HOUSECALL

Reading curling ice

Watch the path. Share what you learn.



A beginner’s guide to line and weight

Learn the game. Love the game.

Line and weight

LINE

Where is the stone travelling?
Watch its path and how much
it curls toward the target.

WEIGHT

How far will it travel?
Judge whether it is short,
on target or too heavy.

Read both together

A change in weight can also change the curl.
One missed shot is not proof that the ice changed.

Build a picture of each path

Watch the setup

Note the broom, turn and intended weight.

Follow the whole shot

Compare the release, path and final resting place.

Look for a repeat

Compare a similar path, turn and weight—on both teams.

A read on one track is not a promise about the whole sheet.

Ice speed can change

Keener / faster ice

Less delivery weight may reach the same destination.

Heavier / slower ice

More delivery weight may be needed for that destination.

Recheck as the game goes on

Wear, frost and the route played can affect a read. The opposite direction may behave differently.

Compare similar shots before changing the call.

Keep the read moving

Thrower	Share the release: “A little light.”
Sweepers	Call weight early—and update it as you learn.
Skip	Call line; combine it with the sweepers’ read.

After the shot: what will we tell the next thrower?

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