

## USA CURLING OLYMPIC HISTORY

**US Olympic History:** Curling was developed in Scotland as early as the 16<sup>th</sup> century, although some evidence exists that it developed in the Low Countries of Europe at about the same time. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, curling spread to many nations of Europe, as well as the United States, New Zealand, and especially, Canada. In Canada, curling became very popular in the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Curling was a demonstration sport at the 1932, 1988, and 1992 Olympic Winter Games. Until recently, it was also considered to have been demonstrated at the 1924 Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix, but more recent evidence makes it apparent that the sport was on the full Olympic program and we give that 1924 sport full Olympic status below. Curling returned to the Olympic Winter program in 1998 at Nagano, with a tournament for both men and women. World Championships have been contested for men since 1959 and for women since 1979.

The International Curling Federation (ICF) was created after a meeting in March 1965, organized by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Six nations attended the meeting in Perth, Scotland; Canada, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States. The ICF was formed the next year with seven founding nations, with France added to the above six. The name of the organization was changed to the World Curling Federation in 1991.

The United States has competed in curling at each Winter Olympics since the sport was returned as a full medal sport in 1998. The US has also qualified teams for both men and women to compete in Sochi. To date, the US has won one medal in curling, a bronze by the men in 2006 at Torino, with the rink skipped by Pete Fenson. The best finish by US women was a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> at Salt Lake City in 2002. That rink was skipped by Kari Erickson. The US struggled in Vancouver, both teams finishing last (10<sup>th</sup>) in the round-robin. Hopefully things will improve in Sochi.

### Curling Olympic Program

Sport	Class	1924	1928-94	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Totals	Début
Curling	M	x		x	x	x	x	x	6	1924
Curling	F			x	x	x	x	x	5	1998
Totals	All	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	11	

### US Curling Competitors by Year

Year	Site	Men	Women	Both
1924	Chamonix	0	---	0
1998	Nagano	5	5	10
2002	Salt Lake City	5	5	10
2006	Torino	4	5	9
2010	Vancouver	5	4	9
Gross Totals		19	19	38
1 Olympic Winter Games		11	14	25
2 Olympic Winter Games		4	1	5
3 Olympic Winter Games		0	1	1
<b>Actual Totals</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>

### US Curling Placements by Year

Year	Site	Men	Women
1998	Nagano	4 <sup>th</sup>	=5 <sup>th</sup>
2002	Salt Lake City	=7 <sup>th</sup>	=4 <sup>th</sup>
2006	Torino	3 <sup>rd</sup>	=8 <sup>th</sup>

**Most Medals, Men**

1	Pete Fenson (2006)
1	Shawn Rojeski (2006)
1	John Shuster (2006)
1	Joe Polo (2006)

**Most Appearances, Men**

2	Myles Brundidge (1998/2002)
2	John Gordon (1998/2002)
2	Tim Somerville (1998/2002)
2	John Shuster (2006/2010)

**Most Appearances, Women**

3	Debbie Henry-McCormick (1998/2002/2010)
2	Stacey Liapis (1998/2002)

**Youngest Competitor, Men**

22-188	Chris Plys (2010, *13 August 1987)
23-065	Joe Polo (2006, *10 December 1982)
23-102	John Shuster (2006, *3 November 1982)
23-363	Mike Peplinski (1998, *11 February 1974)
26-152	Jason Smith (2010, *18 September 1983)

**Youngest Medalist, Men**

23-076	Joe Polo (2006, *10 December 1982)
23-113	John Shuster (2006, *3 November 1982)

**Oldest Competitor, Men**

43-321	John Gordon (2002, *27 March 1958)
43-298	Don Barcombe, Jr. (2002, *19 April 1958)
41-255	Myles Brundidge (2002, *1 June 1960)
41-150	Tim Somerville (2002, *14 September 1960)
40-238	John Benton (2010, *23 June 1969)

**Oldest Medalist, Men**

37-360	Pete Fenson (2006, *29 February 1968)
34-035	Shawn Rojeski (2006, *21 January 1972)

**Youngest Competitor, Women**

19-234	Courtney George (2006, *24 June 1986)
21-042	Jessica Schultz (2006, *2 January 1985)
23-055	Maureen Brunt (2006, *20 December 1982)
23-174	Stacey Liapis (1998, *19 August 1974)
24-032	Debbie Henry-McCormick (1998, *8 January 1974)

**Oldest Competitor, Women**

48-266	Joni Cotten (2002, *21 May 1953)
40-133	Lisa Schoeneberg (1998, *29 September 1957)
38-194	Lori Mountford (1998, *31 July 1959)
36-226	Allison Pottinger (2010, *5 July 1973)
36-039	Debbie Henry-McCormick (2010, *8 January 1974)

**Highest Score, Match, Men (since 1998)**

12	Canada (2010, vs. France)
11	Canada (1998, vs. United States)
11	Sweden (2002, vs. Finland)
11	Canada (2006, vs. United States)
11	<b>United States (2006, vs. Norway)</b>

#### Highest Score, End, Men (since 1998)

6	Sweden (2002, vs. Finland, End 4)
6	Canada (2006, vs. Finland, End 6)
5	Canada (1998, vs. United States, End 6)
5	Canada (2006, vs. United States, End 9)
5	<b>United States (2006, vs. Norway, End 8)</b>
5	Canada (2010, vs. France, End 4)
5	Canada (2010, vs. Denmark, End 4)

#### Highest Losing Score, Match, Men (since 1998)

8	Canada (1998, lost to Norway, 10-8)
8	<b>United States (2002, lost to Germany, 9-8)</b>
8	Sweden (2002, lost to Norway, 9-8)
8	Germany (2006, lost to Italy, 9-8)
8	Great Britain (2006, lost to United States, 9-8)

#### Fewest Points Scored, Match, Men (since 1998)

1	<b>United States lost to Canada, 7-1 (1998)</b>
1	France lost to Canada, 8-1 (2002)
1	New Zealand lost to Canada, 9-1 (2006)
1	New Zealand lost to Germany, 10-1 (2006)
1	Denmark lost to China, 8-1 (2010)

#### Highest Score, Match, Women

12	Sweden (1998, vs. Japan)
12	China (2010, vs. Switzerland)
12	Japan (2010, vs. Russia)
11	Denmark (2002, vs. Sweden)
11	<b>United States (2002, vs. Russia)</b>
11	<b>United States (2002, vs. Norway)</b>
11	Canada (2006, vs. Norway)
11	Norway (2006, vs. United States)
11	Switzerland (2006, vs. Italy)
11	Canada (2006, vs. United States)
11	<b>United States (2006, vs. Italy)</b>
11	Canada (2006, vs. Italy)
11	Switzerland (2006, vs. Japan)
11	China (2010, vs. Denmark)
11	Japan (2010, vs. Great Britain)

#### Highest Score, End, Women

5	Canada (2006, vs. United States, End 1)
5	China (2010, vs. Denmark, End 6)
5	Japan (2010, vs. Great Britain, End 9)
4	33 teams tied with 4 points in an end.

#### Highest Losing Score, Match, Women

9	Sweden (2002, lost to Denmark, 11-9)
9	Russia (2010, lost to Japan, 12-9)
8	<b>United States (1998, lost to Norway, 9-8)</b>

- 8 Denmark (2002, lost to Switzerland, 9-8)
- 8 Norway (2006, lost to Canada, 10-8)
- 8 United States (2006, lost to Switzerland, 9-8)**
- 8 Denmark (2006, lost to Canada, 9-8)
- 8 Norway (2006, lost to Russia, 10-8)
- 8 Great Britain (2010, lost to Denmark, 9-8)

#### Fewest Points Scored, Match, Women

- 1 Japan lost to Great Britain, 9-1 (2002)
- 1 Denmark lost to Norway, 8-1 (2006)
- 1 Denmark lost to China, 11-1 (2010)
- 1 Sweden lost to Russia, 10-1 (2010)
- 2 11 teams with only 2 goals in a Match.

#### Largest Margin of Victory, Match, Women

- 10 China defeated Denmark, 11-1 (2010)
- 9 United States defeated Norway, 11-2 (2002)**
- 9 Russia defeated Sweden, 10-1 (2010)
- 8 United States defeated Japan, 10-2 (1998)**
- 8 Great Britain defeated Japan, 9-1 (2002)
- 8 Switzerland defeated Denmark, 10-2 (2006)
- 8 United States defeated Italy, 11-3 (2006)**

#### Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Canada	3	3	2	8
2	4	Switzerland	1	2	2	5
3	2	Sweden	2	1	1	4
4	5	Norway	1	1	1	3
5	3	Great Britain	2	-	-	2
=6	=6	Denmark	-	1	-	1
=6	=6	Finland	-	1	-	1
=8	=8	China	-	-	1	1
=8	=8	France	-	-	1	1
<b>=8</b>	<b>=8</b>	<b>United States</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Medals Won by Countries, Men

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Canada	2	2	-	4
2	2	Norway	1	1	1	3
3	3	Switzerland	1	-	2	3
4	4	Great Britain	1	-	-	1
=5	=5	Finland	-	1	-	1
=5	=5	Sweden	-	1	-	1
=7	=7	France	-	-	1	1
<b>=7</b>	<b>=7</b>	<b>United States</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Overall Records by Countries, Men

	#	1	R	B	W	Gms	Won	Lost	Pts	%%%	PF	PA	PFA	PAA	AVM
Canada	4	1998	2010	1	2	42	35	7	70	0.833	325	184	7.7	4.4	3.4
Norway	4	1998	2010	1	=5	40	28	12	56	0.700	266	208	6.7	5.2	1.5
Switzerland	4	1998	2010	1	=5	40	26	14	52	0.650	253	196	6.3	4.9	1.4
Finland	2	2006	2006	2	5	20	13	7	26	0.650	113	107	5.7	5.4	0.3
Great Britain	4	1924	2010	1	=7	39	18	21	36	0.462	293	227	7.5	5.8	1.7
Sweden	5	1924	2010	2	=8	42	19	23	38	0.452	244	296	5.8	7.0	-1.2

Italy	1	2006	---	7	---	9	4	5	8	0.444	47	66	5.2	7.3	-2.1
<b>United States</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.425</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Japan	1	1998	---	5	---	8	3	5	6	0.375	40	47	5.0	5.9	-0.9
Germany	4	1998	2010	6	=8	34	12	22	24	0.353	197	231	5.8	6.8	-1.0
Denmark	2	2002	2010	=7	9	18	5	13	10	0.278	95	134	5.3	7.4	-2.2
China	1	2010	---	8	---	9	2	7	4	0.222	52	60	5.8	6.7	-0.9
France	3	1924	2010	3	10	20	3	17	6	0.150	86	198	4.3	9.9	-5.6
New Zealand	1	2006	---	10	---	9	0	9	0	0.000	37	76	4.1	8.4	-4.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Overall Records by Countries, Women

	#	1	R	B	W	Gms	Won	Lost	Pts	%%%	PF	PA	PFA	PAA	AVM
Canada	4	1998	2010	1	3	42	33	9	66	0.786	295	209	7.0	5.0	2.0
Sweden	4	1998	2010	1	5	41	30	11	60	0.732	284	233	6.9	5.7	1.2
Switzerland	3	2002	2010	2	4	33	22	11	44	0.667	243	187	7.4	5.7	1.7
China	1	2010	---	3	---	11	7	4	14	0.636	77	62	7.0	5.6	1.4
Great Britain	4	1998	2010	1	7	40	21	19	42	0.525	243	241	6.1	6.0	0.1
Norway	3	1998	2006	4	7	27	12	15	24	0.444	169	182	6.3	6.7	-0.5
Denmark	4	1998	2010	2	=8	36	14	22	28	0.389	211	246	5.9	6.8	-1.0
Germany	3	1998	2010	5	8	26	9	17	18	0.346	144	174	5.5	6.7	-1.2
<b>United States</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.333</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Russia	3	2002	2010	=5	10	27	9	18	18	0.333	159	187	5.9	6.9	-1.0
Japan	4	1998	2010	=5	8	34	11	23	22	0.324	202	244	5.9	7.2	-1.2
Italy	1	2006	---	10	---	9	1	8	2	0.111	44	79	4.9	8.8	-3.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>

# = Number of Olympic Tournaments; 1 = First Olympic Tournament; R = Most Recent Olympic Tournament; B = Best Finish; W = Worst Finish; Gms = Number of Games; W = Games Won; L = Games Lost; Pts = Tournament Points (2 for each match won); %%% = Tournament Points Percentage; PF = Overall Points Scored By; PA = Overall Points Scored Against; PFA = Average Points per Game Scored By; PAA = Average Points per Game Scored Against; AVM = Average Victory Margin per Game (negative numbers indicates average losing margin).

### USA Men's Olympic Curling Matches Involving 2014 Winter Olympic Teams

#### United States

##### vs. Canada

1998	Round-robin, Match #6	Canada d. United States	11-3	February 10
1998	Semi-finals, Match #1	Canada d. United States	7-1	February 14
2002	Round-robin, Match #6	Canada d. United States	8-3	February 11
2006	Round-robin, Match #45	Canada d. United States	6-3	February 20
2006	Semi-finals, Match #1	Canada d. United States	11-5	February 22
2010	Round-robin, Match #36	Canada d. United States	7-2	February 22

##### vs. China

2010	Round-robin, Match #41	China d. United States	11-5	February 22
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##### vs. Denmark

2002	Round-robin, Match #35	Denmark d. United States	9-7	February 16
2010	Round-robin, Match #12	Denmark d. United States	7-6	February 18

##### vs. Germany

1998	Round-robin, Match #17	United States d. Germany	8-5	February 12
2002	Round-robin, Match #15	Germany d. United States	9-8	February 13
2006	Round-robin, Match #31	United States d. Germany	8-5	February 18
2010	Round-robin, Match #3	Germany d. United States	7-5	February 16

##### vs. Great Britain

1998	Round-robin, Match #25	United States d. Great Britain	6-3	February 13
2002	Round-robin, Match #44	Great Britain d. United States	7-6	February 18
2006	Round-robin, Match #38	United States d. Great Britain	9-8	February 19
2006	Bronze Medal Match	United States d. Great Britain	8-6	February 24
2010	Round-robin, Match #31	Great Britain d. United States	4-2	February 21

##### vs. Norway

1998	Round-robin, Match #11	United States d. Norway	7-6	February 10
1998	Bronze Medal Match	Norway d. United States	9-4	February 15
2002	Round-robin, Match #20	Norway d. United States	6-5	February 13
2006	Round-robin, Match #3	United States d. Norway	11-5	February 13

2010	Round-robin, Match #7	Norway d. United States	6-5	February 16
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**vs. Russia**

Russia has never previously competed in men's curling at the Olympic Winter Games.

**vs. Sweden**

1998	Round-robin, Match #4	Sweden d. United States	6-2	February 9
1998	Playoff, Match #1	United States d. Sweden	5-2	February 13
2002	Round-robin, Match #3	United States d. Sweden	10-5	February 11
2006	Round-robin, Match #22	United States d. Sweden	10-6	February 16
2010	Round-robin, Match #27	United States d. Sweden	8-7	February 20

**vs. Switzerland**

1998	Round-robin, Match #14	Switzerland d. United States	7-2	February 11
2002	Round-robin, Match #22	United States d. Switzerland	6-2	February 14
2006	Round-robin, Match #28	United States d. Switzerland	7-3	February 17
2010	Round-robin, Match #9	Switzerland d. United States	7-6	February 17

**USA Women's Olympic Curling Matches Involving 2014 Winter Olympic Teams**

**United States**

**vs. Canada**

1998	Round-robin, Match #2	Canada d. United States	7-6	February 9
2002	Round-robin, Match #13	Canada d. United States	6-4	February 13
2002	Bronze Medal Match	Canada d. United States	9-5	February 21
2006	Round-robin, Match #8	Canada d. United States	11-5	February 14
2010	Round-robin, Match #29	Canada d. United States	9-2	February 21

**vs. China**

2010	Round-robin, Match #40	China d. United States	6-5	February 23
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**vs. Denmark**

1998	Round-robin, Match #18	Denmark d. United States	8-5	February 11
2002	Round-robin, Match #19	Denmark d. United States	9-4	February 14
2006	Round-robin, Match #16	United States d. Denmark	8-3	February 15
2010	Round-robin, Match #15	Denmark d. United States	7-6	February 18

**vs. Great Britain**

1998	Round-robin, Match #16	Great Britain d. United States	8-5	February 11
2002	Round-robin, Match #39	United States d. Great Britain	6-5	February 17
2006	Round-robin, Match #45	Great Britain d. United States	10-4	February 20
2010	Round-robin, Match #24	United States d. Great Britain	6-5	February 20

**vs. Japan**

1998	Round-robin, Match #25	United States d. Japan	10-2	February 13
2002	Round-robin, Match #5	United States d. Japan	8-7	February 12
2006	Round-robin, Match #10	Japan d. United States	6-5	February 14
2010	Round-robin, Match #1	Japan d. United States	9-7	February 16

**vs. Korea**

Korea has never previously competed in women's curling at the Olympic Winter Games.

**vs. Russia**

2002	Round-robin, Match #30	United States d. Russia	11-4	February 16
2006	Round-robin, Match #24	Russia d. United States	8-7	February 17
2010	Round-robin, Match #17	United States d. Russia	6-4	February 19

**vs. Sweden**

1998	Round-robin, Match #7	Sweden d. United States	8-5	February 9
2002	Round-robin, Match #10	United States d. Sweden	6-5	February 12
2006	Round-robin, Match #21	Sweden d. United States	5-4	February 16
2010	Round-robin, Match #33	Sweden d. United States	9-3	February 21

**vs. Switzerland**

2002	Round-robin, Match #22	Switzerland d. United States	7-6	February 14
2002	Semi-finals, Match #1	Switzerland d. United States	9-4	February 20
2006	Round-robin, Match #35	Switzerland d. United States	9-8	February 19
2010	Round-robin, Match #42	Switzerland d. United States	10-3	February 23

## **USA Olympic Curling Medalists**

### *Curling – Men*

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