

2007-2008 RULE BOOK CHANGES/AMENDMENTS

3. Sheet

- (1) The recommended length of the sheet from backboard to backboard shall be 146 feet (44.501 meters). The width of the sheet from sideline to sideline shall be a minimum of 14 feet 2 inches (4.318 meters) and a maximum of **16 feet 5 inches (5.0038 meters) for championship play**. This area shall be delineated by lines drawn or dividers placed on the perimeter.

4. Stones

- (1) Curling stones shall be of circular shape.
- (2) Curling stones, including handle and bolt, shall weigh a maximum of 44 lbs. (19.96 kilograms) **and a minimum of 38.5 lbs. (17.46 kilograms)**, shall have a maximum circumference of 36 inches (91.44 centimetres) and shall be a maximum of **5.5 inches (13.97 centimetres)** in height, measured between the bottom and top of the stone.

11. Sweeping/Brushing

- (1) Between the tee lines, all members of the delivering team may sweep/brush any of their team's stones that have been delivered or set in motion.

Interpretation: A stationary stone must be set in motion before any sweeping may occur.

- (6) (a) The sweeping/brushing motion shall be **in a side to side direction but is not required to cover the entire width of the stone**.

12. Free Guard Zone

- (2) Any stationary stone(s) belonging to the opposition that is located in the free guard zone shall not be moved to an out-of-play position by the delivering team prior to the delivery of the 5th stone of the end.

Penalty: A stone that is delivered prior to the 5th stone of the end that results in an opposition stone being moved from the free guard zone, either directly or indirectly, to an out-of-play position is an infraction which shall result in the delivered stone being removed from play and any other stone if moved being replaced as close as possible to its original position.

Interpretation: A delivered third or fourth stone of an end may hit an opposition stone(s) located in the free guard zone on to a stone(s) not in the free guard zone providing that any opposition stone originally located in the free guard zone remains in play. If this action results in an opposition free guard zone stone being moved to an out-of-play position, the penalty described above will apply. You may move your own stone from the free guard zone or remove your own stone from the free guard zone, providing you do not cause an opposition stone to be moved from the free guard zone to an out-of-play position. **You may also raise your stone located in the free guard zone onto an opposition stone located in the house and remove it from play.**

- (3) After the delivery of each of the first three stones of an end it is the responsibility of the skip of the team who is about to deliver to ensure agreement with the opposing skip as to whether or not any of the stone(s) in play have come to rest in the free guard zone. If they cannot agree, they may make the determination by using the six foot measuring stick. If the position of another stone(s) hinders the use of the six foot measure they may reposition the stone(s), complete the measurement and replace the stone(s) to its original position.
- (4) **A visual agreement by the opposing skips as to whether or not one of the first three stones of the end was in the free guard zone, does not preclude a measurement occurring at the conclusion of the end involving the same stone(s).**

15. Equipment

- (4) The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a “delivery stick” which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the handle is considered acceptable. If a player starts a game with a delivery stick then that player shall use a delivery stick throughout that game. If a player starts a game without a delivery stick, then a delivery stick shall not be used by that player in that game.

Interpretation All traditional delivery rules apply and the stone must be delivered along a straight line from the hack to the intended target brush/broom.

17. Wheelchair Curling

- (1) Stones are delivered from a stationary wheelchair, which is positioned so that the stone is delivered from the centre line.
- (2) During delivery, the wheels of the chair must be in direct contact with the ice and the feet of the player delivering the stone must not touch the ice surface during delivery.
- (3) The delivery of the stone is undertaken by the conventional arm/hand release, or by the use of an approved delivery stick.
- (4) Stones must be clearly released from the hand or stick before the stone reaches the hog line at the delivering end.
- (5) A stone is in play when it reaches the hog line at the delivering end. A stone that has not reached the hog line at the delivering end may be returned to the player and redelivered.
- (6) Sweeping is not permitted.
- (7) For WCF/CCA sanctioned wheelchair competitions, each on ice team must be comprised of both genders for all games.
- (8) In competitions in which 6 ends are scheduled, a minimum of 4 ends must be completed in round robin and tie-breaker games, and 6 ends must be played in playoff games.

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8. Game Time Operation

- (1) The game time allotted to each team to complete a 10 end game shall be 73 minutes. The game time allotted to each team to complete each extra end shall be 10 minutes.

9. Delivery

- (4) In the delivery of a stone, the stone shall be released before the stone has reached the nearer hog line.

Penalty Situation #1: If a violation of Rule 9(4) occurs when the hog line detection device is not being used, the delivered stone and all affected stones shall come to rest before any action is taken. The official shall remove the stone just delivered from play and replace all affected stones as close as possible to their original positions.

Penalty Situation #2: If a violation of Rule 9(4) occurs when the hog line detection device is being used, the red light displayed in the handle will come on and the delivering team sweepers/brushers shall take responsibility for stopping the delivered stone prior to it reaching the playing end and guiding it across the back line and out of play.