

Canadian Stick Curling Association On-ice Social Distancing Recommendations

Adapted from Curling Canada – Return – to – Play Guidelines

While these guidelines are national by nature, you and your club must follow the authority of relevant agencies in your community / municipality / province / territory to customize your own plan. Further, these best practices may be expanded upon or changed based on evolving guidance from your governing authorities.

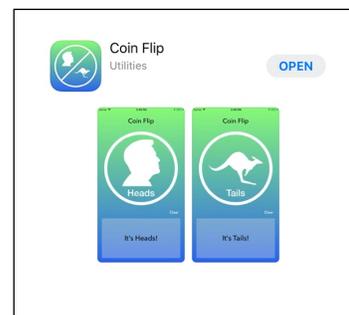
The Canadian Stick Curling Association (CSCA) considers the safety of its members its first priority. Accordingly, CSCA recommends wearing a mask, or face shield, and gloves during play. However, specific requirements will be determined by each club in consultation with the appropriate authorities.

Determining Hammer:

Hammer will be determined by the two skips who will shoot in end one.

Hammer has typically been determined by a coin toss or spinning a wheel. Both of those traditional approaches are problematic with social distancing required. CSCA suggests the following options:

- 1.) One skip uses an on-line tool from smart phone.
Example for iPhone – Coin Flip (free)
- 2.) One skip uses a sanitized coin provided by the club. Let the coin land on ice and each skip takes a turn looking at while always maintaining social distancing.
- 3.) One skip uses their own coin and lets coin land on ice. Each skip takes a turn looking at the result while always maintaining social distancing.

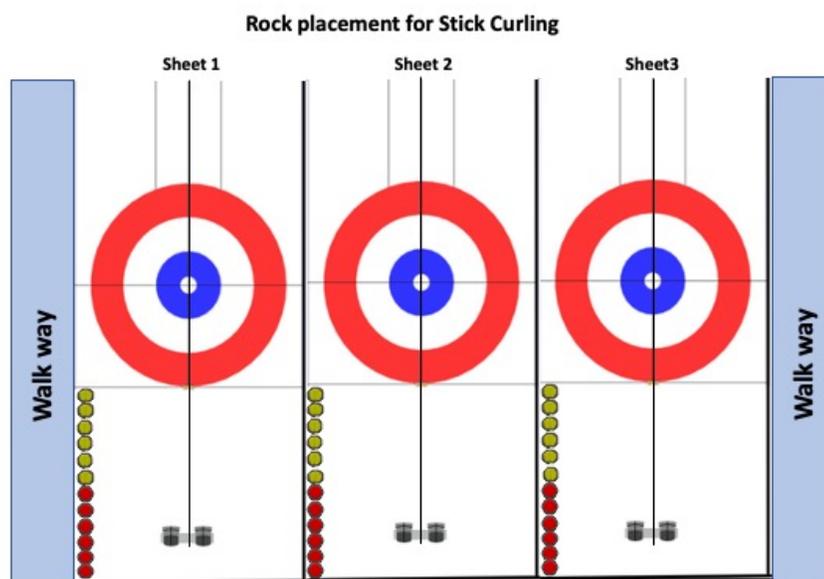


Two key concepts need to be considered:

- 1) Only one skip ever touches a phone or coin
- 2) Only one skip at a time looks at a flipped coin so social distancing is maintained

Rock Placement:

All throwing rocks will be placed on the left side of the sheet on odd ends and right side on even ends. (both colors). *Rationale:* Maximize distance to curlers on next sheet at all times including selecting the rock to throw.

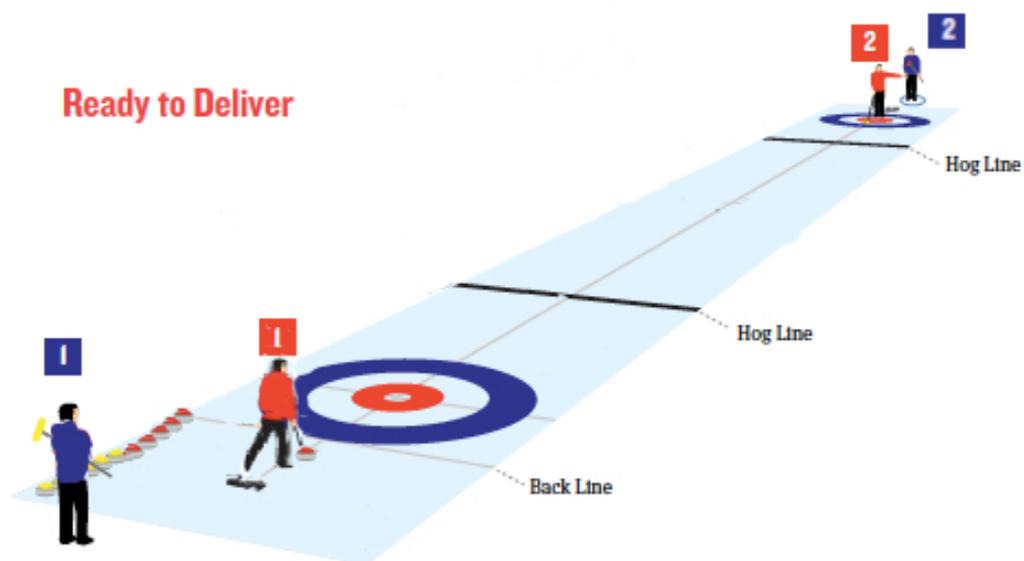


The player winning the toss will probably choose to throw last rock. They will social distance on the back boards and the other player will step on the ice, retrieve their rock and start the delivery process.

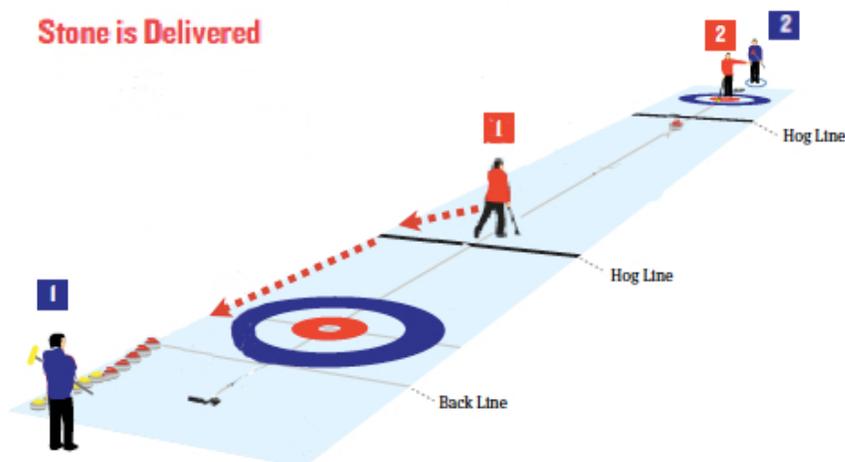
Protocols are necessary to minimize contact with the rock handles and reduce the opportunities to transmit the coronavirus.

It is assumed the club is sanitizing the rock handles before and after each game. The rock surface may only be cleaned by the players on ends 1,3, and 5. Do not touch the rock handles with your hands or gloves unless you are one of the players cleaning the rocks on the odd ends. On ends 2, 4 and 6, if there is a need to clean the rocks because of excessive frost or other debris under the rocks, the delivering players on those ends may also clean the rocks. In all cases the players should remove their gloves and only touch the rock handles with properly sanitized hands.

Please use your broom or foot to move the rocks, if possible. This minimizes hand or glove contact with the rock handles. CSCA recognizes that moving rocks with a broom or feet may present safety issues to certain players. If that is a concern, please obtain assistance from the other player to get your rock into position. Maintaining proper social distancing will still be necessary in this situation.



After the delivery person has reached the top of the house for the delivery, the next player to throw will select the rock and move towards the hack.



The delivery person after the delivery will move to the left of the sheet on odd ends and right on even ends and then move along the boards until reaching the back boards. Please do not deliver the next stone until the player has reached the back boards.

You are now ready to deliver the next stone.

Process repeats until all rocks delivered.

Receiving end:

Skip (red) places broom. Other skip (blue) stands on ice near or on back boards ensuring social distancing is maintained with other skip. Skip (red) sweeps from hog line in and then relinquishes the house when the rock comes to a stop.

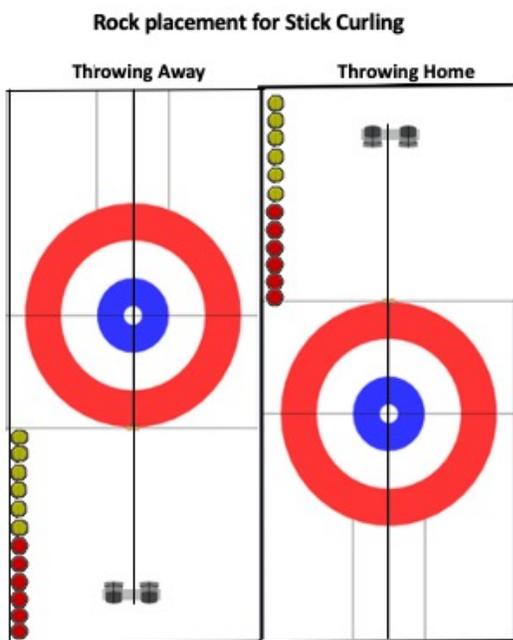
If the rock is hogged, skip (red) will retrieve the rock and move it to the designated corner. If the rock goes through the house, the skip (red) will retrieve the rock and move it to the designated corner. Remember both colour rocks will be placed in one corner.

No sweeping by the other skip (blue) will be allowed behind the t-line.

Skip (blue) will now be allowed to direct the play and place broom. Skip (red) now moves to ice near or on back board. Repeat until all rocks delivered.

At the end of play, after the score is determined, the skip in charge of play (team with last rock) shall move all rocks to the designated corner while the other skip remains on ice near or on back boards.

At the end of play, when the score has been determined, the skip with hammer moves behind the hack and social distances. The skip who will be shooting first will arrange the rocks in the proper corner, grab their rock, set up in the hack and deliver their stone.



Measurements:

If required will be done by the skip in charge of play (team who threw last). Please maintain social distancing to obtain the measuring device as per Curling Canada Guidelines: remove gloves, sanitize your hands, conduct measure, return measure device to its normal location, sanitize your hands. Since other skip may not be able to see the result, ensure you indicate outcome and if other skip disagrees with outcome, let other skip measure after sanitizing their hands.

Scoring:

Appropriate scoring protocols will be determined on a club specific basis

Depending on the applicable guidelines – use one of the following options:

- 1.) Manual scoring on scoreboard by one designated skip only. This assumes the scoring numbers will be sanitized before and after each game.
- 2.) Scoring may be done electronically if you don't use the scoreboards at the club. One of the skips could use a smart phone app to maintain the score. An example of an iPhone app is: Super Scoreboard (free)
- 3.) Other club specific option



It is recognized that it may be difficult to keep track of the score if there is no scoreboard system in place that allows for easy visual identification. CSCA has no specific recommendations in this area but trusts that individual clubs will make every effort to devise adequate score tracking processes.

Voice options are not always effective in communicating the score to a player at the other end of the ice. Please consider using the following, or devise a similar system of, hand signals to communicate scoring results.

Stick Curling Scoring Signals

