Sweepers Communication

Make an early call, update it and keep everyone in the conversation.

4 players | 12-16 minutes | 8 draws

Equipment: 8 stones (or reuse 1), brooms, grippers, usual delivery aid and pencil.

SET UP

Start with an empty house and aim for the top four-foot. Roles: thrower, sweeper 1, sweeper 2 and broom holder. Agree on plain-language weight calls such as guard, top house, four-foot, back house and through.

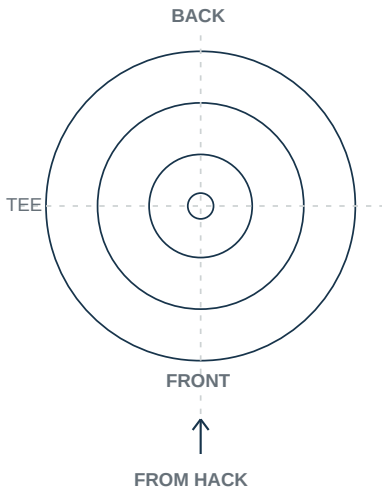
RUN IT

1. Confirm the target. The thrower shares release feel; sweepers give an early weight estimate before mid-sheet and update as the stone travels. Keep judging even when it looks light.

2. The broom holder calls line and clear sweep/on-off instructions; sweepers acknowledge. Changing a weight estimate is encouraged.

3. After each shot, clear it and rotate: thrower > sweeper 1 > sweeper 2 > broom > thrower. Everyone throws twice.

YOUR ICE SKETCH



Sketch the target and weight zones. Note one phrase the whole team understands.

HOUSECALL PRACTICE SCORING

Communication /4: 1 each for target confirmed, early weight call, later update and clear broom command acknowledged. **Shot /2:** in/touching four-foot = 2; elsewhere in/touching house = 1; outside = 0. Score the conversation independently of the result.

Easier Use three weight zones and practice the call sequence on an easy open draw.

Harder Alternate top-four-foot and back-four-foot targets without changing the rubric.

TRACK YOUR PRACTICE

Name / team _____ Date _____

Shot	Thrower	Early call	Update	Broom + reply	Comm /4	Shot /2
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

Safety: use club-approved equipment and grippers. Stop delivery and let every stone stop before clearing or resetting. Keep hands, feet and spare stones out of moving-stone paths.

Coaching reference: Curling Canada, Getting Started, pp. 36-41

Original practice format and scoring; not competition rules. Follow your club rules.

Learn the game. Love the game.