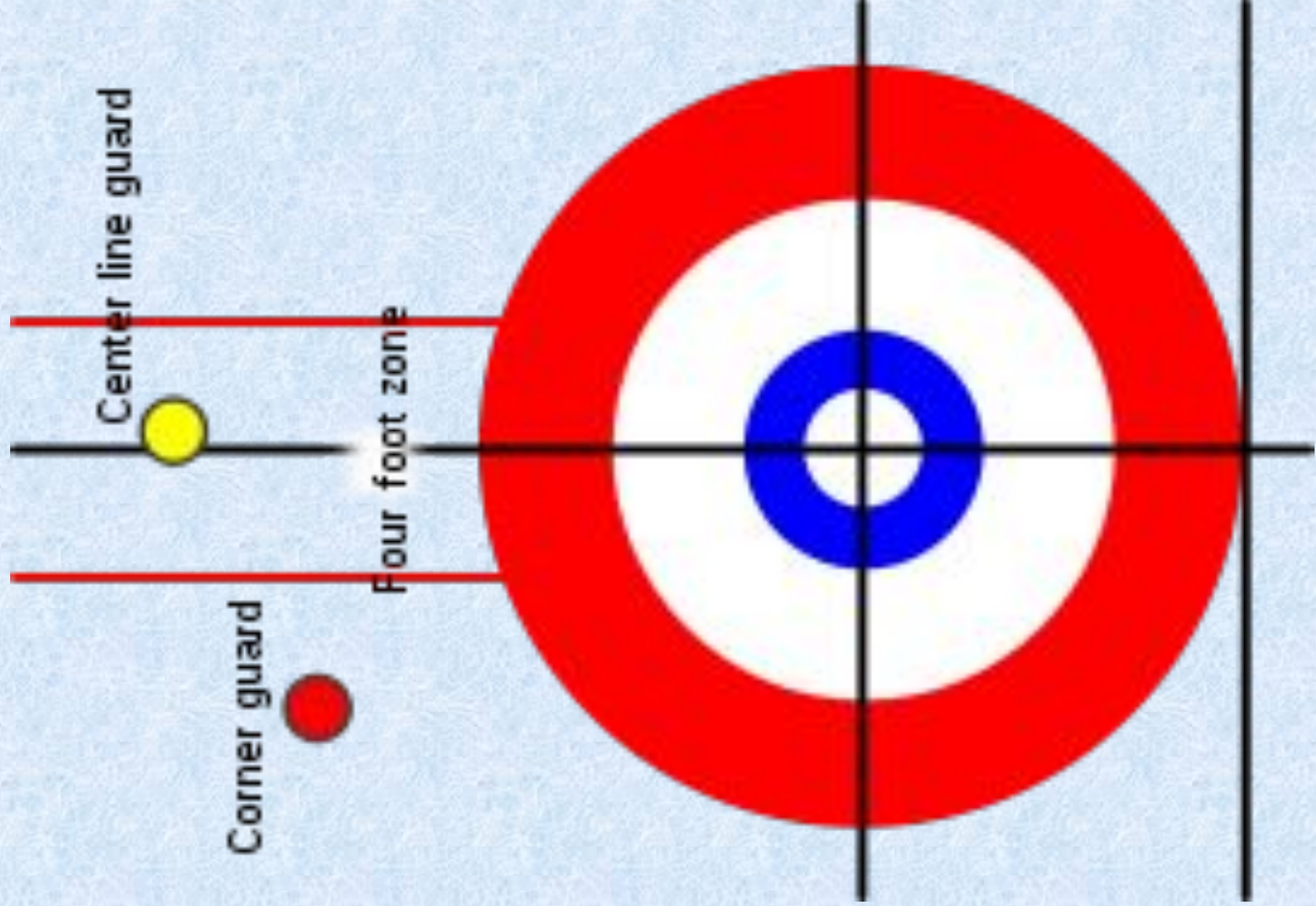
It usually made of granite.

Place where played

The curling sheet is an area of ice, carefully prepared to be as flat and level as possible, 45 to 46 m in length by 4,4 to 5,0 m in width. Also, called the *“house”*.

The ice may be natural but is usually frozen.





World Junior women's curling championships 2011.

