

The Tick Shot

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The tick shot has risen to fame in previous years due to its successful employment at the competitive level, changing the strategic landscape of the end when it is effectively used.

Common characteristics of the tick shot:

- Most commonly used as a defensive play to keep play away from the middle
- Most often done in last end of game when a team has the lead
- Done by the lead of the team that has hammer
- Usually played on a guard on or close to the centre line
- Pushing rock to side (VERY close to but not out of play at the side) is desired outcome
- Acceptable outcome is pushing centre line guard into house (so that it may be hit with the next rock)



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Considerations:

- Do you know how to call tick shot?
 - What weight?
 - What turn?
 - Where do you want to hit the rock?
- Is your lead capable of throwing the tick shot?
 - Is it something you have practiced?
 - Do they know what weight to throw?
- Is it your best option?
 - Abilities of the other players on your and opposition team
 - Score of game
 - End of play