

Rules of Curling for General Play

Some Rule Changes For 2010-2011

Teams - The rule concerning players joining a game in progress has changed. At the start of the next full end after the player has joined the game, the team can re-establish their delivery rotation in any order.

Touched Moving Stones - The re-touching of a stone prior to the hog line is no longer an infraction.

Between the tee line at the delivering end and the hog line at the playing end, if a moving stone is touched (burned) the touched stone is removed from play immediately. Previously the rock was allowed to continue on its path down the ice.

Inside the hog line at the playing end, if a rock is touched (burned) the rock must be allowed to continue and the non-offending team still has the same three options as before.

Sweeping - New wording for sweeping now says "there must be brush head movement". With the introduction of brooms with swivel heads, sweepers are often sweeping at angles or front to back. This is now acceptable but you may not leave debris in the path and the final motion must be away.

Only the person in charge of play for the non-delivering team can sweep their own stone in motion during the delivery of the first four stones in any end ('tick' shot).

Sweeping Behind The Tee Line - The change gives the team whose stone was set in motion first right to sweep instead of the team in charge of the house.

Stones in Play and Scoring - Previously, a stone 'spinning' back into play after it had crossed the back line remained in play. The new rule states that once it crosses the back line, it is out of play regardless if it spins back or not.