

## The Skip's Signals

**These guidelines are not rules of the game, just some of the most commonly used conventions**

*In a noisy ice rink it is important to stop misunderstandings between player and skip. The player should signal back to the skip using the same signal as the skip to ensure that both agree on the shot to be played*  
If you are at all unsure what your skip is asking for LET THEM KNOW, before playing your shot.

### TYPE OF SHOT

Clockwise Turn	Skip extends right arm pointing to right (player's left)
Counter-Clockwise Turn	Skip points left...player's right.
Guard	Pats the ice with the brush indicating where the guard is to stop.
Draw	Draws the brush along the ice in a curve toward the place where the rock is to stop.
Take Out	Pats the stone to be taken out and swings the brush backward. If the shot is to be a hit on the side for a roll or wick, pats the side to be hit.
Hit and Roll	Brush is passed alongside the side of the stone on which the wick is made. Taps the ice where the roll should end up.
Freeze	Draws the brush along the ice to the stone to be frozen to and pats the ice in front of it.

### WEIGHT or SPEED OF SHOT

Final position of stone	Nearly always the skip will indicate where they wish your shot to finish by patting the ice at the desired spot. If they wish your shot to roll out of the house after hitting a stone, they will wave their brush in the direction of your stone should exit the house
Guard	Skip will hold their brush with both hands above their head, in a sort of "surrender" gesture .
Tee	Skip will place or draw their brush back and forth along the tee line
Back of house	Skip will draw brush back and forth along the back of the house
Hack	Skip will lift a foot and touch it
Barrier	Skip will draw their hand back and forth across their tummy
Strike	Skip will touch a shoulder with their hand
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### SWEEPING

To Sweep	Skip will shout "Yes" or "Sweep" Sometime skip shout "Line" this is to let the sweepers know that the skip is concerned with the curl of the stone – not the speed
Stop Sweeping	Skip will shout "No" or "Stop" ,"Up" or raise a hand to halt sweeping.