



Sweeping Brush Check Procedures

World Curling Statement of Principles Regarding Competition Equipment

<https://worldcurling.org/brushes/>

To reduce the possibility of sweeping equipment detrimental to the competitive and performance integrity of the game, World Curling has established specifications for sweeping equipment, along with principles and references against which those specifications should be considered.

To ensure athleticism continues to be an important element of sweeping, the specifications also consider the desire to reduce significant variations in effectiveness between acceptable sweeping devices.

It is the responsibility of each player and team official to ensure his or her sweeping brush meets World Curling's 'Standards for Competition Equipment' and is listed on the World Curling 'Conforming Equipment List'

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This includes but is not limited to, ensuring a valid World Curling Product Code is displayed on the pad or fabric, ensuring there is nothing between the fabric and the foam and ensuring the side of the fabric in contact with the ice is the side intended by the manufacturer, which will be the case if the World Curling Product Code is visible on the fabric.

A stabilising brush, which is used only during delivery, need not be on the conforming list, but can never be used for sweeping.

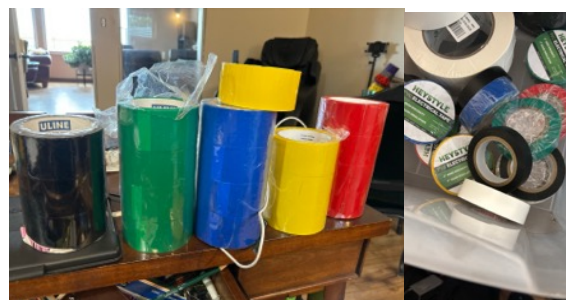
Brush pads must be installed on the head assembly for which they are designed, with the exception being the oval heads, which can be installed on any assembly designed for oval heads.



All sweeping devices will be marked with different coloured tape to identify which device belongs to which thrower, alternate, coach.

Brush Marking

4th stones thrower	GREEN
3rd stones thrower (Male in Mixed Doubles)	BLUE
2nd stones thrower (Female in Mixed Doubles)	YELLOW
1st stones thrower	RED
Alternate & Coaches	BLACK



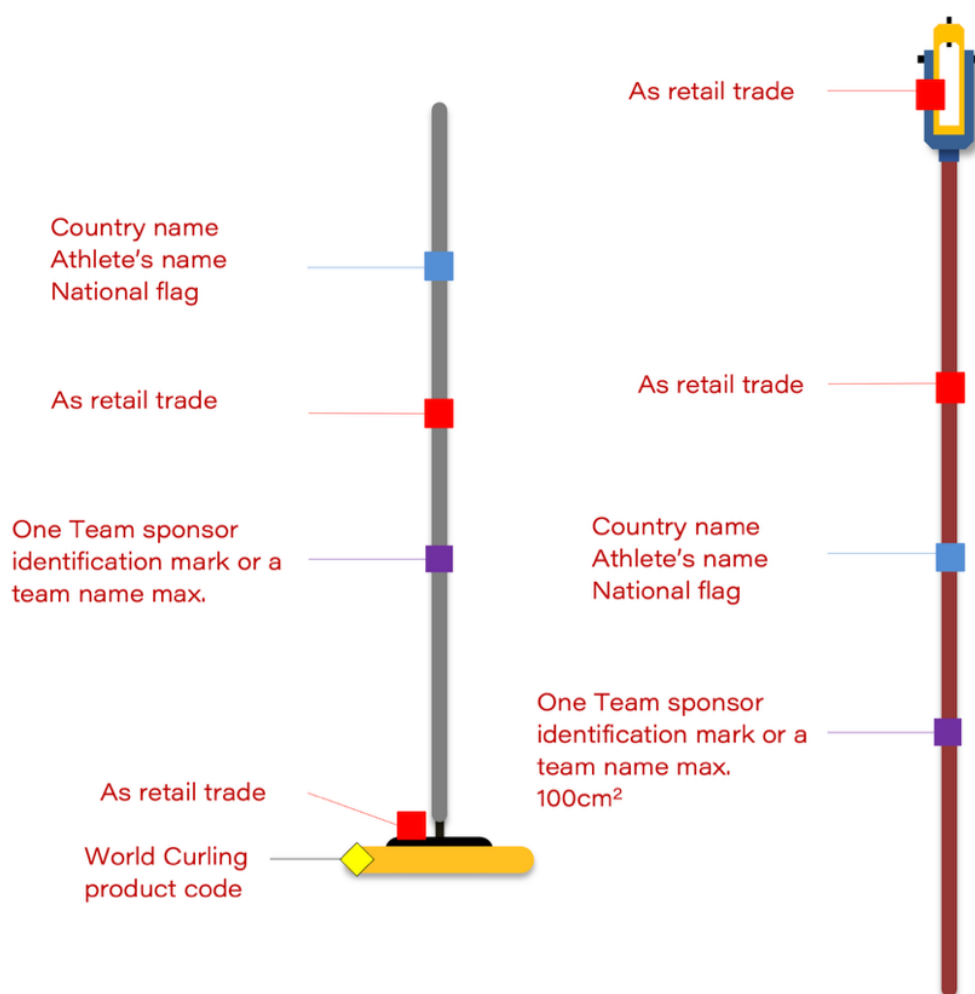
Brush heads from manufacturers are tested and approved as a complete unit. All components combined are a part of the approval process. Interchanging any parts, **except the handle**, from one manufacturer to another is strictly forbidden and contravenes World Curling rules.

Prior to start of Competition

The Chief Umpire will download and print the current Approved Product Code List from the World Curling website <https://worldcurling.org/brushes/>

Once the team Sweeping Brush Check has been completed, the Umpire will sign the original team line up form for that team to indicate that the Sweeping Brush check has been completed, and all brushes are compliant.

Each team will, at the pre competition practice or a dedicated broom inspection time, present their sweeping brushes for inspection.



The teams will disassemble their sweeping brushes and present them in an organized manner to an Umpire for inspection.





The Umpire will inspect the sweeping brushes noting:

Brush Head

- All components are from the same manufacturer and is a complete unit (no mixing of components from different brushes/manufacturers).
- Foam does not appear to be worn or old enough to be considered not in optimal condition.

Example of foam not in optimal condition



- Base/Faceplate/Bracket are not broken or damaged.
- Fabric is not torn or worn enough to cause a scratching effect to the ice.
- No treatments or processes have been applied to the fabric.
- No stencil, logo, marking, embroidery or any other feature on the fabric that is in contact with the ice while sweeping.
- Fabric displays a valid World Curling Product Code.

Indication of modification may have occurred include empty staple holes, unusual foam firmness or evidence of foreign substances on the fabric.

Handle

Straight shaft

Markings:

Country Name / Country Flag

Player's full name

One Team Sponsor OR Team Name

Commercial markings: identification of the manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

Example of Team name / Country Flag and Country name on Brush Handles (allowed)





Third party identification

No reference is permitted including nicknames of the participants or any other persons, URL, social media accounts, hashtags, or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcode).

With the exception of the tape to mark each player's brush for identification (close to the brush head), no tape or stickers are allowed on brushes (tape to keep the brush cap on is allowed as long as it only enough to keep the brush cap secure and does not provide any sweeping advantage).

Examples of grip tape (not allowed)



Example of modification to handle (crutch support (not allowed))



Additional example of Brush handle modification (not allowed):

Oversized cap is installed in place of the manufacturer installed handle cap (this is used to aid in sliding while delivering a stone (not allowed)).

Follow up Sweeping Brush check(s)

Umpires may, throughout the competition, request individual teams to present their Sweeping Brushes for inspection to ensure continued compliance.