

## Curling Do's and Don'ts

Courtesy and respect are among the most significant of all curling customs – courtesy and respect for your opponents and members of your own rink. This is the “Spirit of Curling” and the rules of etiquette are as important as the Official Rules of Curling.

Here are some do's and don'ts to keep in mind:

- **Don't** distract a player about to deliver a stone by talking or moving about. Except for the player who will be delivering the next stone, members of the opposing team should be standing on the other side of the hog line.
- **Don't** keep crisscrossing the ice. It is distracting to players who are watching instructions from their skip or preparing to deliver the stone when a sweeper crosses the ice. Decide in advance which side of the stone you prefer to sweep.
- **Don't** walk down the center of the ice after you finish sweeping. Move to the sideline as quickly as possible.
- **Do** compliment an opponent for making a good shot.
- **Don't** embarrass a player by making remarks about an unsuccessful shot.
- If you are a lead or second, **don't** enter the house area (from the hog line to the back line) except while actually sweeping until after the completion of an end and the thirds have determined the score. If a measurement is needed, only the thirds should be in the house and only thirds are to take the measurement.
- **Do** be in the hack with your stone cleaned and ready to take the skip's instructions as promptly as possible. Skips should keep the game moving by minimizing delay in making decisions.
- **Do** help keep pace by placing the next stone to be played in front of the hack.
- **Do** sweep from side-to-side or perpendicular to the rock's path. **Don't** “snowplow.”
- Skips and thirds:
  - The skip and/or thirds of the non-delivering team are allowed to take stationary positions behind the back line at the playing end, but **don't** interfere with the choice of place of the skip or third of the delivering team. Except for the skip/third of the delivering team, **do** hold your broom parallel to the ice in order that the player delivering the stone is not distracted by multiple brooms.
  - **Don't** “warm the ice” – start sweeping before the delivered stone crosses the tee line.