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Here are a few rules of particular interest:

Between the tee lines, any and all members of the delivering team may sweep any of their team's stones in motion 11(1).

Commentary: It's OK for the thrower to pop up and start sweeping, as it is for the skip to come out and help. While theoretically all four team members can be sweeping between the hog lines, it is likely that the additional two curlers will not measurably help the effort; but more importantly, abandoning their position in the house to come out and sweep precludes the person from effectively calling line.

During the delivery of the first five stones of any end, any two players of the non delivering team may sweep their stone when set in motion, including the skip and third 11(3) & 11(4).

Commentary: If the other team is throwing any of the first 5 rocks of an end and one of your rocks goes in motion, up to 2 players of your team can sweep your own rocks.

Behind the tee line at the playing end, only one player from each team may sweep at any one time. This may be any player of the delivering team, but only the skip or vice-skip of the non-delivering team 11(5).

Commentary: Only one person can ever sweep behind the tee line, whether it's your stone or the opponent's. If it's your stone, any team member can sweep; if it's the opponent's only the third or skip can sweep.

Behind the tee line, a team has first privilege of sweeping its own stone, but it must not obstruct or prevent their opponent from sweeping.

Commentary: Get out of the way of a curler sweeping their own stone behind the tee line; but they can't block you!

An opponent's moving stone shall not be swept until the front end of the stone reaches the farther tee line and sweeping shall only take place behind the tee line.

Commentary: Only start sweeping once the nose of the opponent's stone reaches the tee line. No "warming the ice", i.e. brushing while waiting for the stone to arrive.