



# Oliver Curling Club

## ON-ICE PROTOCOLS

**Please remember to keep 2 m (6 ft) distance from all other curlers – including teammates – during your game.**

1. There are designated areas along the sides of the sheets and back boards where the non-delivering team and the non-active sweeper of the delivering team stand. Non-delivering skip stands on the back boards. Delivering skip has exclusive rights in the house.
2. Only 1 player is allowed to sweep when a rock is delivered. This sweeper is in charge from delivery to house. A teammate is not allowed to take over during a rock's travel until the tee line (*see below*).
  - a. The skip or vice-skip of the delivering team can sweep their own team's rocks, or the opposition's rocks, after the tee line but only if the active sweeper has stopped sweeping. The sweeper must be called off prior to entering the house before the skip or vice-skip can sweep any rocks.
  - b. The non-delivering skip must remain behind the hack area or on the backboards until all rocks come to a rest. The non-delivering team may **not** sweep any rocks including their own.
3. Only one member of the non-delivering team is allowed behind the back line/hack.
4. When the skip and vice-skip are exchanging control of the house, or discussing a call, they must remain at least 2 metres apart from each other ALWAYS.
5. After a player delivers their rock, they can follow the rock while maintaining a 2-metre distance from the sweeper but go no further than

- the second hog line. Or they move to the nearest unoccupied standing location. This allows players from the other team to move into position.
6. Players only use their specific rocks. No exchanging rocks after game a begins.
  7. One designated player from each team is allowed to move their team's rocks to the starting position.
  8. When positioning the rocks after each end, the designated player uses only their feet or broom. Avoid using the handle for repositioning the rocks.
  9. After a game, the designated player who has repositioned the rocks during the game sanitizes the handles of their team's rocks before leaving the ice surface.
  10. Players should not use their hands for cleaning the bottom of the rocks. Use a broom only.
  11. Scoring for both teams is done by one skip from one team. Skips decide between themselves who keeps score. This skip is responsible for sanitizing the scoreboard numbers after the game is finished.
  12. There is no common heads-or-tails token to determine which team throws first rocks. Instead, one player can use a coin from their pocket and pick it up after the toss. Another suggestion is to do the paper-rock-scissors method.

**PLEASE DO NOT SHAKE HANDS OR BUMP ELBOWS OR MAKE OTHER CONTACT WHERE PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS NOT MAINTAINED.**

*The Oliver Curling Club Board of Directors has the right to change or modify these on-ice protocols at any time upon advisement of Curl BC, Sport BC, BC Ministry of Health or Provincial Health Officer, or as deemed necessary.*