WORLD CURLING SWEEPING RULES



2026 QUICK REFERENCE • SAVE THIS!

WHAT SWEEPING CAN DO

MAKE IT GO FARTHER	Sweeping can reduce how quickly the rock slows down.
HOLD IT STRAIGHTER	Sweeping can delay the rock's curl.
INFLUENCE THE CURL	Some enhancement of the curling path is allowed.
SWEEP IN EITHER DIRECTION	You don't have to sweep across the entire width of the rock.
FINISH BESIDE THE ROCK	Your sweeping motion must finish to either side of its path.

WHAT SWEEPING CANNOT DO

BRAKE THE ROCK	You cannot intentionally sweep to make your own moving rock slow down faster.
MAKE IT "FALL BACK" UNNATURALLY	Sweeping cannot make it move significantly opposite its applied turn beyond what the ice would naturally produce.
DUMP DEBRIS	Don't leave frost or debris in front of the moving rock.
RAISE THE BROOM IN FRONT OF IT	The brush head cannot be raised in front of the moving rock.
USE PROHIBITED SINGLE PUSH STROKES TO SLOW IT	This includes the specified single-stroke push techniques, whether the broom stays on the ice or is lifted before returning.
	Do not sweep with only the side or edge of the brush head touching the ice.

R8(a) VIOLATIONS • OFFICIATED PLAY

FIRST VIOLATION:
Official warning to the **WHOLE TEAM.**

ANOTHER VIOLATION AT THE SAME EVENT:
The **other team** chooses: leave the stone in play, OR remove the delivered stone and restore displaced stones.

REPEAT VIOLATION DURING AN LSD AT THE SAME EVENT:
MAXIMUM DISTANCE IS RECORDED.

BROOM EQUIPMENT

FOR WORLD CURLING COMPETITIONS

- Use a brush/head on the current World Curling **Approved Code List.**
- Previously approved traditional heads were unaffected by June 2025 changes. Check the current code list.
- Component-style heads must meet World Curling specifications.
- Some firmer/high-performance foams were removed from approval for 2025–26.



CHECK WORLD CURLING'S CURRENT APPROVED CODE LIST FOR PERMITTED BRUSH MODELS.

Official brush list

worldcurling.org/brushes

THE EASY WAY TO REMEMBER IT

Sweeping can help a rock go farther, stay straighter and influence its curl.

It cannot be used to intentionally brake the rock, create excessive fall-back, or dump debris.



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World Curling R8(a) and September 2026 equipment policies. Checked 10 October 2026. Confirm local adoption.
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