

Sweeping Technique

World Curling, in accordance with our established Statement of Principles regarding Competition Equipment, which was in consultation with its members and stakeholders, determined that the acceptable effects of sweeping are to make a stone go further and to hold a stone straighter, while allowing for some enhancement of the curling trajectory.

As outlined on page 3 of the [Statement of Principles regarding Competition Equipment](#), "World Curling has also determined the unacceptable effects of sweeping on a curling stone are:

- **To increase the rate of deceleration of a stone (making it slow down)**
- To cause a stone to move in the opposite direction in which the turn was applied (making it fall back) significantly more than existing ice conditions would have provided
- To deposit debris in the path of the stone (dumping)"

Sweeping a stone with the intent of making it slow down is an unacceptable effect of sweeping. Any technique used to increase the rate of deceleration of a stone is against the Statement of Principles and prohibited from use in competition.

Single brush strokes (standard or knifing orientation) using primarily a push motion is a prohibited technique. This includes single brush strokes that keep the brush on the ice while returning to its original position or lifting the brush head off the ice before returning it to its original position.

In officiated play, the umpires will observe sweeping throughout a game and during the LSD stones. If the umpire determines a team is sweeping with the intent of slowing down their own stone, an official warning will be issued to the entire team.

Any subsequent violation(s) during the same event by the same team will result in the stone(s) being removed from play. If any subsequent violation occurs during the delivery of an LSD stone, the maximum distance will be recorded.