

5. Strategy:

The game plan can be viewed as a series of end plans.

End plans can be different for every team.

End plans can take into account the skills and strengths of each player.

Many teams follow the same sequence of shots in the same situations all the time; they have their end plans whether formal or not.

First ends can be special.

First end plans: throwing first or throwing second

Many teams use their lowest risk plans for the first end of a game.

Teams are frequently not warmed up and do not have a good understanding of the speed or curl of the ice on the first shots of the game.

Many teams miss more shots on the first end of a game than in later ends of a game. Good warm ups can help reduce risk.

Observation of a game on the ice before your game can help reduce some risk, as well. Risk taking teams may attack on the first end.