

## PROCEDURES FOR TIMEOUTS

1. Each team may call two 60-second timeouts per game excluding any extra ends. Each team may call one 60-second timeout per each extra end. Timeouts cannot be carried forward to an extra end or between extra ends.
2. During an end, a timeout may only be called from the playing surface by a player of the team whose clock is running (in control of the house when clocks are not in use). Between ends, the team who shall deliver the first stone of the subsequent end may call a time-out to commence at the completion of the break between ends.

*Chaperones/coaches/alternate players(only one of) are reminded that they may not call a timeout (other than a Fair Play Timeout as defined below in section 10) but are permitted to signal to the team in an appropriate manner that they would like the team to call a timeout.*

3. Chaperones/coaches/alternate players (only one of) should access the ice area simultaneously. Chaperones/coaches/alternate players (only one of) and officials making their way to and from the sheet on which their teams are playing must be conscious of the activity on those sheets behind which they must walk. Chaperones/coaches/alternate players (only one of) must stop at each side line, check that they may cross behind the sheet without disturbing the curlers before proceeding to the next sheet of ice.
4. During the timeout, chaperones/coaches/ alternate players (only one of) must remain on the backboards (sideboards) adjacent to their sheet. **At no time can the chaperones/coaches/alternate players (only one of) access the playing surface.** The chaperone/coach/alternate players (only one of) of the team calling the timeout shall have preference of position. If play is at the far end of the sheet, the chaperone/coach/alternate players (only one of) may only proceed to that location via a walkway. If no walkway exists, they must remain on the backboards at the entry end of the rink.
5. The 60-second timeout shall be timed but the time allocated to chaperones/coaches/alternate players (only one of) reach their respective teams will be pre-determined, communicated and monitored. The timing will be done by the official-in-charge. When the 60-second timeout has expired, the official-in-charge shall advise the chaperones/coaches/alternate player (only one of) and they must leave the ice area immediately taking the same care not to disturb the other sheets of ice.
6. A maximum 5-minute timeout **may** take place at the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> end of a 10-end game and the 4<sup>th</sup> end of an 8-end game. Both chaperones/coaches/ alternate player (only one of) should access the ice area simultaneously taking the same care not to disturb other sheets of ice. This timeout must take place on the backboards behind the sheet being used. Any drink containers taken out by the chaperones/coaches/alternate player (only one of) must be non-breakable and at the conclusion of the timeout all garbage must be brought back into the curling lounge and placed in a garbage receptacle. All four players may not leave the ice area together at any time during the game. Both teams must be on the ice and ready to play at the end of 5 minutes.
7. In the event of an extra end, a 3-minute timeout is permitted before the first extra end.
8. Each team may call one 60-second timeout per each extra end. Timeouts cannot be carried forward to an extra end or between extra ends.
9. The official-in-charge will keep a written record of all timeouts called. The record will include the name of the team calling the timeout and the end in which it was called.
10. A chaperone/coach/alternate player (only one of) wishing to call a Fair Play Timeout may only do so by advising the official-in-charge who will decide whether the Fair Play Timeout will be permitted. The official-in-charge will then call the timeout and will proceed with the chaperone/coach/alternate player (only one of) to the ice area. The chaperone/coach/alternate player of the other team may not access the ice area when a Fair Play Timeout is called.