

Curling



What is Curling?

- Curling is a sport in which players must slide stones on a sheet of ice towards a target area which is divided into four concentric circles.
- Two teams, each with four players, take turns sliding heavy, polished stones made from granite, also called rocks, across the ice curling sheet towards the house, a circular target marked on the ice.
- Each team has eight stones. The intention is to accumulate the highest score for a game. Points are scored for the stones resting closest to the centre of the house at the conclusion of each *end*, which is completed when both teams have thrown all of their stones.



The origins of Curling

- Curling was at first invented in medieval Scotland. The first written reference to a curling competition using stones on ice was coming from the records of Paisley Abbey, Renfrewshire, in February 1541.
- There is vast evidence that curling existed in Scotland in the early 16th century such as a curling stone inscribed with the date 1511, when an old pond was drained at Dunblane, Scotland.



The Curlers



Why call it “Curling”?

- The word curling first appears in print in 1620 in Perth, Scotland, in a poem by Henry Adamson. The game is also known as "the roaring game" because of the sound the stones make while traveling over the pebble.
- The word “curling” is formed from the Scottish (and English apparently) verb *curl*, which describes the motion of the stone.

Is “Curling” an Olympic Sport?

- Curling has been an official sport in the Winter Olympic Games since the 1998 Winter Olympics.
- Today it includes men's and women's tournaments.
- A mixed doubles Olympic event was considered but was, unfortunately, rejected for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.
- Mixed doubles has now been programmed to take place in the upcoming Olympic Games in 2018.



The End