

THE SKIP

You are the Strategist & the Hammer. You call the strategy of the game and are expected to make the shot (s) that put it all together.

Skills:

- Hit the broom.
- Have a good delivery.
- Call the shots for the game - set the strategy.
- Understand the basic strategies: If you have the last rock (hammer), you want the front clear so you will have an open last shot.
- If your team throws first, clutter the front to prevent the opposing skip from scoring with the last rock.
- Call sweeping.
- Adjust weight to make draw, guard or take-out.
- Give correct broom for the shot being called.
- Be able to focus and perform under pressure - **believe in yourself!**

Rules & Etiquette:

- Stand behind the house only when it is your turn to throw the stone or when you will be acting skip.
 - The skip has exclusive direction of the game for his or her team.
 - The skip may throw stones other than the last two (2).
 - Do not block the opposing skip from sweeping behind the tee when you are not "taking" a rock.
 - When in the house, keep still while opposing team is throwing their rocks.
 - Be sensitive to your team: give encouragement and support them.
 - Keep the team informed. Let them know what shot you are calling for, so they can pick up sweeping.
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