

## Is Curling A Sport?

Have you ever considered curling being a sport? According to the definition of “sport” found in the dictionary, curling has the physical exertion, coordination, and skill to uphold it’s **position**. For instance, there are position placement, team players, and guidelines that are used. Each player has a particular role they play as well as certain equipment they use. Although, all this may be true, the question still remains if curling is a sport or not.

Some opponents argue that curling does not require rigorous physical activity. Like running, jumping, or cardiovascular activity like in most sports. Also, the amount of calories burned differs from other sports per hour. For example, soccer players burn 900 calories per hour. Whereas, curling players only burn 272 calories per hour. But, can we really

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use that to say curling isn't a sport? Let's go a little deeper. Additionally, there are rules and regulations with curling as it is with any other physical sport. Such as brooms, stones, and special shoes that are required in the game of curling. As a matter of fact, curling is recognized as a sport by athletic associations, fans, the media, and more. Now, can you say curling is a sport? The point of it all is to recognize that in any sport there is a game and with a game there is strategy, rules, and regulations to follow. Not to add that there has to be a team of players to follow through; to reach the winning goal of the game. Matters, if there is 900 or 272 calories being burned, or if one is more physical or less physical than the other; fact still remains that a sport is competitive, physical, and coordinated and all that exemplifies what curling represents which is one to be considered a sport.

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