

## WHAT IS CURLING?

Curling's great tradition began in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Scotland where the game was played outdoors on frozen ponds and lochs. Scottish immigrants brought the game with them to North America in the 1700's where it spread across the northern U.S. and Canada. By 1855 curling clubs flourished in New York City, Detroit, Milwaukee and Portage, Wisconsin. In the U.S. there are over 180 clubs, 29 of which are in Wisconsin.

Curling is a lifetime team sport that can be played by the entire family. Considered by many to be one of winter's most enjoyable sports, curling can be played well by anyone regardless of age or physical ability.

The game is played indoors on a sheet of ice 138 feet long by 15 feet wide with the objective being to get your "stone" closer to the center of the target, or house, than your opponent. The stone is a 42 lb. polished granite rock that is slid down the ice with a slow spinning motion causing the stone to curl, hence the name "curling."

The competing teams are made up of 4 players – the lead, second, third, or vice-skip, and the skip. Each player delivers 2 stones, beginning with the lead, alternating shots with the opposing team. The skip is the team captain and throws the last 2 stones and calls the strategy of the game. When all 8 players have delivered their stones, the "end" is over. An end is the equivalent of an inning in baseball.

Most games are 8-ends and the team with the most points wins.

## WHY CURL?

Curling can be enjoyed by people of all ages, both male and female, and you need not be extremely athletic to play. Curling is an excellent participation sport for the entire family and can be enjoyed for many years. Unlike many team sports, curlers often play the sport for 30 years or more. It also provides a combination of exercise, competition, and camaraderie that few other sports can offer.

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

Annual dues make up the largest portion of a curler's costs. There is no cost per game and your membership entitles you to unlimited use of the facilities. As with most sports, there are some equipment requirements, which for curlers include stones, brooms, shoes and clothing. The stones are provided by the club and brooms are available for use by new curlers. When compared to other winter sports such as bowling or downhill skiing, you'll find that curling is relatively inexpensive.

## HOW SHOULD I DRESS?

The ice area is heated to around 35 degrees F. and you will be active enough that loose-fitting slacks and a sweater, sweatshirt or light jacket will keep you warm. The footwear recommended for the beginner is a pair of shoes with soft rubber soles. Tennis shoes or street shoes. Many curlers eventually purchase

their own broom and shoes designed specifically for the sport.

## ABOUT OUR CLUB

The Tri-City Curling Club was started in 1958 in Port Edwards. In 1976 we moved to our present location on Hurley Street adjacent to the Centralia Dam.

Our clubhouse offers the curler a relaxing atmosphere in which to curl, watch games and "broomstack." Broomstacking is curling's fine tradition of socializing during and after games and allows curlers to develop their technique and strategy and to form long-lasting friendships.

The curling season runs from November through March and offers a variety of curling opportunities for men, women and kids. Membership is open to everyone with an interest in having fun and participating in a unique winter sport, one of the newest competitions in the Winter Olympics.





*The Delivery of the Stone*



*Sweeping the Stone*



*Broomstacking After the Game*

# Learn to Curl

**Wednesday Nights: Dec. 4, 11, and 18**

**OR**

**Friday Nights: Jan. 3, 10, and 17**

The program includes an introduction to the sport of curling. On-ice instruction and practice. Playing a few ends of a game with coaching assistance.

*After the classes there be an optional rookie league that follows on the same evenings if there is enough interest among the class. Participants can continue to play games and work on their skills with other beginning curlers*

## **Rookie League**

Weekly games with teams consisting of first-year curlers from the Learn to Curl program. (Depends upon numbers)

## **Contacts**

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