

Dear Member Associations,

We would like to provide advance notice of a rule change relating to the placement of stones in Mixed Doubles, which will come into effect from the start of the **2026–2027 season**. This change has been consulted on with the Membership and Commissions and has subsequently been approved by the World Curling Board.

As the 2026–2027 Rule Book has not yet been published, we are sharing this information now to allow Member Associations, clubs, venues, and event organisers sufficient time to prepare. The updated measurements will be included in the 2026–2027 World Curling Rule Book.

What is changing?

Historically, there have been three marked stone placement locations, providing six placement options. Feedback identified that the distance between some positions, particularly between positions 2 and 3, could make it challenging to identify the most appropriate placement depending on ice and stone conditions.

To address this, the current middle placement point has been removed and replaced with **two new placement points**, creating a total of **four placement points**. The points closest to and furthest from the house remain unchanged.

As a result of these changes, the **Power Play positions and measurements have also been updated**.

Measurement Method

The placement points are measured from the point where the tee line intersects the 8-foot circle (the reference point used for the stone positioned in the house) to the midpoint of the hack. This methodology has been adopted to ensure that neither right-handed nor left-handed players receive an advantage.

Supporting Information

Please find attached a graphic illustrating the new placement points and Power Play positions. Please note that this graphic is provided for illustrative purposes only and is **not to scale**. Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact eeva.roethlisberger@worldcurling.org

Thank you for your attention to this advance notice and for assisting with the implementation of these changes ahead of the 2026–2027 season.