



Youth Curling Webinar Series

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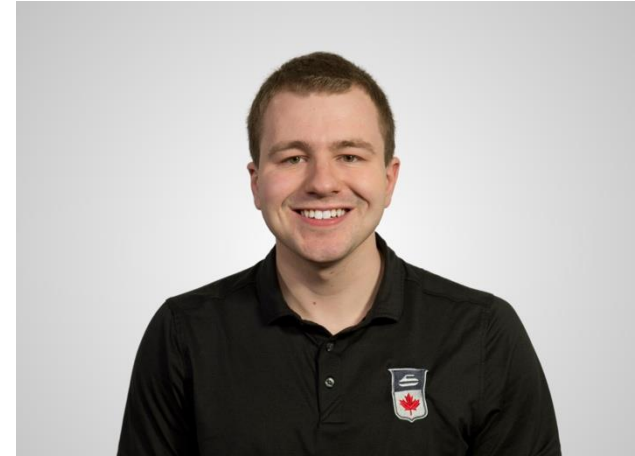
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Agenda

- About Skills Curling
- Curling Canada's Goals for Skills Curling
- Download the App – Overview
- Online Training Course
- Training
- Talent ID
- U-15 RockFest & U-18 Nationals
- Scenarios
- Best Practices
- FAQ



Singles **Curling** > Skills **Curling**

- New **Name**, New **Logo**, New **Brand**
- Development tool for Athletes & Coaches
- **Two main App components:**
 - 1. **Practice/Training:** Tracks progress, drills
 - 2. **Competition:** Scores are submitted to a Leaderboard
- Levels of difficulty by age group:
 - U-15, U-18, U-21, and U-25+



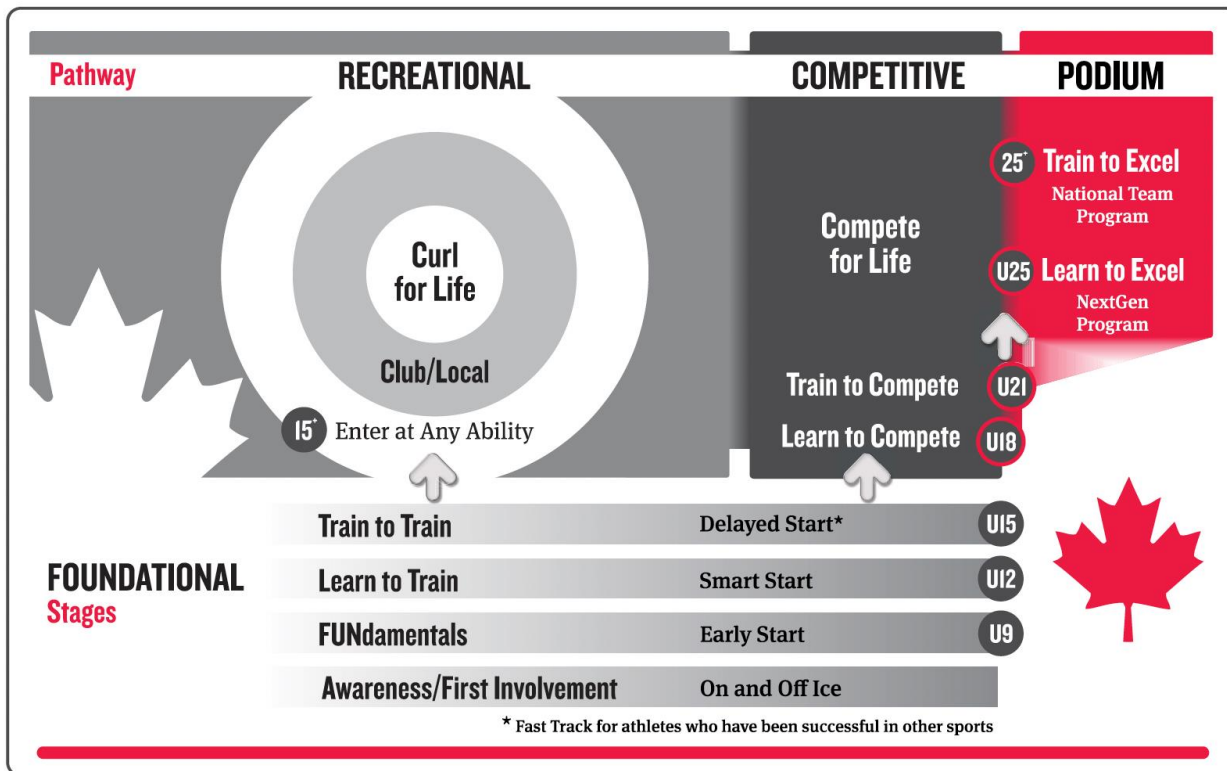
Curling Canada's **Goals** for **Skills Curling**



- To support curlers in multiple ages and stages of our [Long-Term Curler Development \(LTCD\)](#) framework.
- To develop strong **shot making** skills through an age and stage-appropriate blend of training and competition experiences.
- To provide an opportunity where athletes/coaches can track & analyze their skills.



Long-Term Curler Development



Skills Curling App - Key Updates

- New design
- Added an Events section
- Added back buttons
- Quick Entry / Hide Diagrams buttons
- Member Associations are now able to set up competitions
- Added Save button to Practices and Competitions
- Added a FAQ section
- Contact



Upcoming Events



U-15 RockFest Qualifier QC #1 - Lachine

U-15 RockFest Qualifier
4105 Rue du Fort Rolland
Lachine, QC
Date: Nov 20, 2026

[Learn More >](#)





Skills Curling gaining Momentum

- **September 2023:** approx. **100 athletes** had Skills App Athlete ID's.
- **April 2024:** approx. **1,000 athletes** had Skills App Athlete ID's.
- **October 2026:** there are over **2,000 athletes** who have Skills App Athlete ID's.



Skills Curling by the Numbers | U-15



- **February 2024: 312 athletes** had Skills App Athlete ID's.
- **February 2025: 884 athletes** had Skills App Athlete ID's.
- **April 2026: 1,130 athletes** had Skills App Athlete ID's.

Skills Curling by the Numbers | Oct. 2026



- Athletes with Skills App ID's:
 - U-15: **927** athletes
 - U-18: **833** athletes
 - U-21: **390** athletes



Download the free Skills Curling App now!



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Welcome to Skills Curling

The App That Builds Canadian Curling Stars



Information



My Account



Leaderboard



Events



How to Use Skills Curling

The Program

Overview



The Shots



Practices

Drills Overview



Create a Drill



Start a Drill



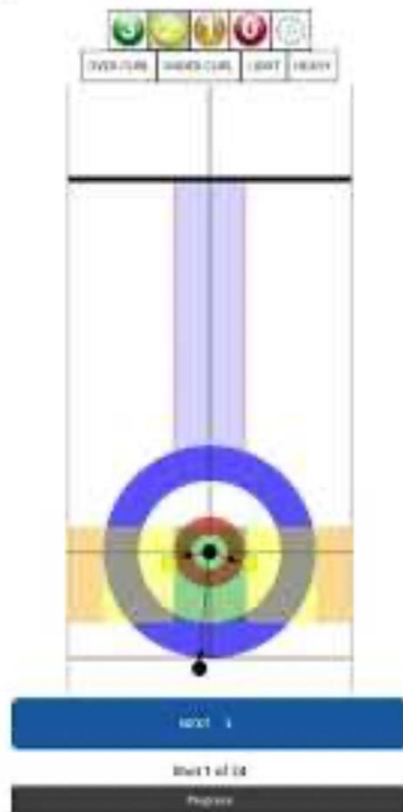
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HIT & STAY - Centre CGW



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Skills Curling - Online Training Course



- Provides an overview of the App and how to score
- On October 15, will be available on learn.curling.ca
- Free
- Enrol through Curling IO
- Takes approximately 30 minutes to complete



Training



- Skills Curling = Better Curlers
- Daily Training Environment (Rural & Urban)
- Incorporate into training and programming weekly



Regional Development Camps



- 2024-25 Nova Scotia Curling Pilot
- 2025-26 Officially launched the camps and added Skills Curling
- Talent ID



Provincial and Territorial High Performance Programs



- Curl PEI – Junior Development Program



Provincial and Territorial High Performance Programs



- Curl PEI – Junior Development Program
 - Test multiple times
 - Collect year-over-year Data



Importance of Multiple Opportunities		
Athlete	Test 1	Test 2
A	67%	58%
B	64%	33%
C	47%	17%
D	72%	61%
E	44%	71%
F	40%	60%

Tracking Changes Year-Over-Year					
Athlete	Notes	2024	2025	2026	Change
Male A	U-15 x 3	28%	53%	72%	44%
Female A	U-15 x 1, U-18 x 2	31%	54%	71%	40%
Male B	U-15 x 3	36%	53%	72%	36%
Female B	U-15 x 1, U-18 x 2	47%	54%	60%	13%

U-15 RockFest

- Started in the 2023-2024 Season
- All athletes compete in Skills Curling competitions.
- The shots are scored and inputted into the app, with the top curlers from each Member Association receiving an invitation to their respective regional event.
- In order to qualify for a U-15 Regional RockFest event, curlers will have to score a minimum of 8 out of 36 points.



2027 U-15 RockFest Regional Events



- **U-15 RockFest East**
Peterborough Golf and Country Club & Lakefield Curling Club | Peterborough & Lakefield, Ont.
Feb. 5-7, 2027
96 curlers from Northern Ontario, Nunavut, Ontario and Quebec
- **U-15 RockFest Prairies**
Humboldt Curling Club | Humboldt, Sask.
Feb. 12-14, 2026
72 curlers from Manitoba and Saskatchewan
- **U-15 RockFest Atlantic**
Thistle St-Andrews Curling Club | Saint John, N.B.
March 25-27, 2026
96 curlers from New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- **U-15 RockFest West**
Okotoks Curling Club | Okotoks, Alberta
March 12-14, 2026
72 curlers from Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon

U-18 Nationals – Pilot Competition



- Timmins, Ontario
- Coach: “Thank you for providing such a great opportunity for these athletes to do this competition. Today was really amazing, I loved that you mixed up the teams, gave everyone a great chance to meet one another doing a sport they love. One of my guys who isn't all that social really flourished with the group he was put with. Took me a bit to wrap my head around the whole process at first but I definitely see the value of the exercises now, so it was good to have us coaches participate and learn so I can take back.”





Best Practices

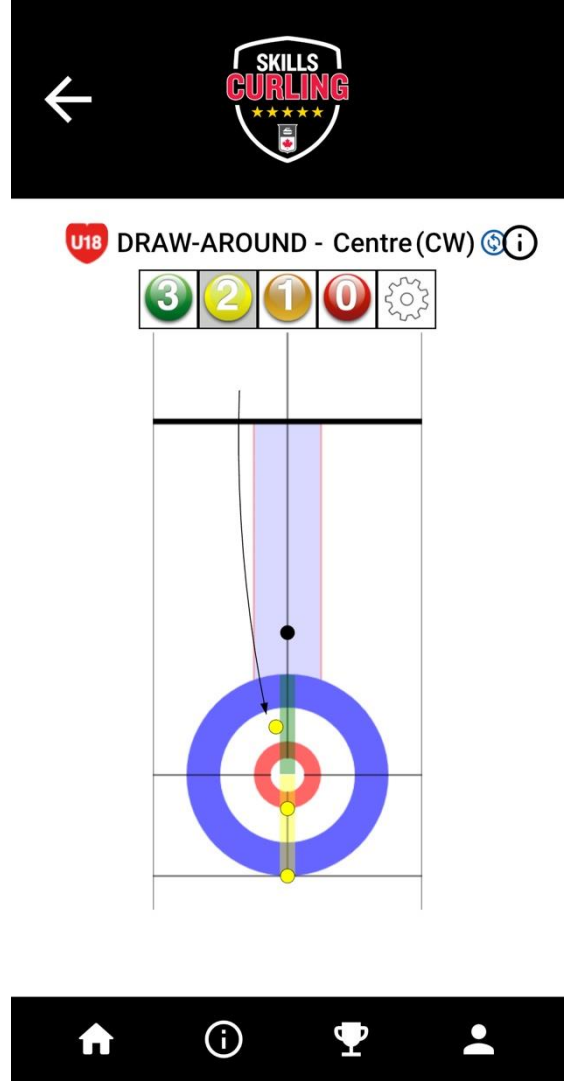
- Play music during Skills Curling practices and competitions
- Ensure you have enough time to score a competition
- Cheerleading - being a supportive sweeper and line caller
- Be fair and consistent with scoring
- Athletes can practice as many times as they want
- Turns – Clockwise (CW) & Counterclockwise (CCW)
- Encourage athletes to ask for more or less ice

Scenario #1 – Sweeping Error

- You are coaching a U-18 team and scoring a practice session. During one of the athlete's Draw-Around shot, the stone just barely wicks the guard and rolls into the house, not touching the scoring areas. To note, the sweepers swept the majority of the length of the sheet and weight was close.

What should you do?

- Allow the curler to rethrow.
- Score a 0.
- Score a 2, since the sweepers may have been able to get past the guard if they swept the entire length of the sheet.

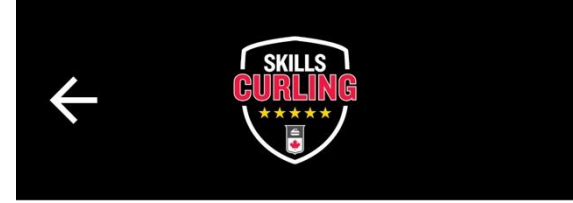
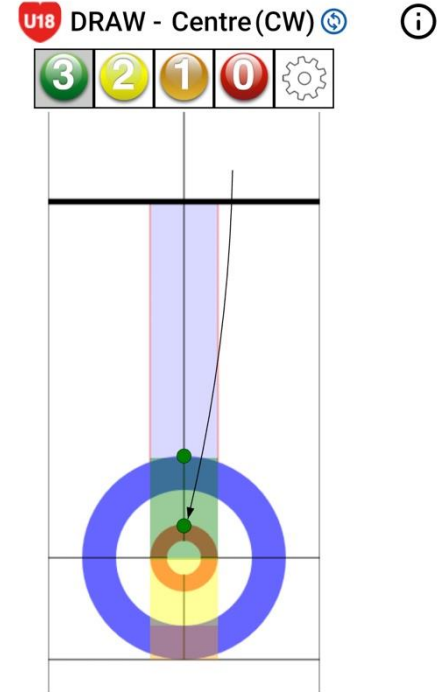


Scenario #2 - Scoring

- You are coaching a U-15 team and scoring a practice session. The athlete is throwing the Draw shot. The sweepers clean the rock the majority of the way because weight is close. Hogline in, the sweepers sweep for a couple seconds and the rock stops 2 feet behind the t-line.

What should you score?

- 2 - The curler is touching the yellow area.
- 3 - The sweepers should not have swept.



Scenario #3 - Mulligan

- You are coaching a U-15 team and scoring a Competition session. Athletes are permitted one re-throw (mulligan) and can select any shot score they want to improve.

True or False.

- a) True
- b) False



Test athlete

529-412-236

You are allowed one mulligan per athlete prior to submitting your score. Please click on the pencil icon to update the score.

Mulligans

HIT & STAY Centre CCW	3	
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DRAW Centre CCW	(undercurl) 2	
DRAW Centre CCW	(undercurl) 0	
HIT & ROLL Centre CCW	(undercurl) 2	
HIT & ROLL Centre CCW	(undercurl) 0	
GUARD Centre CW	3	
GUARD Centre CW	(undercurl) 2	
PEEL Centre CW	(undercurl) 1	



Scenario #4 - Mulligan

- You are coaching a U-15 team and scoring a Competition session. An athlete decides to re-throw a shot they scored 1 point on. Unfortunately in the re-throw the athlete scores a 0. The 0 score replaces their score of 1.

True or False.

- a) True
- b) False

The screenshot shows the Skills Curling app interface. At the top, there is a back arrow and the Skills Curling logo. Below the logo, the text 'Test athlete' and '529-412-236' is displayed. A button labeled 'Edit Scores' is visible. Below this, a table shows two rows of scores: 'HIT & STAY Centre CCW' with a score of 3. A modal window titled 'HIT & ROLL' is open, showing 'Centre CCW' and a message: 'You are allowed one mulligan per athlete. Please update your score below.' Below the message are four circular buttons with numbers 3, 2, 1, and 0. Below these are four rectangular buttons labeled 'OVER CURL', 'UNDER CURL', 'LIGHT', and 'HEAVY'. At the bottom of the modal is a red button labeled 'Update Score'.

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Test athlete
529-412-236

Edit Scores

HIT & STAY Centre CCW	3
HIT & STAY Centre CCW	3

HIT & ROLL
Centre CCW

You are allowed one mulligan per athlete. Please update your score below.

3 2 1 0

OVER CURL UNDER CURL LIGHT HEAVY

Update Score



Frequently Asked Question #1

- **Is there sweeping and line calling for Skills Curling Competitions? If so, who is doing the line sweeping/line calling?**

Yes, there is sweeping and line calling in practices and competitions

Teammates or other program curlers (**participants**) will be the **sweepers** and **line callers**.



Frequently Asked Question #2

- **Can Coaches/Scorers be the sweepers and or line callers for Skills Curling Competitions?**

No. Coaches/Scorers **cannot** be the sweepers or line callers during Skills Curling competitions.



Frequently Asked Question #3

- **What happens if the sweepers or line callers make an error?**

Within reason, if it is a clear sweeper or line calling error, the Coach/Scorer assigned to the sheet has the full latitude to award the point(s) that would have been scored had the error not occurred.

For this reason, parents/team coaches are **not** able to be the scorers.

Frequently Asked Question #4



- **What happens if there is a burned rock?**

The curler will be allowed to rethrow.



Frequently Asked Question #5

- **If you're using the app for practice and your team plays U-18, but you have a U-15 on the team, they have to practice different shots than the rest of their team?**

For both U-15 and U-18 Competition shots, the first 6 shots are the same. In U-18 there are 2 additional shots. The scores are age and stage appropriate, with the U-15 scoring zones having a broader range than U-18.



Frequently Asked Question #6

- **Do the curlers enter their own scores?**

No, curlers do not enter their own scores.

We're asking coaches to be the ones that enter the scores. This can be an instructor in your youth program or a coach in your curling centre.

A minimum of 2 curlers must be scored at one time.

Questions?

- Contact Support form in the App.
- Email skills@curling.ca



Support

Please email skills@curling.ca or fill out the form below.

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Device Info

Message

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YOUTH CURLING Webinar



**Tuesday
October 20**



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