



COMPETITION RULES

The Northern Ontario Curling Association adheres to and enforces Curling Canada's Rules of General Play and the Rules of Officiated Play at all NOCA events.

[Rules for General Play](#)

[Rules for Officiated Play](#) - not posted online but are available for purchase from Curling Canada.

Please note: Special Event rules may exist and are outlined in the Competition specific Competitor Guides on the NOCA website. curlno.ca/competitions/

2016-2017 MORATORIUM ON BRUSH HEAD TECHNOLOGY

New regulations covering brush head technology and sweeping technique for play at World Curling Federation events were approved in September 2016 at the WCF's Annual General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden.

The new regulations came about as a result of research conducted jointly by the National Research Council of Canada and the WCF, with contributions from Curling Canada, during the first Sweeping Summit, held last May in Kemptville, Ont.

With the new WCF regulations in place, Curling Canada has introduced a revised Moratorium that will cover brush-heads and sweeping for Curling Canada events, and playdowns that lead to Curling Canada events. It will be in place through the 2017-18 season.

To read the Moratorium [CLICK HERE](#).

The most notable change is that a standardized fabric (material, weave, coating and colour) will be adopted for use in all championship events. As well, new guidelines have been adopted that cover use of target and sweeping brooms, as well as sweeping technique — all the result of the extensive research and testing done in Kemptville.

- [Summary of the Sweeping Summit findings](#)
- [World Curling Federation news release](#)
- [WCF's position on equipment used for recreational and/or domestic curling](#)
- [Curling Canada Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Below are the links to various manufacturer products with approved WCF materials:

[Asham \(OV Pro\)](#)

[Balance Plus \(e Lite\)](#)

[Hardline Curling \(Maxim\)](#)

[Goldline \(Oval Pro\)](#)

[Performance \(WCF Approved\)](#)

[Olson Curling](#) (No WCF approved heads available)

[Tournament Curling](#) (No WCF approved heads available)

"Spirit of Curling" – The World Curling Federation wants to communicate with all curlers who are elite competitors or who are proficient sweepers that they should take into consideration the fairness of play, and still consider using compliant equipment even though at the recreational level the material is not an issue.

NOCA will implement the sweeping moratorium on brush head technology, in compliance with the recent WCF & Curling Canada brush moratorium statements.

NOCA will require that all teams competing in events operated directly by NOCA i.e. Region events, Qualifiers, and Provincial Championships, to comply with the moratorium. The ONLY exception to this will be the U18 Region events for the 2016-17 season.

- The penalties and infractions for players and teams that do not obey the sweeping regulations will be implemented. Please have a look at the moratorium for penalty details.
- Ensure to read the moratorium carefully as it is the duty of the player to be aware of the changes and new rulings within the document.

Here is a list of Frequently Asked Questions:

1) What style of material am I allowed to sweep with?

Moratorium Is Enforced– Approved WCF products (Currently is **Nylon Oxford 420D mustard yellow**). NO HAIR BRUSHES.

2) What broom/handle can I use?

Moratorium Is Enforced – Any broom/handle that is able to accompany the WCF approved materials & heads.

3) What is the ruling with switching brooms?

Moratorium Is Enforced - One player must declare their own broom before the practice session is to begin, and then may not switch brooms with anyone, or anything, at any time during that one game. The individual in the house acting as the broom holder for the other teammates may only use the broom they are sweeping with.

4) Am I allowed to slide with hair brooms/corn brooms?

Moratorium Is Enforced – Yes you may slide with a hair broom or corn broom, but you **CANNOT** sweep with it at any point after your slide.

5) Am I allowed to change my brush head during a game?

Moratorium Is Enforced – No, you may only use the brush head you started the pre-game practice session with, unless granted special permission from the Chief Umpire.

*** The new moratorium sweeping regulation DOES NOT apply to standard club level leagues, bonspiels, and any other recreational form of curling formats***

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