



## **Basic Rules Every Curler Should Know:**

- **A coin toss will decide which team will deliver the last stone in the 1<sup>st</sup> end.**
- **Curlers should stand along the sides of the sheet when not throwing or brushing.**
- **Leads and seconds should position themselves between the hog lines and well to the side when their team is not delivering. Only skips and thirds are allowed to stand in the house area.**
- **All curlers should remain outside the house until the thirds have agreed on the score.**
- **The scoring team's third is responsible for posting the score**
- **Do not remove an opposition stone if it's in the Free Guard Zone until the fifth stone of the end.**
- **The team who scores in one end delivers the first stone of the next end.**
- **A Skip can only brush an opposition's stone once it has crossed the tee-line of the playing end.**
- **When throwing a stone, the curler must clearly release it before it passes the hog line closest to the throwing end.**
- **To be considered "in play", all stones must be over the hog line at the playing end of the ice (consult rule book for exceptions).**
- **A stone is out of play if it touches the sideline, or if it completely crosses the back line at the playing end.**