



Curling Canada Rule Book 2022 – 2026

Summary of Changes from 2018 – 2022 Rule Book

Supplemental Rules for Wheelchair, Mixed Doubles, Canadian Stick Curling Association, Vision Impaired have all been moved and given their own section.

Summary of Changes - Rules of Curling for General Play

Rule: 2 Definitions (7)

Addition: “Completion of an end” means when the score has been determined.

Rationale: Added to give clarity to league players when an end is finished.

Rule: 2 Definitions (8)

Change to: “House” means the area within and including the outside circle at each end of the sheet.

Rationale: Clarification to rule to include all parts of the outside circle.

Rule: 3. Sheet of Ice (5)

Change to: A tee centre (capable of accepting a measuring device) shall identify the intersection of the tee line and centre line of each house. The base portion shall be securely anchored at the exact intersection of the tee line and centre line of each house.

Rationale: Update of verbiage to allow for different types of tee centres

Rule: 9. Touched Moving Stones (4)

Change to: Inside the hog line at the playing end:

(a) If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the team to which it belongs, or by its equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the touched stone must be removed from play and all stones that were displaced after the infraction are placed to their original positions, unless the nonoffending team considers it an advantage to:

- (i) Leave all stones where they came to rest, or;
- (ii) Place all stones where it reasonably considers the stones would have come to rest had the moving stone not been touched.

Rationale: The infraction by the delivering team is to be clear and definitive. The only time the non-offending team is to be involved is if there is advantage to the non-offending team to use one of the two options available to them.

Rule: 10. Displaced Stationary Stones (2)

Change to: If a stone which would have altered the course of a moving stone is displaced, or caused to be displaced by a player, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the stone whose course would have been altered will be removed from play and all stones that were displaced as a result of the infraction are placed to their original positions; unless the non-offending team considers it an advantage to:

- (a) Leave all stones where they came to rest, or;



(b) Place all stones in the positions the team reasonably considers they would have come to rest had a stone not been displaced.

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Rule: 11. Sweeping (3)

Change to: During the delivery of the first five stones of any end, any two players of the non-delivering team may sweep their stone when set in motion.

Rational: With the ability of the skip to throw at the lead position stones, this allows equity for both teams regarding utilizing any two players to sweep.

Rule: 11. Sweeping (8)

Change to: Given that the intent of sweeping is to keep the path of the stone clean and to take a stone farther.

(a) Sweeping shall not leave any debris in front of a moving stone.

(b) The final sweeping motion shall finish outside the path of the stone.

Rationale: The rule regarding “sweeping motion” has been taken out. The intent to keep the stone path clean is maintained.

Summary of Changes - Rules of Curling for Officiated Play

Rule: 2. Definitions (22)

Addition: “Straight Line Measure” (SLM): A device used to assist in a visual determination if a stone is over or touching a straight line i.e., Hog line, T-Line, Side-Line, Back-Line.

Rationale: This additional tool assists the Game Umpire with their visual determination.

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Rule: 4. Stones (3)

Addition: The radius of the stone is 14.2 cm for the purpose of the calculation of triangulation.

Rationale: Clarification of the radius of the stone.

Rule: 5. Teams (6)(b)

Change to: A player, who has left a game without being able to deliver any of their stones during the current end, may re-enter an end already in progress providing that they are able to deliver a stone within the team’s established delivery rotation. A player may leave and return to a game only one time in any game.

Rationale: Changed to allow a player who has left the game to come back if they can deliver at least one of their stones in their original delivery rotation.

**Rule: 7. Position of players (1)(a)**

Change to: Only the skip or vice-skip, and one other player may be positioned inside the hog line at the playing end. They shall position themselves behind the back line when the delivering team is in the process of delivery. Both players shall be motionless with their brooms positioned in a manner not to interfere with or distract the attention of the player who is in the process of delivery as provided for in Rule 8(4)(a).

Rationale: The intent of the rule is to only have a maximum of two persons of the non-delivering team behind the back line to not to distract the person delivering the stone.

Rule: 7. Position of players (2)(b)

Members of the delivering team

Deletion: The players who are not in charge of the house or delivering a stone will take a position to sweep.

Rationale: The rule was open to interpretation.

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Rule: Use of a Straight Line Measure

Addition: The ability of an Umpire to utilize a “Straight Line Measure” is added to all rules that it could be used to aid a visual measure.

Rule: 17. Game Time Operation (7)

Change to: If time clocks are not used in officiated play, and an umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the umpire notifies the skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivering end within forty-five seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.

Rationale: When time clocks are being used, the team has a defined amount of time to play the game.

Rule: 17. Game Time Operation (10)(a)

Change to: Each team may request two time-outs per game and one time-out during any extra end. The time-out will be a maximum of sixty seconds in length plus any designated travel time for the coach (or alternate) to access the field of play.

Rationale: Facilities vary as to the position of Coach. This allows for sufficient Travel Time to be designated for the Coach to travel to the team.

Summary of Changes – Supplemental Rules MIXED DOUBLES

Rule: (8)

Change to: The team having the decision on the placement of the “positioned” stones shall be decided by draws to the button (triangulation used where required):

(a) Following the first team’s pre-game practice, each player will deliver a stone to the button one clockwise to the home end and one counterclockwise to the home end. Both will be measured and combined to determine the team’s LSD value;

(b) Following the second team’s pre-game practice, each player will deliver a stone to the button one clockwise to the home end and one counterclockwise to the home end. Both will be measured and combined to determine the team’s LSD value;



(c) The team with the lesser LSD distance shall have decision on placement of the stones for the first end. Teams are required to designate the throwing order for the LSDs prior to practice.

Rationale: This follows the Curling Canada's Policy for pre-game practice and Last Stone Draw procedure (2022).

Rule: (10)

Change to: If neither team scores in an end, the team that delivered the first stone in that end shall have the decision on placement in the next end. In the case of a blanked end due to an equal measure, the team that had the decision on the placement of the "positioned" stones shall not change for the next end.

Rationale: added provision if there is an equal measure.

Rule: (15)

Change to: Each team shall receive twenty-two (22) minutes of thinking time. There will be a four-minute break after the completion of the fourth end. When extra ends are required, the clocks will be reset, and each team shall receive three minutes of thinking time for each extra end.

Rationale: Changed to follow the WCF timing for Mixed Doubles.