# WORLD CURLING SWEEPING RULES



## 2026 QUICK REFERENCE • SAVE THIS!

## WHAT SWEEPING CAN DO

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| **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

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| **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. |


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## 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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