

Get To Know Curling!

How much do you know about one of Canada's most popular winter sports? Take our test and find out!



1. Curlers use sliding shoes to deliver a stone in curling. Sliders are made of various materials, but Teflon plastic is common. Which makes a faster slider: thicker Teflon or thinner Teflon?

2. Brushes are used for balance and for sweeping in the game. Synthetic brushes are the most popular, but brushes can be made using which of these natural fibres: hog hair or horse hair?

3. Curling stones are made of dense granite. About how heavy are they? 30lbs, 40lbs or 50lbs.

4. Pebble are the many tiny frozen bumps found on the surface of the ice and it influences how the stone makes its weight down the ice. Does the stone curl more when the pebble is fresh or when it wears down?

5. The curling stone has several shades of grey. What is the purpose of the dull grey band around the greatest circumference of the stone? (Or, is it just a design feature?)

6. In order to change the direction of a stone, you need to apply a turn. For a right handed curler, is a clockwise turn referred to as an "in-turn" or "out-turn"?

7. How many times should a stone rotate if a turn is applied correctly? 1-2 times; 2-3 times or 3-4 times?

8. What is the term for when one stone is bumped ahead by another: Take-out or raise?

9. There are four positions on every team: skip, second, lead and third. What order do they throw?

10. You earn points in curling when your rock is closest to the button (centre of the ice). What is the term for any rock that sits closest to the button at any point in the game?

11. Rocks must reach the hog line or they will be removed from play. How far is the hog line from the end of the ice? 10 metres, 15 metres or 5 metres?

12. Teams can earn points for all stones that are in the house (circles) following the end. What is the term for a stone that just touches the outer edge of the circles?

13. The house is defined by the concentric rings distinguished by colour. How many feet apart are the rings? 2 feet, 4 feet or 3 feet?

14. Canada has enjoyed the sport of curling since 1807. That was the year the first curling club was opened. In what city was it located? Ottawa, Calgary, Montreal or Halifax?

How did you do? Answers on Page 36.

2018 Curling Events

January 11-14, 2018

2018 World Financial Group Continental Cup. (London, Ontario)

January 13-21, 2018

2018 New Holland Canadian Juniors (Shawinigan, Quebec)

January 27-February 4, 2018

2018 Scotties Tournament of Hearts (Penticton, B.C.)

February 9-25, 2018

2018 Olympic Winter Games (Pyeongchang, South Korea)

March 3-11, 2018

2018 Tim Hortons Brier (Regina, Saskatchewan)

March 9-18, 2018

2018 Paralympic Winter Games (Pyeongchang, South Korea)

March 17-25, 2018

2018 Ford World Women's Curling Championship (North Bay, Ontario)

March 24-29, 2018

2018 Everest Canadian Senior Curling Championships (Stratford, Ontario)