

CURLING



HISTORY:

Curling is associated especially with Scotland, where the game dates to the early 16th century.



OBJECT OF GAME:

Curling has similarities to bowls and shuffleboard (deck) and involves sliding granite stones, also called rocks, into a target area at the other end of a long, thin, strip of ice which constitutes the “pitch”. The team that propels their rocks closest to the centre of the target scores points accordingly, with the path of the stone influenced by team members who sweep and brush the ice ahead of the stone in order to alter its speed or curl.



PLAYERS AND EQUIPMENT:

Curling is played between two teams of four using eight granite stones each. The «pitch» is a flat, smooth area of ice measuring 45-46m long and 4.4-5m wide. The stones themselves weight between 17 and 20kg, are at least 11cm high with a maximum circumference of 91cm and have a handle attached to the top. They are made of granite and the handles are usually red for one side and yellow for the other.

In addition players wear curling shoes which are broadly similar to standard trainers except that one sole is smooth to enable sliding.



SLIPPED:

The process of pushing a stone across the field is known as creep. The strength of the stone is its speed, which, during throwing, depends on the push of the legs, rather than the arm. Curl is the rotation of the stone, which gives it a curved trajectory. Before the slide, the frozen surface in the path of the stone is cleaned with the broom if necessary, since dirt on the bottom of the stone or in its path can change the trajectory and ruin the shot.

WOMEN'S CURLING

Placement		States	Number of players
1	0	Switzerland	87.162
2	0	Sweden	53.581
3	1	Canada	49.392
4	1	Japan	46.162
5	2	Korea	41.027
6	1	USA	38.054
7	1	Scotland/ Great Britain	35.486
8	5	Norway	31.811
9	0	Denmark	30.541
10	4	Italy	21.568

MEN'S CURLING

Placement		States	Number of players
1	0	Sweden	77.838
2	1	Scotland/Great Britain	73.622
3	1	Canada	71.230
4	1	Switzerland	51.622
5	1	Italy	41.554
6	2	USA	39.676
7	0	Norway	27.892
8	2	Japan	22.608
9	3	Germany	21.270
10	1	korea	18.716

MIXED

Placement		States	Number of players
1	1	Norway	61.929
2	1	Scotland/Great Britain	61.929
3	4	USA	53.486
4	1	Sweden	50.357
5	2	Canada	42.714
6	2	Switzerland	42.643
7	1	Italy	42.057
8	4	Japan	35.711
9	2	Australia	24.943
10	2	Czechia	23.914