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Five Things New Curlers Worry About



You can ask. You can learn.
You belong in the conversation.

Learn the game. Love the game.

What if I fall?

A little caution belongs on the ice.

Before you begin

Ask an instructor to check your footwear and show you how to move.

While you play

Use grippers as instructed. Never step over stones or hacks.

Curling Canada recommends helmets for new curlers. Ask your club about fit and policy.

What if I can’t slide?

There is more than one way to deliver a stone.

A useful conversation

Tell your instructor what feels comfortable and ask about a delivery stick.

A local check

Ask what equipment and instruction the club offers. Event rules vary.

No television replay required.

What if I don’t know the rules?

A lesson gives you a place to start.

One job at a time

Ask where to stand and when it is your turn. Use a pause to ask your next question.

When a call is unclear

Ask your instructor or skip to explain it before the next shot.

Even the vocabulary needs a warm-up.

What if I let my team down?

A missed shot gives you something to learn.

A helpful introduction

Tell your teammates you are new.
Ask for one useful cue at a time.

A good teammate

Be ready for your turn. Appreciate good shots on either team.

The stone occasionally has other plans.

What if I don’t know anyone?

One hello is a good first shot.

Before the visit

Tell the organizer you are coming on your own. Ask how newcomers join a group.

After the game

Stay for a chat if you like. Your drink choice is yours, including no drink at all.

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