

Over 500 years old, **Curling** is a winter sport played by over 2 million people in 33 countries around the world and has been an Olympic Sport since 1998.

It is a game of fitness and finesse, a combination of strategy and skill. As a non-contact sport, curling is accessible to a wide range of players from youth to seniors, who can enjoy the game for its sense of competition and fair play.

## What is it?

Curling is a sport for everyone based around a very simple idea. Each player in the team slides a stone down a sheet of ice and have it stop nearer the centre of a target (the "House") than your opponent's stone.

## The Curling Rink and Stones

The curling rink is about 44 metres long and about 5 metres wide.

Originating in Scotland, curling is played with 20kg stones made of a special hard polished granite.



## The Game

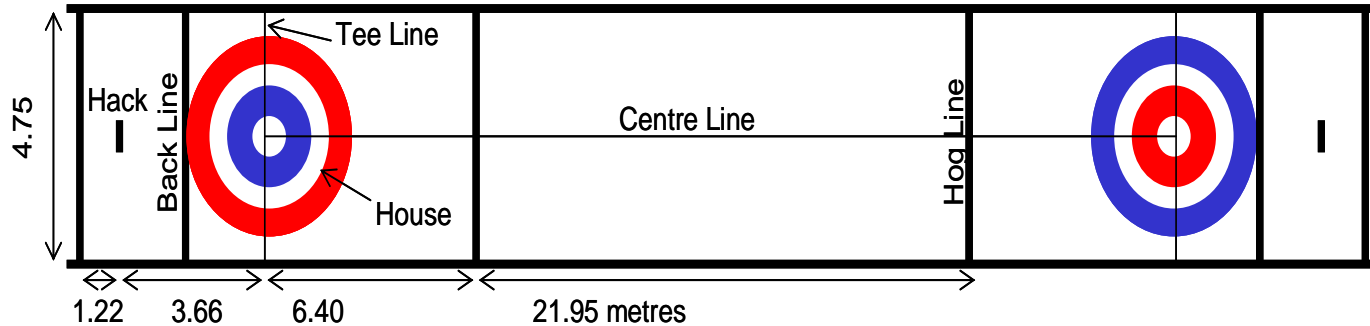
Teams are made up of four players. Each player delivers two stones from the Hack, alternating with the opponent.

Stones are intentionally rotated slightly when delivered and will curve a foot or two ("curl") in the direction it is rotated.

Two sweepers, as directed by the skip (the person in charge of the team), use brushes to sweep the ice in front of the curling stone so that the ice is smooth and the stone goes further and straighter. A normal game lasts about two hours

## Scoring

An "end" is completed when all 16 stones (8 per team) have been delivered. Only one team can score in an end with teams scoring one point for each stone closer to the centre of the House than the opponent's closest stone.



# Membership Form

## Victorian Curling Association (VCA)

(VCA Inc 1984, A0002491U)

Please send completed form with a cheque to:  
 Victorian Curling Association  
 PO Box 73  
 CALIFORNIA GULLY  
 VIC 3556

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

(Please tick appropriate box)

- Individual Adult Membership \$40
- Junior Membership (8 to 21 at June 30) \$20
- Family Membership \$60  
(two adults and any number of children aged 8-21 as at June 30)

### FEEES

Membership Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
 (Cheques payable to: The Victorian Curling Association)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please PRINT details)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (M/F)

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick box if you do not wish to be included on a list that will be distributed amongst our members

### DECLARATION

I hereby apply for membership of the Victorian Curling Association and agree to accept and be bound by the rules and regulations of the Association as set out in its Constitution.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off form and return with payment—THANK YOU

## Questions & Answers:

### Do I need to buy equipment & what do I need to wear?

No experience or special equipment is needed. Just bring yourself & your friends with warm clothes & a pair of flat shoes. Curling involves plenty of action so even though played on ice, keeping warm should not be a problem.

### Where is curling played in Australia and when?

Curling is a winter game played in Bendigo and Brisbane. Check on ice times by emailing or phoning the local contacts given.

Corporate evenings can also be arranged for work or social groups.

### What websites are there about curling?

To find out more about curling in Australia please visit [www.curling.org.au](http://www.curling.org.au)

Alternatively to find out more about the game visit the following websites:

[www.worldcurling.org](http://www.worldcurling.org)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curling>

[www.mousebreaker.com/games/virtualcurling/play.php](http://www.mousebreaker.com/games/virtualcurling/play.php)



## Australian Curling Federation

Australian teams, at the senior, adult and junior levels, compete internationally in the Pacific Curling Championships and World Curling Championships.

## Victorian Curling Association

### Association

Founded in 1984, the Victorian Curling Association (VCA) is Australia's largest active curling club.

Originally played in Melbourne, curling moved to Bendigo in 1999.



### Where can I play in Victoria?

In Bendigo the ice rink is in Hattam Street, Golden Square. For more information please contact:  
Janet ph: (03) 5441 1519  
Email: [vca@curling.org.au](mailto:vca@curling.org.au)

## Queensland Curling Association

Played in Brisbane. For more information please contact Greg on 0407 201 268 or Email:  
[qld@curling.org.au](mailto:qld@curling.org.au)

## NSW Curling Association

For more information please contact:  
Email: [nswca@curling.org.au](mailto:nswca@curling.org.au)



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