

**World Curling TV**  
**PRODUCTION INFO**  
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**U.S. Curling Grand  
Prix**  
**Eveleth, Minnesota**  
**USA 2-5 December**  
**2015**  
[www.worldcurling.org](http://www.worldcurling.org)

## 1. EVENT OVERVIEW

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Curl Mesabi on the Iron Range in Eveleth, Minnesota, USA will host a made-for-TV international curling event from December 3-5 2015. <http://www.curlmesabi.com/>

Curl Mesabi started as a joint venture between the State of Minnesota, the [Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board](#), the City of [Eveleth](#), the City of [Gilbert](#), the City of [Mountain Iron](#), the City of [Virginia](#) and the Eveleth, Gilbert, and Virginia Curling Clubs. All three clubs are now combined into one organization known as Curl Mesabi.

Curl Mesabi is located in the Range Recreation and Civic Center located in Eveleth, Minnesota. This 8 sheet facility was completed in 1998.

Curl Mesabi has approximately 370 members including men, women, seniors, and juniors. Curl Mesabi is governed by a 9 member Board of Directors.

### **Curling Night in America set to return in January and February 2016**

The eight-team competition, entitled the U.S. Curling Grand Prix, will feature rinks from the U.S., China, Japan, and Scotland competing at Curl Mesabi Arena. Six episodes from the event will be featured on NBCSN. Further broadcast details for coverage around the world will be released at a later date.

Strong ratings and a demand for curling on TV will fuel the return of Curling Night in America this winter.

The made-for-TV international curling event, which debuted last year, will be staged and taped Dec. 3-5 at the eight-sheet Curl Mesabi in Eveleth, Minn.

“With more than 1 million viewers the first time around, the inaugural Curling Night in America series was highly successful in continuing the promotion of curling nationwide, and we are very pleased to be able to bring it back again in 2016,” said Rick Patzke, USA Curling’s chief executive officer. “The strongly-rooted curling and winter sports environment in the Iron Range area around Eveleth will surely make this next series a unique experience for the competitors, fans and TV viewers alike.”

The 12-team competition will include one men’s, one women’s and one mixed doubles team from each of the four competing nations (USA, Scotland, Japan and China). The addition of mixed doubles, which will debut as an Olympic

medal sport in 2018, adds more competition to the event – and more air times as nine shows are set to hit the airwaves beginning in January.

The U.S. will be represented by John Shuster (Duluth, Minn.), Tyler George (Duluth, Minn.), Matt Hamilton (McFarland, Wis.), and John Landsteiner (Duluth, Minn.) on the men's side.

The women's team will feature Jamie Sinclair (Blaine, Minn.), Becca Hamilton (McFarland, Wis.), Tabitha Peterson (Eagan, Minn.), and Jenna Haag (Milwaukee, Wis.).

The mixed doubles team for the U.S. will be reigning national champions Sarah Anderson (Broomall, Pa.) and Korey Dropkin (Southborough, Mass.).

World Curling TV will produce the coverage from Eveleth, and Carr-Hughes Productions of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will package the programs for the broadcast partner NBC Sports Network.

"I am very excited to host Curling Night in America at Curl Mesabi in Eveleth, Minn.," said Phill Drobnick, on-site chairman for the event. "This is great opportunity to have some of the best curlers in the world compete at our club. We will not only be able to showcase Curl Mesabi to curling fans on the Iron Range but to the world as well. We have our own winter wonderland full of sports and activities. This will be an opportunity to show off our great small-town hospitality to the world. It will mean a lot for our communities to host an event with this much exposure."

Similar to last year's event (the competition is titled the U.S. Grand Prix of Curling), a points system will be used to determine a champion in each division as well as an overall victor. In addition, prize money will be up for grabs.

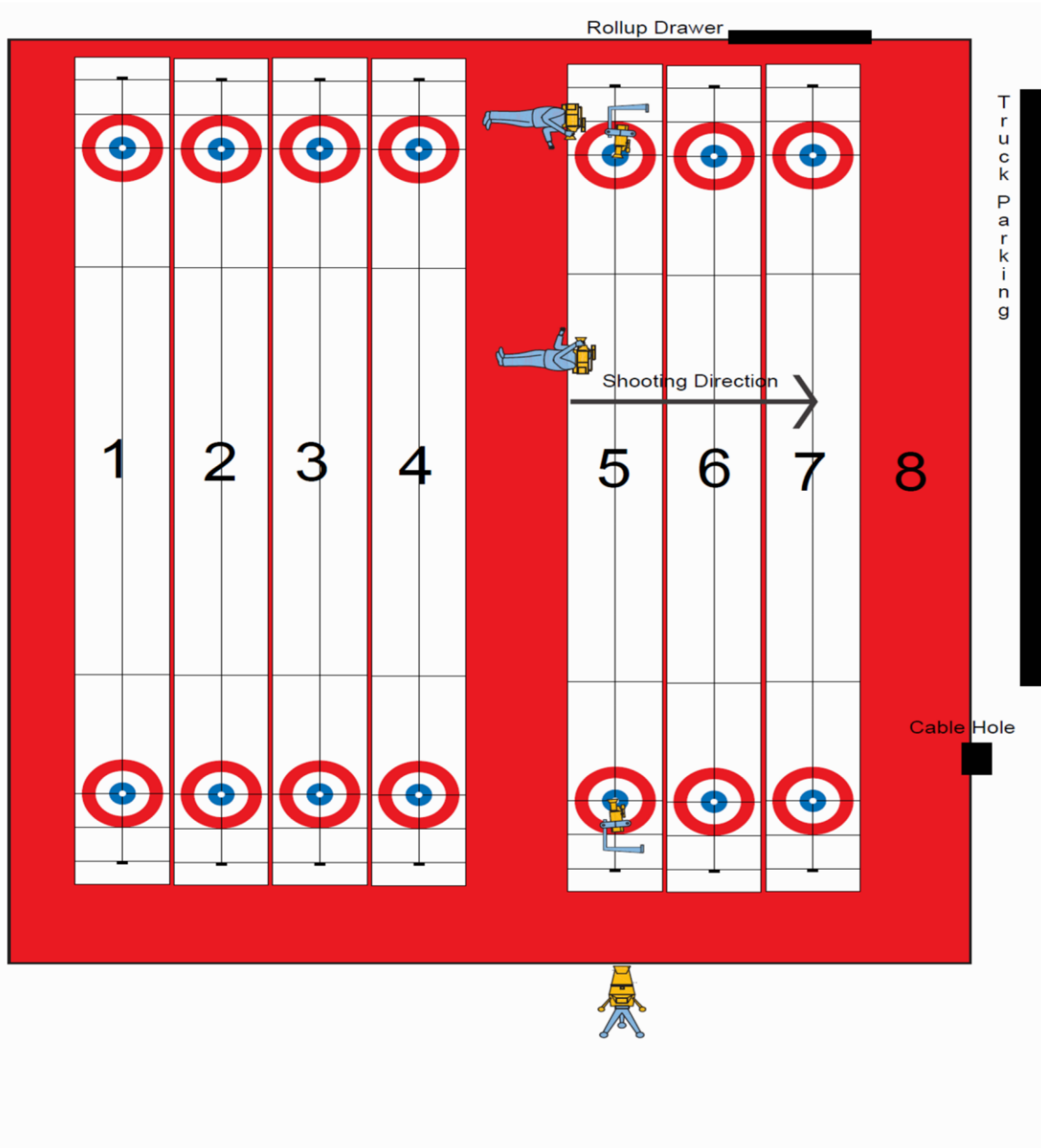
The programming is being supported in part from grants from the World Curling Federation and the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board.

USA Curling is sponsored by AtomOS, Nike, Brooms Up Curling Supplies, Sitrin, and The RAM Restaurant & Brewery, BalancePlus, and is partnered with Laurie Artiss Ltd. – The Pin People, Hilton HHonors, United Airlines, RJM Licensing Inc., and CurlingZone

### [Production info:](#)

All games for TV will be on **SHEET 5**.

**Other games will be on Sheets 3, 4, 6 and 7 with bleachers on Sheet 8.**



## 2. EVENT SCHEDULE

# CURLING NIGHT IN AMERICA

Curl Mesabi, Eveleth, MI, USA

## 2-5 DECEMBER 2015

### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Sheet 3 - C	Sheet 4 - D	Sheet 5 - E	Sheet 6 - F	Sheet 7 - G	
Wed	02/12/15	15:30	Team Meeting					
		17:15	CHN	USA	SCO	JPN		
		18:05	Ice Maintenance					
		18:45	chn	usa	sco	jpn		
		19:35	Ice Maintenance					
		20:15	chn/usa/sco/jpn n		chn/usa/sco/jpn	chn/usa/sco/jpn n		
		Welcome Reception						

**Each team practices for 8 mins on each sheet, then rotates 3 to 4 to 5 to 6 to 7. Mixed doubles only  
on 3, 5, 6.**

### SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Day	Date	Time	Draw	Sheet 3 - C	Sheet 4 - D	Sheet 5 - E	Sheet 6 - F	Sheet 7 - G
Thu	03/12/ 15	09:30	1	chn v sco	CHN v SCO	USA v JPN	chn v sco	usa v jpn
		14:00	2			chn v usa	jpn v sco	
		18:30	3	usa v jpn	sco v jpn	usa v chn	USA v CHN	SCO v JPN
Fri	04/12/ 15	09:30	4	chn v jpn	JPN v CHN	SCO v USA	sco v usa	jpn v chn
		14:00	5			jpn v usa	sco v chn	
		18:30	6	sco v usa	sco v chn	jpn v usa	SCO v CHN	JPN v USA
Sat	05/12/	09:30	7	usa v chn	JPN v SCO	CHN v USA	jpn v sco	chn v usa

	15	14:00	8			usa v sco	jpn v chn	
		18:30	9	sco v jpn	chn v jpn	usa v sco	CHN v JPN	USA v SCO

### Mixed Doubles games

#### Women's Games

#### MEN'S GAMES

#### TV SHEET = Sheet 5 - E

#### Mens and Womens Rules of Play

The draws will be **8 ends with a minimum of 6 ends** required to be played. If tied after 8 ends, a draw shot to the button will determine the winner. No extra ends will be played. Teams will use **thinking time**.

#### Mixed Doubles Rules of Play

Instead of playing in teams of four, mixed doubles curling is for teams of two players – one male and one female (no alternate/substitute player is allowed).

- The game is played on the same sheets of ice as “traditional” curling.
- Teams have only six stones each (instead of eight) and one of those stones, from each team, is prepositioned on the centreline before each end of play starts.
- Player one delivers the first and last stones and player two plays the second, third and fourth stones. If they choose to, the two players may swap positions from one end to the next.
- Sweeping can be done by both team members.
- Each team receives 22 minutes of thinking time and games are scheduled for 8 ends – compared to 38 minutes and 10 ends for “traditional” curling.

### 3. VENUE

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**Curl Mesabi on the Iron Range**  
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<http://www.curlmesabi.com/>

## 6. TEAM INFORMATION

### Men's Teams - AS AT 30 NOV 2015

CHN - China				SCO - Scotland			
4	S	ZANG Jialiang	R	4	S	BREWSTER Tom	R
3	V	XU Xiaoming	R	3	V	MUIRHEAD Glen	R
2		BA Dexin	R	2		PATERSON Ross	R
1		WANG Jinbo	R	1		MCMILLAN Hammy	R
A				A			
C		LI Hongchen		C		AITKEN David	
JPN - Japan				USA - United States of America			
4	S	MOROZUMI Yusuke	R	4	S	SHUSTER, John	R
3		YAMAGUCHI Tsuyoshi	R	3	V	GEORGE Tyler	R
2	V	SHIMIZU Tetsuro	R	2		HAMILTON Matt	R
1		MOROZUMI Kosuke	R	1		LANDSTEINER John	R
A				A			L
C		TAKADA Akira		C		BROWN Derek	

### Women's Teams - AS AT 30 NOV 2015

CHN - China				SCO - Scotland			
4	S	MEI Jie	R	4	S	FLEMING Hannah	R
3		LIU Jinli	R	3	V	JACKSON Sophie	R
2	V	YU Xinna	R	2		RITCHIE Laura	R
1		WANG Rui	R	1		AITKEN Katrina	R
A				A			
C		WEI Zhang		C		AITKEN David	
JPN - Japan				USA - United States of America			
4	S	FUJISAWA Satsuki	R	4	S	SINCLAIR Jamie	R
3	V	YOSHIDA Chinami	R	3	V	PETERSON Tabitha	R
2		SUZUKI Yumi	R	2		HAMILTON Becca	R
1		YOSHIDA Yurika	R	1		HAAG Jenna	R
A				A			
C		TAKADA Akira		C		SWISSHELM Ann	

**Mixed Doubles Teams - AS AT 30 NOV 2015**

<b>CHN - China</b>				<b>SCO - Scotland</b>			
	S	To be Determined			S	DODDS Jennifer	R
	V				V	SCHREIBER Alastair	R
<b>C</b>				<b>C</b>		AITKEN David	
<b>JPN - Japan</b>				<b>USA - United States of America</b>			
	S	TOMABECHI Michiko	R		S	ANDERSON Sarah	R
	V	TOMABECHI Kenji	R		V	DROPKIN Korey	R
<b>C</b>		TAKADA Akira		<b>C</b>		DROBNICK Phill	