

What is Doubles Curling?

If you have never joined us for Doubles Curling, or perhaps need a refresher, here is an overview:

Doubles Curling is composed of two-person curling teams (Player 1 and Player 2).

Each team delivers 5 stones per end (not 8). Player One delivers stones 1 and 5, while player 2 delivers stones 2, 3, and 4. The rotation of delivery position can alternate between ends.

The non-delivering player on a team can either start by “holding the broom” or by sweeping. The person who is holding the broom can go out and sweep their own team’s delivered rock, if they wish.

Two stones are pre-positioned at the start of each end as follows:

A = Centre Line Guard (roughly 7-8 feet from the House)

B = Centre Line Back-Edge Back-Four (as per diagram)

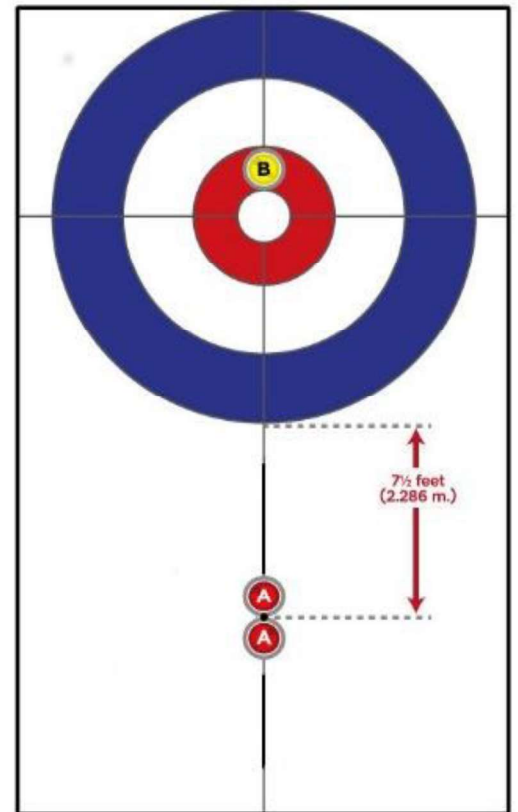
Prior to the game, teams decide (via coin flip or rock-paper-scissors) which team **decides on placement (A or B)** in the first end

If the deciding team chooses “A” (out front) then they will deliver the first stone of the end (non-hammer)

If the deciding teams chooses “B” (back-four) then they will deliver the second stone of the end (and have actual hammer)

The non-scoring team in an end will be the team that **decides on placement** in the upcoming end

Note: our event will not be permitting the “[power play option](#)” because it can make things a little too confusing.



Modified Free Guard Zone: In Doubles Curling, no stone in play (including the pre-positioned stones and those in the House) can be moved to an out-of-play position *prior to the delivery of the fourth stone of the end* (the fourth delivered stone is the first stone that can remove any stone from play).

Shamrock’s Doubles and Dinner points system:

- Each team will play three, 3-end games against other teams within your pool
- Teams get 3 points for a win, 1 point for each end won, 1 point for a tie (max 6 points per game)
- Teams should mark down their point totals after each game on the scoresheet
- The team with the most points within their pool will receive a take-home bottle of wine!
- **Have fun!** This is a social-recreational activity crafted for all skill levels to enjoy 😊