



CCA RULE CHANGES FOR 2010-2012

Housekeeping:

- (1) “Head Official” has been changed to “Chief Umpire” and “Supervising Official” to “Game Umpire”.
- (2) All references to “his/her” have been changed to “their” or applicable pronoun.
- (3) “Stone set in motion” has been changed to “moving stone”.
- (4) The word “brushing” has been removed from “sweeping/brushing”. It is now simply “sweeping”.

Rules for General Play

Sheet - Rule 3(1) – the length of a sheet of ice now has a range of length from 146 feet to 150 feet. This is to allow new construction some latitude to add 2 feet behind the hacks for better access for ice scrapers. The maximum width of a sheet of ice has been changed from 16 feet 5 inches to 15 feet 7 inches to match the World Curling Federation.

Stones – Rule 4(1) – the reference to the height of a stone has been changed from a “maximum of 5.5 inches” to a “minimum of 4.5 inches” to match the WCF rule.

Teams – Rule 5(4) and (5) – players joining a game in progress – after the player has joined the game, the team can re-establish their delivery rotation IN ANY ORDER.

Teams – Rule 5(6)(b)(iii) and (iv) – when the third or fourth player cannot deliver both their stones in any end, the new rule eliminates any player from delivering four stones in any end. If the third cannot deliver both their stones, the lead delivers the first and the second delivers the second. If the fourth player cannot deliver both stones, the second delivers the first and the third the second stone.

Position of Players – Rule 7(2)(a) – the person in charge of the house “shall be positioned between the backboards and the hog line” (at the playing end). The phrase “and on the ice surface” has been removed. This was changed to reflect the general change to swingier ice conditions allowing the person holding the broom to put a foot on a walkway or the next sheet without penalty.

Delivery – Rule 8(2) – the wording was changed from “reasonable proximity to the centre line” to “reasonably straight line from the hack towards the target broom”. This was primarily for stick curling and clarifying that the delivery of the stone does not wander away from the line of delivery.

Delivery – Rule 8(10) – previously when a team delivered two stones in a row, the delivery rotation was altered. The new rule states that the second stone is returned to the delivering end and displaced stones are put back in their original positions. The second stone will be delivered in its proper rotation instead of as the last stone for that team in the end. If the error is not discovered until after another stone is played, play will continue with the new rotation (i.e. the other team may be delivering two stones in succession).

Touched Moving Stone – Rule 9(1-3) – the wording of the WCF rule has been adopted. The protocol for an infraction depends on whether the stone was touched prior to the hog line at the playing end or after it has crossed the hog line at the playing end. If the infraction occurs before the hog line at the playing end, there is no option to allow the play to stand – the stone is removed immediately by the delivering team.

Sweeping – Rule 11(4) – this rule clarifies the “tick” shot – 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.

Sweeping – Rule 11(6) – previously the delivering team had the first privilege of sweeping ANY stone behind the Tee line. This is now changed so that the team to whom the stone belongs has first privilege of sweeping their own stone behind the Tee line.

Sweeping – Rule 11(8)(a) – 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. Also, there must be brush head movement – no snowploughing!

Free Guard Zone – Rule 12(2) – wording has been clarified. Any infraction in the FGZ prior to the delivery of the 5th stone has only one solution – the delivered stone is always removed and the displaced stones are always returned to their original positions.

Stones in Play and Scoring – Rule 13(2) – 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.

Stones in Play and Scoring – Rule 13(11) – the previous rule stated that extra ends would be continuous play. That has been removed from General Play and curling facilities can make their own rule as to whether play is continuous or towards the home end. The new rule also covers how to score an incomplete end on a curling club scoreboard (i.e. a conceded end):

- When both teams still have stones to be delivered and there is a concession, no points are placed on the scoreboard.
- When one team has delivered all of their stones and there is a concession, if the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting, no points are placed on the scoreboard. If the team that did not deliver all their stones has stones counting, these points are given and placed on the scoreboard.

Game Duration and Postponement – Rule 16(3)(a-c) – this rule has been changed to match the WCF rule. The previous wording for a team not ready to play at the designated time was five (5) minutes would pass before a point was forfeited. The new rule extends the wait to fifteen (15) minutes for one (1) point and another fifteen (15) minutes for the second point. After 30 minutes, the game is forfeited as before.

Wheelchair Curling – Rule 17(6) – this rule has been eliminated. It stated “sweeping is not permitted”. This is now up to the facility or league to decide to allow or not.

Miscellaneous – Rule 18(2) – a reference to the use of visual aids for curlers who are vision impaired has been added.

Changes for Officiated Play

Sheet – Rule 3(1) – same as for General Play

Stones – Rule 4(1) – same as for General Play

Teams – Rule 5(2)(a-h) – all references to a coin toss to decide last stone advantage in the first end have been replaced with a process to determine last stone advantage by drawing to the button prior to the game.

Teams – Rule 5(5)(c) – This rule continues to allow a team to play with three players in competition except the Mixed – you must play with four players in Mixed and THE PLAYER DELIVERING LAST STONE AND THE PLAYER ACTING AS VICE-SKIP MUST BE OPPOSITE GENDER.

Teams – Rule 5(5) and (6) – the rule has been changed concerning players/alternates/substitutes joining a game in progress. At the start of the next full end after the player has joined the game, the team can re-establish their delivery rotation to any order. Also Rule 5(5)(f)(iv) allows a team member who has left the game and been replaced by a substitute to return to the game if the team loses a subsequent player AND IS THEREFORE PLACED IN A DEFAULT POSITION AS PER RULE 5(5)(A).

Teams – Rule 5(7)(b)(iii) and (iv) – same as General Play rule

Position of Players – Rule 7(2)(a) – Same as General Play rule

Game Time Operation – Rule 8(1) – the length of time per team in an eight (8) end game – fifty-nine (59) minutes has been added.

Game time Operation – Rule 8(3) – a mandatory break of five (5) minutes has been added after the 4th end of an eight (8) end game.

Game Time Operation – Rule 8(5) – The wording to the unnecessary delay of game was changed to allow the umpire to determine if there is an unreasonable delay and issue a warning and then allow the offending team forty-five (45) seconds to put the stone in play.

Game Time Operation – Rule 8(a-e) – The time-out rules have been eliminated in favour of the clock continuing to run while a team is in charge of play. Coaches or alternates will have access to the field of play as before except now the clock will not stop. The “coach time” with the team will continue to be sixty (60) seconds. The coach or alternate of the team not requesting “coach time” can access their team as well but only at the home end of the field of play. During officiated play at curling facilities and at the discretion of the Chief Umpire the game clock may be stopped while the coach or alternate accesses the field of play. Once in place, the clock will resume. Prior to the competition, the Chief Umpire will also establish reasonable travel time for coaches to access the field of play from their seat.

Delivery – Rule 9(2) – same as General Play Rule 8(2)

Delivery – Rule 9(9) – same as General Play –except that if a team delivers two stones in succession and it is not discovered until after a subsequent stone has been thrown, the end will be replayed.

Touched Moving Stones – Rule 10(1-4) – same as Rule 9(1-3) in General Play with the addition of a rule when a moving stone is touched during the delivery of the Last Stone Draw for last stone advantage in the 1st end:

If a member of the delivering team touches a moving stone, or causes it to be touched, the stone will be removed and recorded as 185.4 cm (6 ft. 1 in.)

If a member of the non-delivering team touches a moving stone, or causes it to be touched, the stone will be redelivered.

If an external object touches a moving stone, or causes it to be touched, the stone will be redelivered.

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Displaced Stationary Stones – Rule 11(5) – Covers the displacement of the Last Stone Draw prior to the measurement:

A draw to the button for last stone advantage that is moved by a team member prior to the measure will be assigned the distance to the next defined circle away from the button.

If a member of the non-delivering team displaces a stationary stone or causes it to be displaced before the umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.

If an external force displaces a stationary stone or causes it to be displaced before the umpire completes the measurement, the stone is replaced to its original position by the delivering team.

Sweeping – Rule 12(4) – Same as General Play Rule 11(4)

Sweeping – Rule 12(6) – Same as General Play Rule 11(6)

Sweeping – Rule 12(8)(a) – Same as General Play Rule 11(8)(a)

Free Guard Zone – Rule 13(2) – same as General Play Rule 12(2)

Stones in Play and Scoring – Rule 14(2) – Same as General Play Rule 13(2)

Stones in Play and Scoring – Rule 14(12) – Same as General Play Rule 13(11) except “X”s are placed on the board.

Game Duration and Postponement - Rule 17(4)(b-d) – Same as General Rule 16(3)(a-c)

Wheelchair Curling – Rule 18(8) – The previous Rule 18(8) has been deleted. It referred to the length of games in competition. This will now be referenced in the Event Competitor Guide. The previous Rule 18(9) now refers to the time clock for extra ends and timeouts.

Age Eligibility – Rule 22(1) and (2) – This is a new section and deals with the dates for age eligibility to CCA or other national competitions for 2010-11 and 2011-12.