

Canadian Curling Association

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Rule Changes for 2014-2018 with Rationale & Page Source

Changed: The CCA Rule Book will be reviewed every four years (or once per Olympic quadrennial).

Rationale: Rules will remain consistent throughout the Olympic qualification process, aligning with the procedures of the World Curling Federation; however, the CCA will consider rule changes (if any during the quadrennial) that make sense for fair play for all players following consultation with all stakeholders and approval of the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Changed: Clarify all instances referencing to when a stone is to be re-delivered

Rationale: Any stone that is to be re-delivered must be the same called shot and the same amount of ice taken by the person holding the broom, as was the original called shot. The called shot cannot be changed.

Source: p.12 Rule 8(6) – p.12 Rule 8(7) – p.14 Rule 10(3) – p.20 Rule 17(5) – p.38 Rule 9(7) – p.39 Rule 10(2)(b)(i) – p.40 Rule 10(3)(c) – p.40 Rule 10(4)(b)(c) – p.40 Rule 11(3) – p.48 Rule 18(5)

p.12 Rule 8(6) If a player wishes to recommence the delivery as a result of their own team's action, the player may do so providing the stone has not reached the near tee line. The player will delivery the same called shot.

p.12 Rule 8(7) If an extreme circumstance occurs during the delivery that distracts the thrower to a significant degree, the stone may be delivered prior to the opposition delivering their next stone. The player will redeliver the same called shot and ice.

p.14 Rule 10(3) Displaced Stationary Stones

If a stone which would have altered the course of a moving stone is displaced, or caused to be displaced, by an external force, all stones are allowed to come to rest and are then placed in the positions in which they would have come to rest had a stone not been displaced. If the teams cannot agree, the stone is redelivered after all displaced stones have been replaced to their original positions. The player will redeliver the same called shot and ice. If agreement on the original positions cannot be reached, the end is replayed.

p.20 Rule 17(5) Wheelchair Curling

Changed: Clarified all instances of when a stone is to be **re-delivered**

Rationale: Added words “consecutive stones” to the rule that addresses playing with three players, how many stones and when they are delivered. This is to reduce confusion (mainly at the club level) about the order of delivery.

Source: p.8 Rule 5(4)(c) – p.32 Rule 5(5)(c)

p.8 Rule 5(4)(c) A team may play with three players with the first two players each delivering three stones in consecutive order (in each end) while alternating with an opponent(s). Under no circumstance may a team play with fewer than three players delivering stones.

Changed: General Play **Rule 8(1) Delivery** & Officiated Play **Rule 9(9) Delivery**

Rationale: Specify which foot should be placed in which hack (two hack scenario) to clarify rule.

Source: p.11 Rule 8(1) – p.37 Rule 9(1)

p.11 Rule 8(1) Only right-handed deliveries shall be initiated from the hack located to the left of the centre line (right foot in the left hack) and only left-handed deliveries shall be initiated from the hack located to the right of the centre line (left foot in the right hack).

Changed: Deleted previous General Play **Rule 8(12) Delivery** & Officiated Play **Rule 9(11) Delivery**

Rationale: Handles rarely come off the stone during delivery, therefore the rule is deleted. If it should ever occur in the future, any Umpire can deal with it under General Play Rule 19(3) and Officiated Play Rule 21(1) (May be an incorrect reference as Rule 19(3) concerns Mixed Doubles!!!???)

Changed: General Play **Rule 8(1) Delivery** & Officiated Play **Rule 9(1) Delivery**

Rationale: This rule was split into two rules to separate the use of a single hack. General Play **Rule 8(1) Delivery** now becomes Rule 8(1) & Rule 8(2) & Officiated Play **Rule 9(1) Delivery** now becomes Rule 9(1) & Rule 9(2). The rest of both sections were renumbered.

At PCCC we do not have single hacks. If going to a club which has single hacks read Rule 8(2)

Changed: **General Play Rule 9(1) Touched Moving Stones** & Officiated Play **Rule 10(1) Touched Moving Stones**

Changed: Clarified the rule allowing a stone to be re-touched by the person delivering the stone without penalty. The stone must be released by the hogline as per normal.

Source: p.13 Rule 9(1) – p.38 Rule 9(5)

Changed: **General Play Rule 12(2) Free Guard Zone** & Officiated Play **Rule 13(2) Free Guard Zone**

Changed: Added the phrase “without exception” to the text of what happens when there is an infraction in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ)

Rationale: Clarified the procedure to note there are no exceptions when there is an infraction. The delivered stone is always removed and the displaced stones are always replaced regardless of the situation.

Source: p.15 Rule 12(2) – p.42 Rule 13(2)

See below

Changed: **General Play Rule 12(2) Free Guard Zone** & Officiated Play **Rule 13(2) Free Guard Zones**

Changed: Add a clarifying phrase for stones previously in the Free Guard Zone.

Rationale: During the course of the season, we receive dozens of e-mails asking ‘what if’ about stones that ‘were’ in the FGZ and when they can be legally removed from play. There is confusion that a stone that was originally in the FGZ but was moved to a non-FGZ position is still protected.

Source: p.15 Rule 12(2) – p.42 Rule 13(2)

p.15 Rule 12(2) Any stationary stone(s) belonging to the opposition located in the FGZ shall not be removed from play by the delivering team prior to the delivery of the 5th stone of the end. When an opposition's stone(s) that is removed from play from the FGZ prior to the delivery of the 5th stone of the end, directly or indirectly, **without exception**, the delivered stone **must be** removed from play and any other displaced stones replaced as close as possible to its original position. Any stone **previously in the FGZ**, whose location is now not in the FGZ – as per 12(1)(a) or (b) – may be removed at any time without penalty.

Changed: General Play **Stones in Play and Scoring** & Officiated Play **Stones in Play and Scoring**

Changed: Added clarifying words to the section on scoring/posting incomplete ends.

Rationale: Further clarity.

Source: p.18 Rule 13(11)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii) – p.44-45 Rule 14(12)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)

Rule 13(11)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)

(11) Marking the Scoreboard for Incomplete Ends in General Play

(a) When both teams still have stones to be delivered (at least one (1) each and there is a concession, no points are placed on the scoreboard.

(b) When one team delivered all of their stones (15 of 16 stones have been delivered) and there is a concession:

(i) the team that delivered all their stones has stones counting and the game was conceded, **no** points are placed on the scoreboard;

(ii) the team that did not deliver all their stones has stones counting and the game was conceded, these points **are given** and placed on the scoreboard;

(iii) if fifteen stones are delivered and no stones are counting when the game is conceded, no points are placed on the scoreboard.

The following rule changes are not relevant for club play!

Changed: General Play **Rule 5 – Teams** & Officiated Play **Rule 5 – Teams**

Changed: Added clarifying words allowing the re-designation or re-identification of the skip and vice-skip when a substitute enters a game between ends.

Rationale: For clarity and for accuracy of records. This was unclear to teams when a substitute enters play. It is not a delivery rotation issue.

Source: p.8 Rule 5(4)(e) – p.32 Rule 5(5)(e)

Changed: General Play **Rule 5 – Teams** & Officiated Play **Rule 5 – Teams**

Changed: Added clarifying words allowing the re-designation or re-identification of the skip and vice-skip when a substitute enters a game during an end.

Rationale: Clarity and for accuracy of records. This was unclear to teams when a substitute entered play. It is not a delivery rotation issue.

Source: p.9 Rule 5(4)(f)(iii) – p.32 Rule 5(5)(f)(iii)

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 5 – Teams**

Changed: Added clarifying words allowing the re-designation or re-identification of the skip and vice-skip when a team starts with three players and fourth player joins the game.

Rationale: Clarity and for accuracy of records. This was unclear to teams when the fourth player entered play. It is not a delivery rotation issue.

Source: p.32 Rule 5(6)(a)

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 6 – Skips**

Changed: Added an exception for mixed curling to exclude the content of the rules about the vice-skip.

Rationale: Mixed curling has specific rules concerning the vice skip and skip (alternate genders) and Rule 6(3) was confusing the umpire's ability to rule on a legitimate mixed line-up

Source: p.33 Rule 6(3)

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 8 – Game Time Operation**

Changed: Thinking Time for a 10 end game will be 38 minutes per team. Thinking Time for an 8 end game will be 30 minutes per team. Extra ends will be 4:30 for each team. This is reduced from 40 minutes and 5 minutes for extra ends previously in the rule book.

Rationale: The move to Thinking Time was positive for players but the length of time to play the entire game is still a concern for television reasons, fan experience and player experience. The reduction is 12 seconds per end for a ten end game. Extra ends were tested at 4 minutes, which proved to be too low. It was moved to 5 minutes, which proved to be too long. The balance of 4 minutes and 30 seconds is the compromise.

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Source: p.35 Rule 8(1)

Changed: Previous Officiated Play **Rule 8(1)(a) Game Time Operation – page 34**

Change: This rule is deleted. *“A stone that has reached the nearer tee line before the time expires shall be allowed to continue and shall be considered as having been played within the allotted time.”*

Rationale: This rule is now redundant as the clock stops for every shot when it reaches the tee-line. This rule was in place for ‘running time’.

Note: all other rules were re-numbered accordingly

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 18(8)(9) Wheelchair Curling**

Changed: Updated the wheelchair curling game time operation to 36 minutes of Thinking Time and 6 minutes for any extra ends.

Rationale: Updated.

Source: p.48 Rule 18(8)(9)

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 19(10)(11) Vision Impaired Curling**

Changed: Updated the vision impaired game time operation to 36 minutes of Thinking Time and 6 minutes for any extra ends.

Rationale: Updated.

Source: p.51 Rule 20(10)(11)

Changed: Officiated Play **Rule 22(1)-(4) Age Eligibility**

Changed: Update eligibility dates for all CCA staged events (added Mixed Doubles). Note: the Junior age has changed to 20 years and under as of July 1st the year preceding the championship beginning the 2015-2016 season. Previously, the Junior age was 20 years and under as of December 31st of the year prior to the championship.

Rationale: Updated.

Source: p.52-54 Rule 22(1)(2)(3)(4)