

# Curling

Curling took the world by storm at its inaugural Olympics in 1998 and has become one of the best-selling tickets for Torino

## Four-person curling team

**Curler:** Slides along ice to deliver stone. Stone must be released before reaching "hog line"

Rink  
42.7m long

Hog  
line

## Sweepers

Brush ice in front of stone to assist hydroplaning and control its path

12.5cm diameter  
running surface

Concave underside – small contact area, less friction  
"Ice pebbling" – stone glides on frozen droplets of water

House

Tee

Curve  
increases  
as stone  
slows

**Skip:** Controls strategy by indicating target e.g. to "takeout" opponent's stone

**Point scored for each stone in house closer to tee than opponent's best stone**

## ALL-TIME MEDALS

Men / Women

CAN	2
SUI	2
GBR/NOR	1

Clockwise  
spin

High

Low friction

Low rotation rate – only 3-4 revolutions – creates powerful effect on curl

