

Example 3: A FINAL GUARD ROCK ON THE VERY IMPORTANT ROCK ON THE BUTTON

Some times the line caller waves their brush or uses it to point a landing spot. Sweeping a guard into a good position can be hard and requires clear communication and timely actions. Running time about 25 seconds or so.

Call 1: Line caller says 'lots of room'

When: As soon as the stone is on its own

Actions: One sweeper cleans in front of the stone

Call 2: One sweeper reports 'weight is close'

When: right after the weight call

Actions: one sweeper continues cleaning

Call 3: Line caller says 'right off, it needs to curl'

When: 1/2 way between the hog lines

Actions: sweepers stop cleaning but stay beside the stone and continue their quiet conversation about the distance the stone will travel

Call 4: weight caller says '1/2 way' or '2' meaning the rock's speed should take it half way between the hog line and the rings

When: 1/2 way between the hog lines

Actions: sweepers continue to stay near the running stone and consider the distance it will travel

Call 5: line caller says 'it is starting to curl'

When: 3/4 way between the hog lines

Actions: sweepers get ready to sweep

Call 6: line caller calls: 'get it to my brush'

When: at the hog line

Actions: the line caller places the brush in a desirable location for the rock to stop and the sweepers sweep furiously to increase the rock's travel on its late curl

Call 7: line caller calls: 'nice work'

When: As the rock stops as a pretty good guard

Actions: the team moves away to watch the opponent's last rock