

**Q: What is the five-rock rule?**

**A:** The five-rock rule is simply an increase from four to five of the number of stones that will be deemed to be in the [Free Guard Zone](#) (FGZ).



**Q: What has changed?**

**A:** This [World Curling Federation \(WCF\) ruling](#) (approved at the WCF Congress in September 2017) will be implemented for the 2018-19 season with stones **prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end** deemed to be in the FGZ.

In the 2017-18 season, the only competition played under the new rule will be the Scottish Curling Mixed Championship as it is leading onto the World Mixed Championship in October 2018 which will be played in accordance with the new WCF rule.

**A:** A recommendation will be made the 2018 to change the current ruling to be in line with the new World Curling Federation ruling. the ruling will take effect for the start of the 2018-19 season.