

8. Just play the rocks: consider the score, last rock advantage, the stage of the game, the location of all the rocks

Picking the next shot, the turn and weight to play is complicated. The main factors in the decision are the score, who has last rock and how many ends are left to play.

Teams frequently have different approaches at different points in the game. Teams will often switch to their very low risk approaches if they are leading by a wide margin. Teams often will use their high risk approaches if they are a long way behind.

Changing the team's approach to an end or a series of shots based on the perceived skill or lack of skill of the opposition is another complication.

Skips and teams will generally know what they expect to play given the position of the rocks on the field of play. Changing the team's standard approach when playing different teams is a further complication that can reduce the team's effectiveness. Teams can have end plans identified for most situations.

Play your game, play the rocks, use your end plans. Teams end plans can evolve to handle more situations.