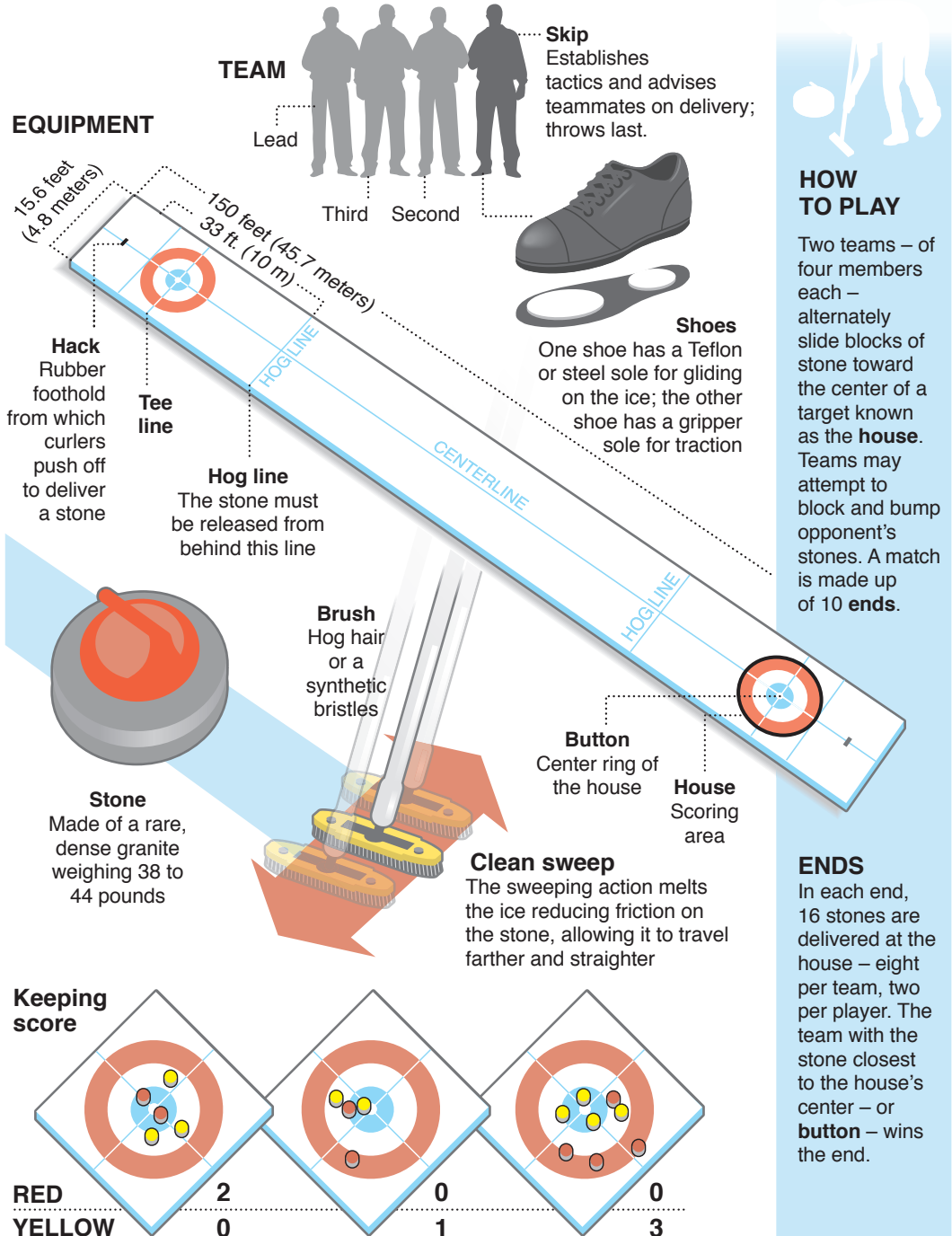


# Stone cold

Curling is easily one of the most curious and obscure of all Winter Olympic events. But while curlers may not enjoy the notoriety of figure skaters and alpine skiers, the event will be hotly contested as the athletes savor the opportunity to compete on the world stage.



SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; Vancouver Organizing Committee; USA Curling

Peter Santilli, Chris Kaeser • AP