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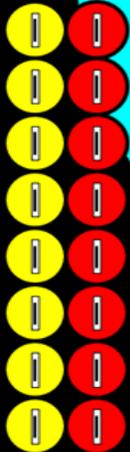


This is the place to stand if you are the Ice Player Assistant at the playing end.

This is the place to stand if you are at the delivering end and the player delivers from inside the house.



This is the place to stand if you are at the delivering end and the player delivers from in front of the house.



Stones are in two neat parallel rows.
Handles are pointing straight up the ice.
The team delivering first has their stones closer to the centre (red).
The last stone to be delivered is closest to the tee line, etc.

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Ice Player Assistant and stone delivery order set up

SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING ASSOCIATION (SWCA)



Ice Player Assistant (IPA)

ICE PLAYER ASSISTANT (IPA) - WHEELCHAIR CURLING

Each sheet should have two IPAs per game, one at the delivery end and one at the playing end. Their role is an integral part and essential to the running of a game.

Before the game

- Dress warmly in clothes that allow free movement; wear gloves
- Change shoes after arriving at the arena; wear clean shoes for on-ice duties (curling shoes or gym shoes). Some venues may have hire shoes available.
- Introduce yourself as an IPA to both teams.
- Check with each team for their stone delivery order. Teams may choose not to play stones in order 1 to 8.

IPA - Delivery end

- Arrange the stones so that the Number 8 stone (or the last one to be delivered) is just touching the tee line and the other stones are in a straight line in the direction of the hog line.
- The stones of the team delivering first should be closer to the centre.
- The players will indicate to the IPA where they would like the stone placed for their delivery.
- A micro-fibre cloth, if available, should be used to clean the running surface of all stones.
- Once a player has been given his/her stone stand still and out of the vision of the delivering player near the side line.
- It is important to have the first stone cleaned and in position to avoid delays.
- After the last stone of an end has been delivered, proceed along the side of the sheet to the other end to assist in getting the stones lined up for the next end of play.

IPA - Playing end

Stand to the side of the sheet (out of the delivering player's sight line), near the corner where the out-of-play stones will be collected.

Assist players in clearing any stones that have not crossed the hog line, or have touched a side line or cleared the back line.

Place out-of-play stones in two rows parallel to the side boards and with the handles pointing straight up the ice (keep them in the delivery order if possible).

If a take-out shot is being played, move forward in anticipation of stones possibly going towards an adjacent sheet.

After the score for the end has been agreed between the vice-skips both IPAs can move the stones up to the delivery position on the right side of the sheet for the next end ensuring the first stone is moved to the delivery position before sorting the remaining stones.

Arrange the stones in correct order for the next end, but one IPA should follow the first stone back to the other end.

If a measure is required, don't move any stones. Call an Umpire who will oversee the situation and who will then enlist your help as required. Communication problems have occurred in the past and the wrong stones have been removed. However, players (at their team's risk) are free to move stones themselves before a measure.

DO NOT MOVE ANY STONES IN THE HOUSE IF A MEASURE HAS BEEN REQUESTED!

If asked to comment on any situation regarding play/position of the stones, refer to an Umpire. But if an Umpire is not present and the players ask if a stone has touched the side boards, and you have observed it, then you may comment.

If you see anything, which the players "miss" (e.g. stone touched by a wheel), it is not your duty to bring it to their attention, but you can tell the Umpire.

ENJOY YOURSELF!