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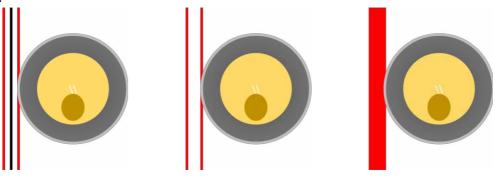
TRIAL RULE (NO-TICK RULE)

FOR ALL EVENTS DURING THE 2022-23 SEASON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY MIXED DOUBLES EVENTS (WMDQE, WMDCC AND WWHMDCC)

If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:

- (i) remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
- (ii) leave all stones where they came to rest.

If a stone is touching at least part of the centre line marking, it is considered on the centre line.



No-Tick Zone Rule Details

- The No-Tick Zone applies to any stone in the free guard zone touching the centre line while the free guard zone rule is in effect
- If an opponent's stone is moved from the No-Tick Zone while the free guard zone rule is in effect, it is treated in the same manner as a violation of the free guard zone rule
- A stone residing in the No-Tick Zone while the free guard zone rule is in effect may be touched and moved by an opponent's stone, so long as it remains touching the centre line in the free guard zone when it comes to rest
- If the two skips are unable to agree whether a stone is in the No-Tick Zone, the umpire will be called upon to make the determination using the same tool used to determine whether a stone is over the hog line