



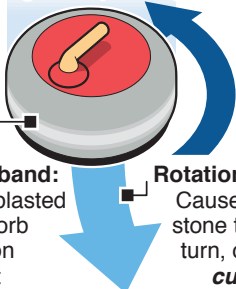
Winter Olympic debut: 1924*

End: Each game has up to 10 ends, with alternate ends played in opposite directions

45.72m

Sochi gold medallist and team skip **Jennifer Jones (CAN)**

Stone: Extra-strong fine grain Scottish granite (19.96kg max)



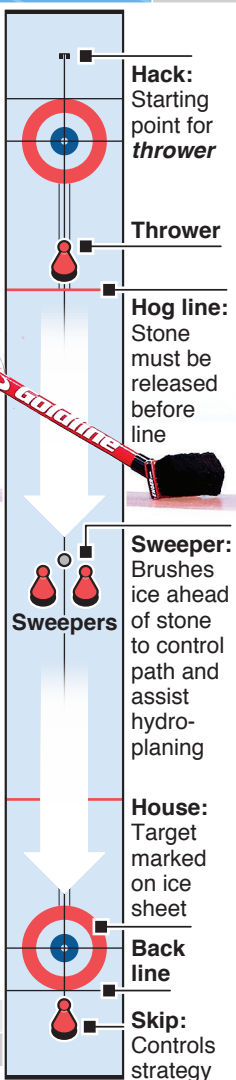
Strikeband: Sand blasted to absorb collision impact

Rotation: Causes stone to turn, or **curl**

Two teams: Four players per team. Each delivers two **stones**, in same order per end, alternating with opponent



Objective: Points awarded for stones closest to centre of **house** after all eight stones thrown



Hack: Starting point for **thrower**

Thrower

Hog line: Stone must be released before line

Sweepers

Sweeper: Brushes ice ahead of stone to control path and assist hydro-planing

House: Target marked on ice sheet

Back line

Skip: Controls strategy

NEW EVENT – Mixed Doubles: Two players per team, one male, one female. Game scheduled for 8 ends. Five stones per end – player delivering first stone must also deliver last one

Gold medal winners
Sochi 2014

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