

## TCA Goldline Men's Championships Sweeping and Equipment Policy

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The TCA Goldline Men's Championships will be following the guidelines and recommendations of the World Curling Federation and Curling Canada to play within the 'Spirit of the Game'.

What this means for this event:

- We will not be insisting that you use the new Nylon Oxford 420D mustard yellow broom heads (henceforth referred to as conforming broom heads).
- If you use any kind of directional sweeping (includes switching and only using one sweeper at certain times to 'steer' the rock), we expect you to be using the new, conforming broom heads.
- If you use non-conforming broom heads (including Norway, EQ, and Hardline, **with the** waterproof fabric **reversed**, and plastic insert **removed**), we expect you to employ conventional sweeping methods (two sweepers, not sweeping the rock in order to make it curl, etc.)
- Hair brooms **and 'home made' brush heads with waterproof fabric and plastic inserts** can no longer be used as a sweeping device.

So, in summary, if you wish to use directional sweeping, your team should be using the new, conforming broom heads. In that case, we suggest you advise your opponents before the game that your team is using the new, conforming broom heads and you may use directional sweeping.

As always, we encourage you to use common sense and respect the 'Spirit of the Game' in which we all play. In the case of repeated infractions, please inform the local official. We sincerely hope it does not come to this and common sense prevails.

### **Frequently asked questions re Sweeping Policy**

Q – Can players use the broom heads with plastic inserts &/or fabric which has been textured, sealed or modified from its original woven form.

A – No. The plastic inserts must be removed and fabric inverted.

Q – How does the policy apply to 3 person teams?

A – On a 3 person team the sweeper should consistently sweep from the same side throughout the shot and cannot switch sides while sweeping a thrown rock.

Q – Do all 4 players require the conforming fabric to attempt directional sweeping?

A – No, but the 2 sweepers on a given rock must be using the conforming fabric. So, only 2 conforming broom heads are required on a given team.

Q – Can a sweeper change who is closer to the rock, aka switch, if they are NOT using conforming broom heads?

A – No. That is directional sweeping and not allowed unless conforming broom heads are being used.

Q – What happens if the opposing team are using directional sweeping techniques and do not have conforming broom heads?

A – The non-offending skip should remind the skip of the team that is not complying of the Sweeping Policy and request that the team desist from using directional sweeping. If the non-compliant team persists in using directional sweeping, the Skip should report the issue to the local Umpire. The local Umpire should report the incident to the Head Umpire for the Championships for possible disciplinary actions.