



STICK CURLING STAKE PLAY

The following concept has been found to increase the "stake" in regular league curling, discouraging canceling or missing games, and adding a whole lot of interest!

Before the beginning of each square draw, a "stake" is collected from each team wishing to participate in this competition (all teams are **not required** to enter) -- for example, \$20.00 per team (\$10.00 per person) -- the only input for the whole of that square draw. Then, whenever two **participating** teams play, **one-quarter** of the losing team's stake is transferred to the winning team (on paper only). Absent teams lose one-quarter of their stake. At the end of the draw, the collected money is distributed according to each team's final stake. When a non-participating team is played, your stake does not change.

As an example, consider an eight team square draw, with all teams participating, and follow a few hypothetical games.

Team	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	Total
Stake	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$160.00
Game 1	A1-A2	A1-A2	A3-A4	A3-A4	A5-A6	A5-A6	A7-A8	A7-A8	
Win/Loss	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	L	
Transfer	\$5.00	-\$5.00	-\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	-\$5.00	\$5.00	-\$5.00	
Stake	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$160.00
Game 2	A1-A3	A2-A4	A1-A3	A2-A4	A5-A7	A6-A8	A5-A7	A6-A8	
Win/Loss	W	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	
Transfer	3.75	-3.75	-3.75	3.75	6.25	3.75	-6.25	-3.75	
Stake	\$28.75	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$28.75	\$31.25	\$18.75	\$18.75	\$11.25	\$160.00
Game 3	A1-A4	A2-A3	A2-A3	A1-A4	A5-A8	A6-A7	A6-A7	A5-A8	
Win/Loss	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Transfer	7.19	-2.81	2.81	-7.19	2.81	-4.69	4.69	-2.81	
Stake	\$35.94	\$8.44	\$14.06	\$21.56	\$34.06	\$14.06	\$23.44	\$8.44	\$160.00

Note that no team's stake ever goes to zero, since only one-quarter of what they have *at the time* is ever deducted. Even with all seven games being lost, that team would end up with \$2.00. The most that can be won depends on the amount the opposition has **at the time** they are played. In the above example, teams A1 and A5 have both had 3 consecutive wins, but have accumulated different amounts.