

World Curling Tour / Ontario Curling Tour Brushing Rules

One of the issues we've been working on is how we're going to handle the brushing rules for the early season events. The World Curling Federation is not ruling on brushing until their meetings in early September, so we won't have any official rules to work with yet.

While the rules aren't set, it seems the guidelines are in place as curling manufacturers are all working with what we expect to be the one fabric that will be allowed on ice.

We will be following these expected guidelines with only these heads allowed on the ice for the event. Players can only use their own brush (no switching) and only one brush pad per game per player.

I have confirmed with major manufacturers that heads will be available for the first event in Oakville, so please contact your supplier to make sure you have enough brush heads for the weekend. We will attempt to have some stock available as well.

To make this easier to enforce, **we ask teams to leave their broom bags in the locker room and bring out the four brushes they will be using on ice for sweeping along with any marked throwing devices.**

After announcing this a couple weeks ago, we've heard of some teams having challenges getting pads and we'll consider alternatives as they come up. Should a team not have pads available, we will advise they use pads available allowing their opposition to use similar technology available at the end of last season. This will only be an option if pads are not readily available on site at the event.

Once the World Curling Federation announces the official rules, we will follow all guidelines as noted.