

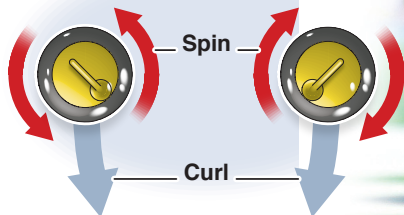


Curling Ice Cube



Control

Rotation of stone causes it to turn, or "curl"

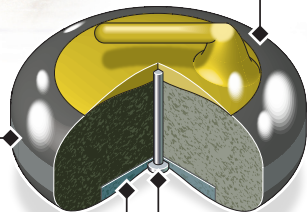


Path of stone curves due to greater resistance to spin on side opposing direction of motion. Curl increases as stone slows

Anna Le Moine
(SWE) en route to gold in Vancouver



Extra-strong fine grain
Scottish granite
Weight: 19.1kg



Stone

Sand-blasted **strikeband** absorbs collision impact

Fixing bolt

Running edge
Extra-fine grain granite

Sheet

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Hack
Foothold for thrower

45.7m

Tee line

Thrower

Each player throws in turn – must release stone before **hog line**

Sweepers

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

Back line

Stone out of play if fully crossed

House
Scoring zone

Skip
Controls strategy

Gold medal winners
Vancouver 2010



Canada

Sweden