

Team Communication

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Who is Responsible for Team Communication?

- Lead
- Second
- Third
- Skip
- All of the above

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When do Teams Need to Communicate?

- Before each game
- Before each end
- Before each shot
- During each shot
- After each shot
- After each end
- After each game

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Before Each Game

- What strategy will be employed
 - Offensive? High-risk, high reward
 - Defensive? Low-risk, low reward
 - Balanced? Requires team to be comfortable switching from defense to offense quickly, and vice-versa
- Game plan should match your shot-making skills and ice conditions

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Before Each End

- What is the desired result?
 - Score 2 points?
 - Score 1 point?
 - Blank?
 - Force opponent to 1 point?
 - Steal 1 point?
- What is an acceptable result?
- What is the unacceptable result?
- What is the bonus result?

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Before Each Shot

- What shot is to be thrown?
- What weight is required?
- What turn is desired?
- What line is appropriate?

If you don't know the what shot is called for, ask your teammates!

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During Each Shot

- Skip (or vice if skip shooting) communicates line to sweepers
 - Use simple language! Yes-No, Sweep-Off, etc. and agree on it
- Sweepers communicate weight to skip
 - At a minimum do this at release, mid-way, and at the near hog line
 - Use an agreed-upon system of communication
- Keep talking until the shot is done!

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After Each Shot

- Skips, thank your sweepers, and acknowledge effort of shooter
- If shot is missed, communicate reasons for miss so that if shot is called again, the necessary adjustment will be known

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After Each End

- Reassess your game situation
 - Score
 - Ice conditions
 - Ends remaining
 - Who has last rock next end?
- Set goals for next end

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After Each Game

- Buy the losers a drink or enjoy the winners' treat
- Before next game, evaluate game plan relative to your shot-making

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