

## OSCC Ice Setup Instructions

All members are asked to help out by learning one or more of the tasks needed to prepare the ice for curling each night. We are a volunteer club and the more members who help out and learn how to do multiple tasks, the faster the setup will go and the sooner we all get to start curling. Everyone is willing to teach so if you don't know how to do something and want to learn, just ask and someone will be very happy to show you. Once the Zamboni has completed the scrap and left the ice:

1. Stones
  - a. Several people are needed to unlock the rock boxes and load rocks onto the trolleys
  - b. Use the trolleys to move the rock to the gate and place the rocks into the PVC racks
  - c. The racks are used to slide the stones (8 at a time) to their spots behind the houses – please do not drag the rocks across Sheet A
2. Mopping
  - a. While rocks are being moved onto the ice two members should start mopping the sheets
  - b. Two passes on each sheet (one on either side of the center line) are required to removed as much snow as possible
  - c. Move the mop to the side of the rink (away from the curling surface) and brush as much snow off the mop head as possible
3. Hacks, Stabilizers, Sliders and Scoreboards
  - a. While the mopping is being done, the two blue bins storing all the stabilizers and sliders are moved out onto the ice; one at each end
  - b. The hacks are placed rubber side down behind the hack line at each end of each sheet
  - c. The stabilizers and sliders are placed; one per sheet per end
  - d. The scoreboards and numbers are placed behind the houses at the near end of the ice
4. Scribing houses
  - a. As soon as the sheets are mopped, four members scribe the houses
  - b. Two members per scribe, one scribe at each end of the ice
  - c. Make a small hole (about ½ inch) with the nail at the tee (the center of the house) and use this as the guide for rotating the scribe
5. Setting Hacks
  - a. While the houses are being scribed the hacks are set
  - b. If warm water is available, place about 2-3 inches in the bottom of the cooler
  - c. Dip the hack briefly in the warm water and set it, metal side down, along the hack line as square to the sheet as possible
  - d. If warm water is not available, use the propane torch to warm the hacks
  - e. Heat each metal “foot” briefly (only a 4-5 second application of the flame to each foot is needed) and set the hack, metal side down, along the hack line as square to the sheet as possible
  - f. **CAUTION:** The propane torch generates a HOT flame. Use Caution. There are plastic components on the hack. Please avoid touching them with the flame.
  - g. Have a member stand on the hack for about 5 minutes until it is thoroughly set (frozen in)
6. Pebbling
  - a. As soon as the houses are scribed, pebble each sheet at least three passes
  - b. Use 1 tsp of the Magic Ice to each full pebbling can of water
  - c. Ensure the sweep of the pebble reaches the sides of the sheet and the pebble is applied as evenly across the sheet as possible
7. Nipping
  - a. Once the last pebble has been applied the sheets are “nipped” by dragging a full PVC rack over the sheets
  - b. Two passes on each sheet (one on either side of the center line) are required to break as much pebble as possible
8. Mopping
  - a. Once the sheets are nipped each sheet must be mopped again
  - b. Two passes on each sheet (one on either side of the center line) are required to removed as much snow as possible
  - c. Move the mop to the side of the rink (away from the curling surface) and brush as much snow off the mop head as possible
9. Orange cones
  - a. Place an orange cone at each end of the sheet between the houses at the teeline and between the sheets at the hogline
10. Cleanup
  - a. Once your game is complete, remove the hack and place it along with the stabilizers and sliders back in the blue bin
  - b. Put the scoreboard away and put the numbers in the blue bin
  - c. Move the rocks back to the gate but do not cross any sheets where games are still in play
  - d. Dry off the running surface of the stones with a chamois before placing them back in the rock box
  - e. Return brooms to the broom bin
  - f. Make sure the key box is replaced in the hiding spot and that all the bins are properly secured