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Welcome!

To the European Curling Championships C-group 2014 in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands. In this official programme we hope to offer you all the essential information to make the most out of your curling experience.

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The top two teams of the C-group advance to the B-group of the ECC from November 22nd-29th in Champéry, Switzerland (along with the A-group).

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Women's Teams

IRL - Ireland



SVK - Slovakia



NED - The Netherlands



SLO - Slovenia



ROU - Romania

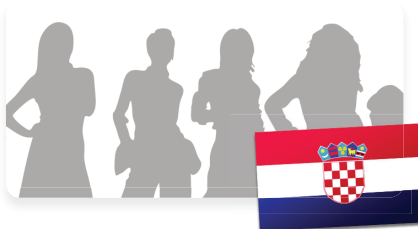


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Meet the Teams

Women

NED - The Netherlands

Skip: Marianne Neeleman
3rd: Kimberly Honders
2nd: Shirley Miog
Lead: Bonnie Nilhamn
Alternate: Ester Romijn
Coach: Wim Neeleman

SVK - Slovakia

4th: Slavka Zubercova
3rd: Sarka Zubercova
Skip: Marina Gallova
Lead: Linda Salini
Coach: Juraj Gallo

CRO - Croatia

Skip: Melani Turkovic
3rd: Maja Sertic
2nd: Emina Crnaic
Lead: Marijana Bozic
Alternate: Ane Miljkovic
Coach: Jamie Boutin

SLO - Slovenia

Skip: Valentina Jurincic
3rd: Anja Kresnik
2nd: Petra Klemenc
Lead: Tjasa Jazbec
Alternate: Nina Kremzar
Coach: Matej Smuc

IRL - Ireland

4th: Katie Kerr
Skip: Margarita Sweeney Baird
2nd: Hazel Gormley Leahy
Lead: Clare McCormick
Alternate: Ailsa Anderson

ESP - Spain

Skip: Oihane Otaegi
3rd: Leire Otaegi
2nd: Aitana Saenz
Lead: Asun Manterola
Alternate: Melanie Robillard
Coach: Antonio De Mollinedo

ROU - Romania

Skip: Raluca Daiana Colceriu
3rd: Bianca Neagoe
2nd: Ana-Maria Saracu
Lead: Alina Cristina Marin

Men's Teams

BLR - Belarus



IRL - Ireland



SRB - Serbia



BEL - Belgium



ISR - Israel



SVK - Slovakia



BUL - Bulgaria



LUX - Luxembourg



SLO - Slovenia



ISL - Iceland

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Meet the Teams

Men

BEL - Belgium

Skip: Walter Verbueken
3rd: Timothy Verreycken
2nd: Dirk Heylen
Lead: Gregory Janbroers
Alternate: Tom van Waterschoot

LUX - Luxembourg

4th: Yannick Hansen
Skip: Alex Benoy
2nd: Philippe Husi
Lead: Marc Hansen

BLR - Belarus

Skip: Dmitry Kirillov
3rd: Pavel Petrov
2nd: Ilya Kazlouski
Lead: Andrey Aulasenka
Alternate: Oleksii Voloshenko
Coach: Ekaterina Kirillova

BUL - Bulgaria

Skip: Stoil Georgiev
3rd: Petar Chakarov
2nd: Tihomir Todorov
Lead: Ilian Kirilov
Alternate: Stanimar Petrov
Coach: Nikolay Runtov

ISL - Iceland

Skip: Jon Ingi Sigurdsson
3rd: Olafur Numason
2nd: Andri Magnusson
Lead: Gudmundur Karl Olafsson
Alternate: Sigurdur Steindorsson

IRL - Ireland

4th: James Russell
3rd: Craig Whyte
Skip: Alan Mitchell
Lead: Arran Cameron
Alternate: John Furey
Coach: Martin Sutherland

ISR - Israel

Skip: Adam Freilich
3rd: Gilad Kempenich
2nd: Gabriel Kempenich
Lead: Yuval Grinspun
Alternate: Jeffrey Yaakov Lutz
Coach: Calvin Edie

SRB - Serbia

4th: Djordje Neskovic
Skip: Bojan Mijatovic
2nd: Goran Ungurovic
Lead: Filip Stojanovic

SVK - Slovakia

Skip: Pavol Pitonak
3rd: Frantisek Pitonak
2nd: Tomas Pitonak
Lead: Peter Pitonak
Alternate: Juraj Gallo

SLO - Slovenia

4th: Tomas Tisler
Skip: Gasper Ursic
2nd: Jure Cilic
Lead: Jost Lajovec
Alternate: Gregor Verbinc
Coach: Gregor Verbinc

Dear visitors,

On behalf of the organizing committee of the European Curling Championships C-group in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands I would like to welcome you to Curlingbaan Zoetermeer. The only dedicated curling rink in The Netherlands is honoured to be elected to host this championship. It's the first time The Netherlands is the host of an international championship, so it's already a special event.

But we're set for a thrilling competition as well. With no less than seventeen teams from fourteen countries fighting for the honour, and a place in the B-group during the European Curling Championships 2014 in Champery, Switzerland from November 22nd-29th. Among them is the Dutch women's team, which placed 3rd two years ago and now hopes to join the Dutch men's team in Switzerland. The top two teams of the C-group, men and women, advance to the main event.

We hope you enjoy the action, which is almost continuous on our three sheets with daily games at 8AM, 12AM, 4PM and 8PM in the round robin phase leading towards the final on Friday October 10th at 8PM and the battle for the second qualifying spot on Saturday October 11th at 1.30PM.

Don't worry if you can't attend all the games, you can also follow live scores and live footage on our website curling2014.nl and we'll keep you posted on Facebook (facebook.com/curling2014.nl) and Twitter (@curling2014) as well. If you have any questions, come see us at the Information Desk or send an e-mail to eccc@curling2014.nl

Laurens van der Windt
Chair of Organizing Committee



Dear players,

On behalf of the World Curling Federation and our 52 Member Associations, I would like to congratulate you on earning the right to represent your country at the European Curling Championships C-group in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.

This will be an unforgettable experience and I have no doubt that each and every one of you will welcome the opportunity of competing against your counterparts in your quest for success. It will also be an opportunity for you to build or renew friendships whilst also experiencing the warm and welcoming hospitality of Zoetermeer and The Netherlands.

There are many items with which you need to be concerned when planning to come to the event and once you arrived. The purpose of this guide is to assist you by providing information and answers to some basic questions you may have.

I would also like to draw your attention to "THE SPIRIT OF CURLING" on Page 1 of the WCF rule book, which exemplifies the code under which the game should be played. This event will yet again provide the perfect opportunity to showcase our sport and the principles that make it so special.

We hope you find the information provided herein useful and wish you the utmost success and enjoyment at this, the 2014 European Curling Championships C-group.

Kate Caithness OBE
President World Curling Federation



Who's Who

Competition Officials

WCF Technical Delegate:	Allen Coliban
WCF Administrators:	Saskia Kruegl & Liz Munro
Chief Umpire:	Anne Malcolm (SCO)
Deputy Chief Umpire:	Eduardo de Paz (ESP)
Game Umpire:	Anja Huckle (GER)
Game Umpire:	John Burns (IRL)
Game Umpire:	Roland Basler (SUI)
Chief Ice Technician:	Mark Callan (SCO)
Deputy Chief Ice Technician:	Mark Neeleman (NED)

Event Organisation

Chief Organizing Committee:	Laurens van der Windt
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Explore Zoetermeer

Golden Tulip

The event hotel is the Golden Tulip Zoetermeer, only 4km away from the ice rink. The hotel has recently been renovated (2014). This means all hotel rooms are brand new and all will offer full 4 star conditions. There is free wifi, coffee and tea facilities, air conditioning and a safe in all the rooms. There are rooms for 1, 2 or 3 person(s) and apartments that can even house 4 or 5 persons and have a living space and a kitchen.



The location of the hotel is great and close to the train, tram and bus station, so excursions to other cities like The Hague and Gouda are easily made. More information on the hotel can be found on their website: www.goldentulipzoetermeer-den Haag.nl/en

Gemeente Zoetermeer – City of Leisure

This hospitable city welcomes its visitors with open arms... whether you're interested in discovering the specific culture of this region, want to enjoy some culinary masterpieces, or just want to get out and see the sights; there is something for everyone in Zoetermeer!



The Dorpsstraat is the beautiful historical town centre of Zoetermeer. There are monumental residences and shops where several specialized businesses have found their home: art galleries, furnishing stores, caterers and delis, and boutiques... all of this and more! The modern city centre, the Stadshart, is a completely traffic-free pedestrian zone where larger stores are mixed in with smaller specialty shops.

There is a lot to enjoy in the excellent restaurants in Zoetermeer and whether you want to have a great night out dancing in clubs, or if you want to enjoy a cultural evening out...anything's possible!

Curlingbaan Zoetermeer

The only dedicated curling rink in the Netherlands, is located in the Silverdome, Van der Hagenstraat 20 (entrance West) in Zoetermeer.



Curlingbaan Zoetermeer opens its doors in August, which makes it an excellent starting point for your curling season, and closes end of March. In the mean time there are lots of activities.

Check www.curlingbaan.nl for the possibilities to practice, compete or invite your friends for a clinic.

Event calendar

November 2	Zoetermeer Open (recreational tournament)
December 20-21	X-mas Skins
January 3	Student Trophy
January 25	Kings Cup (recreational tournament)
February 28-March 1	Belgian national championship
March 8	Recreanten Trophy (recreational tournament)
March 13-15	Hammerheads Trophy (international bonspiel)



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Rules of Competition

1. World Curling Federation (WCF) rules apply, unless otherwise indicated below or explained during the Team Meeting (4 October, Team Hotel, 08:30 - 09:00).

2. The Women (7 teams) and the Men (10 teams) are each placed in a group and play a single round robin series. At the end of the round robin there will be a ranking established for places 1 to 4 using the June 2011 WCF Rules of Competition (C9) - Team Ranking Procedure. The team ranked 1st will play against the team ranked 2nd, the winner qualifies their Association for the 2014 European Curling Championships "B" Group, and wins the Gold medal. Also, the team ranked 3rd will play against the team ranked 4th. The loser of the 1 v 2 game will then play the winner of the 3 v 4 game, that winner also qualifies their Association for the 2014 European Curling Championships "B" Group and wins the Silver medal; the loser receives the Bronze medal.

3. All games will be ten (10) ends, with extra end(s) to break tied games.

4. There will be a nine (9) minute practice for each team before each round robin game. The practice starts 25 minutes before the scheduled game time. The team with the first practice during the round robin will be the team with dark stones for all the games, except the five (5) men's games marked with a "*" where a coin toss will be required to determine which team practices first.

5. At the conclusion of the team's pre-game practice, one player delivers one stone to the tee at the home end. The team with the lesser Last Stone Draw (LSD) distance has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end. If the LSDs are equal, a toss of the coin will determine which team has the choice.

6. First named team in each draw plays stones with dark coloured handles, and should wear dark coloured upper playing garments. Note: red is a dark colour.

7. NOTE: There will only be one round for tie-breaker games.

8. The Chief Umpire will determine the schedule and ice for all post round robin games as soon as the number of games required and the opponents have been determined.

Event Timetable

Friday October 3rd

Arrival of teams

Saturday October 4th

8.30 AM Team meeting at hotel

10 AM -4.45 PM Team Training

7.30 PM Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
at Hotel Golden Tulip, Zoetermeer

Sunday October 5th – Friday October 10th

All day Round robin play (see playing schedule)

Friday October 10th

4 PM Tie-breaker Games (if required - one round only)

8 PM 1 v 2 (winner = gold medal, qualifies ECC 'B')

Saturday October 11th

9 AM 3 v 4 Games

1.30 PM Loser (1 v 2) v Winner (3 v 4)
(winner = silver medal, qualifies ECC 'B')
(loser = bronze)

4 PM Closing Ceremonies

6.30 PM Farewell Banquet

Sunday October 12th

Departure of the teams

Playing Schedule

Date	Time	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C
Friday 3 October	Arrival of the teams...			
Saturday 4 October	08:30 - 09:00	Team Meeting for all teams (Team Hotel)		
	10:00 - 16:45	Team Training (see schedule)		
	19:30	Opening Ceremony (off-ice) and Welcome Reception at Hotel Golden Tulip, Zoetermeer		
Sunday 5 October	08:00	BUL - SVK	*ISL - SLO	LUX - SRB
	12:00	ISR - BEL	IRL - BLR	rou - esp
	16:00	svk - irl	ned - slo	SLO - BUL
	20:00	IRL - SRB	BEL - SVK	*BLR - ISR
Monday 6 October	08:00	BEL - BUL	SRB - ISL	BLR - LUX
	12:00	slo - rou	SLO - SVK	irl - cro
	16:00	LUX - ISL	esp - svk	ISR - IRL
	20:00	cro - esp	rou - ned	SRB - SLO
Tuesday 7 October	08:00	SVK - BLR	LUX - BUL	IRL - SLO
	12:00	SRB - ISR	slo - cro	BEL - ISL
	16:00	ned - svk	LUX - SLO	esp - irl
	20:00	ISL - IRL	BLR - BEL	SVK - ISR
Wednesday 8 October	08:00	irl - slo	*BUL - SRB	cro - ned
	12:00	SLO - ISR	svk - rou	*IRL - BEL
	16:00	BLR - SRB	*SVK - LUX	BUL - ISL
	20:00	rou - cro	ned - irl	slo - esp
Thursday 9 October	08:00	IRL - LUX	ISR - BUL	ISL - SVK
	12:00	BLR - SLO	cro - svk	SRB - BEL
	16:00	esp - ned	SVK - IRL	irl - rou
	20:00	BEL - LUX	ISL - ISR	BUL - BLR
Friday 10 October	08:00	SVK - SRB	SLO - BEL	svk - slo
	12:00	ISL - BLR	BUL - IRL	ISR - LUX
	16:00	Tie-breaker Games (if required - one round only)		
	20:00 (M/w)	1 v 2 (winner = Gold Medal, qualifies ECC "B")		
Saturday 11 October	09:00 (M/w)	3 v 4 Games		
	13:30 (M/w)	Loser (1 v 2) v Winner (3 v 4) (winner = Silver Medal and qualifies for ECC "B")(Loser = Bronze Medal)		
	16:00	Closing Ceremonies		
	18:30	Farewell Banquet		
Sunday 12 October	Departure of the Teams – Safe Journey Home			

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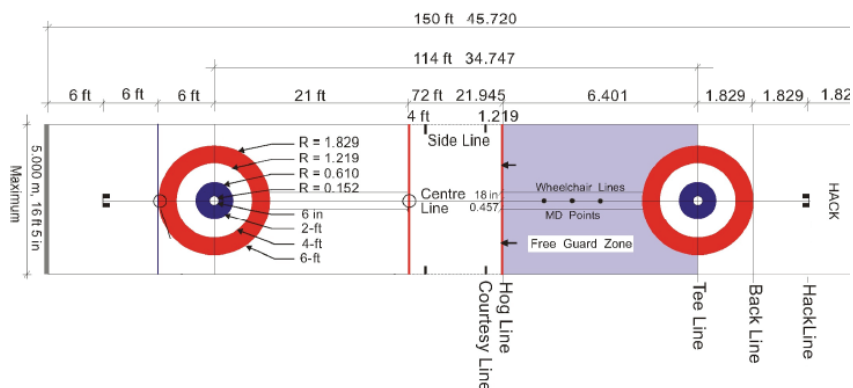

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For more information on the CEP please visit www.worldcurling.org/curling-equipment-programme-cep

A Beginner's Guide to Curling

In a nutshell: Curling is a team sport, played on ice where two teams take it in turns to slide stones made of granite towards a target. The team with the most stones nearest the centre of the target gets the points...



Ice

Curling is played on a very long strip of specially prepared ice or a 'sheet' as the curling playing surface/Field of Play is known. A sheet of curling ice is over 45 metres long and a maximum of 5 metres wide. At each end of the sheet there are two circles – known as the 'house'. Each house consists of four rings which help define which curling stones are closest to the centre or 'tee' (also known as the button) and how many points a team will score.

Equipment

To play curling, you need curling stones. They are made of a special type of granite and weigh almost 20 kilos each. Each curler has their own brush (or broom) and a pair of special curling shoes with one sole that grips the ice and one slippery sole (slider) to be able to slide with a stone during delivery.

Game

Each team has 8 stones to play – all with the same colour of handle. In a game of curling, the two teams take it in turn to deliver 16 stones from the 'hack' at one 'end' of the sheet to the 'house' at the opposite end. Players must release the stone from their hand by the Hog Line for the stone to be considered 'in play'. When an 'end' (like an inning) is complete, the next end is played in the opposite direction. Points are awarded after each end for stones closest to the centre of the house. Only one team can score.

Team

A traditional curling team consists of four people: a Lead, Second, Third and Fourth. The Skip is the captain of the team and is usually the Fourth player. The Skip defines strategy, telling each player in the team where to deliver a stone, how it should curl and how much weight (strength) to put behind the delivery. The Skip is positioned in the house and directs play until it is his/her turn to deliver their stones.

Sweeping

'What are they doing?' many people ask – 'why are they cleaning the ice?' It may seem simple, but sweeping is one of the most complex parts of the game of curling. The idea of sweeping is not to clean the ice, but to gently warm the surface of the ice where the stone will glide across. Sweeping can extend the path of the stone. Good sweeping can make a stone move 2-3 metres further. Sweeping can also 'kill the curl' and make the trajectory of the stone straighter.

How do you work out the score?

After all 16 stones have been delivered to the opposite end of the sheet, the players themselves calculate the score. To find out who gets the points, players decide which stone is closest to the centre of the house. A team can win several points if their opponent's stones are not any nearer the centre than theirs.

Finer points to understanding curling line scores Before a game of curling begins, teams decide who will have what is called the 'Hammer' or 'Last Stone Advantage'. This can be done by a coin toss, but in championship curling this is decided by a 'draw to the tee/button' with each team delivering a stone as close as possible to the centre of the house and the distance from the stone to the centre being measured. If a team has the hammer/last stone advantage, it means they can deliver the final stone of an end and have an advantage to score at least one point and potentially win that end. When a team scores, they lose the hammer/last stone advantage and it passes to the opposing team for the next end.

World Curling Federation

The World Curling Federation (WCF) is the world governing body of the Olympic Winter Sport of Curling and the Paralympic Winter Sport of Wheelchair Curling. The WCF represents curling internationally by facilitating the co-operation and mutual understanding of a network of 50 Member Associations. The WCF facilitates the growth of curling, which is carried out through a series of World Championship competitions and official WCF events, camps and courses, financial and development support programmes. The WCF is also responsible for the formulation and implementation of the Rules of Curling for world competition and all other events approved by the Federation.

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