

Pittsburgh Curling Club Activities

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www.tropicurl.com

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Sports Center
Neville Island, PA

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Curling 101



Curling is...

Teamwork...two teams of 4 people take turns sliding 42 pound granite stones down a sheet of ice.

Stamina...players with brooms help to 'sweep' their teammates stones into position. Sweeping is great exercise and will keep you warm on the ice!

Skill...the right touch and weight are required to slide the stone into correct position in the 'house'.

Strategy...the game plan and shots called depend on each team's strengths and weaknesses. The ice conditions change with each end and shots are adjusted to fit changing conditions.

- A game consists of 8 ends
- Each person delivers 2 stones in an end (8 stones per team)
- The score is determined by the team whose stone is closest to the center of the 'house'.

The Team ("Rink")

Lead – throws first two rocks. The lead's shots set the strategy for the entire end.

Second – throws rocks 3 and 4. Must be a good sweeper and good judge of weight (how hard to throw a stone)

Third (Vice Skip) - throws rocks 5 and 6. Must be a good shot maker, sweeper and have a good sense of game strategy.

Skip – throws last two rocks. Team 'quarterback' calling the shots and making the big plays at the end...of the end.



What's up with the sweeping?

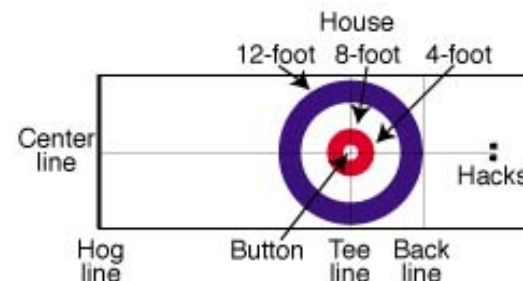
Sweeping makes the rocks travel **farther**.

Sweeping makes the rocks travel **straighter**.

The Hammer!

Having the last shot is called having the 'hammer'. It is a decided advantage to have the hammer because it gives the hammer team the opportunity to make the last play of the end and potentially clear any of the opposing teams stones from scoring position.

Sometimes teams will intentionally 'blank' (not score) in an end in order to keep the hammer!



Scoring

- Only one team scores per end
- Only stones that are in the house or touching the edge of the house can be counted
- A team receives one point for every stone that is nearer to the center of the house than an opponents stone

Did you know...

Curling originated in Scotland in the 1600's.

The first curling club in the United States was established in 1832

A single curling stone can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000 (for Olympic competition stones)