

## DOUBLES CURLING – RULES SUMMARY

### 1. Two-person teams delivering 5 stones per end:

- Player 1 delivers stones 1 and 5
- Player 2 delivers stones 2, 3, 4
- Player delivering the first stone can change from end to end
- 8 end games – approximately 90 minutes to play a game
- Scored the same as regular curling (including the positioned stones)

### 2. Modified Free Guard Zone:

- **No stone** in play including the positioned stones and those in the house can be moved out-of-play prior to the delivery of the 4<sup>th</sup> stone of an end. (**the 4<sup>th</sup> stone can take out**)
- If violation the delivered stone is removed, and stones replaced to original position

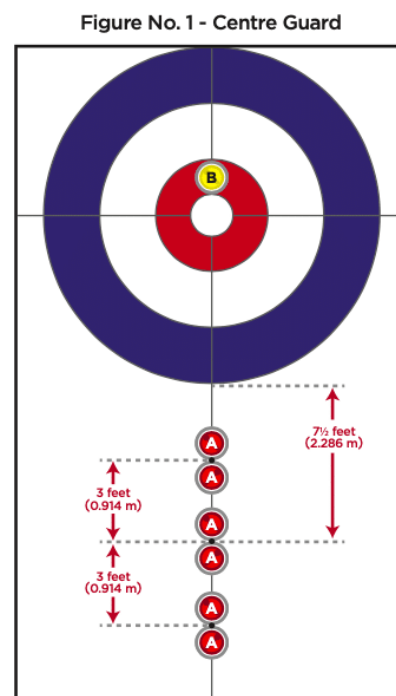
### 3. Positioning of Stationary Stones:

Before end starts one stone from each team is “positioned” at the playing end

Team with “hammer” or last stone advantage (decided by a coin toss) has a choice where to place the stationary stones before an end. Team whose stone is placed in Position A must deliver the first stone of the end, team whose stationary stone lies at **position B will have the hammer**.

**Position A:** (Guard) Bisects the centre line and is either immediately in front of or immediately behind one of the 3 points on the ice - mutually agreed upon location. Team with stone in Position A shoots first.

**Position B:** (back of 4 foot) Bisects the centre line with the back edge of the stone aligned with the back edge of the 4-foot circle.



### 4. Rules of play:

- Following the first end the team that did not score has the decision on placement
- If neither team scores in an end the team that played first stone gets the next decision
- Non-delivering players can be anywhere on the ice surface
- After delivery both players may sweep the delivered stone and any stones set in motion belonging to their team in front of the tee line
- If a player delivers a stone out of proper rotation the delivered stone is removed from play and any displaced stones are returned to their original positions.
- Once per game team with decision may call a “**Power Play**” and place Stone A (corner guard) and Stone B (front edge of tee line ½ on 8’ ½ on 12’) to the side of the sheet.