

its acceptance must be conveyed in writing by the respective Secretaries.

The Royal Club is of opinion that, in order to do away with heart-burning, and to produce a fair trial of strength between Clubs the number of players proposed ought to be regulated by Cap. VI., Sec. 8; and that no Club will have its honour tarnished by declining a match not in conformity therewith.

CHAPTER V.—RULES OF GAME.

1. The length of the Rink shall be forty-two yards. The Tees shall be set down forty yards apart; and in an exact alignment with and behind both Tees a line shall be drawn on the Rink. Seven feet behind each Tee a circle six inches in diameter shall be also drawn on the Ice on the left hand side of said line (looking to the Tee to be played to), the inner side of which shall be distant from said line six inches. Upon this circle, and as near as may be upon the centre of it, every player, whether standing on the ice or on a board or other rest, shall, in the delivery of his stone, place, or in stepping out, put down his left or fore foot, if he be a right hand player. For a left hand player, another such circle shall be placed in like manner, and for the like purpose on the right hand side of said line. And in the event of a hack, hatch, trigger, etc., being used, it shall be right behind said circle, and not less distant therefrom than two feet, nor greater in length than twelve inches.

A circle of seven feet radius, to be described from each Tee as a centre, and every stone to count which is either within, or resting on this circle. All played stones passing the Tee, and also beyond the seven feet radius, shall be put off the Ice. The Hog-score to be distant from each Tee one-sixth part of the length of the whole Rink played on. Every stone to be a Hog which does not clear this score; but no stone to be such which has struck another stone lying over the Hog-score. A line shall be drawn on the ice, at a right angle to the Rink, half-way betwixt the Tees, which shall be called 'The Middle Line.' In no case shall the Rink played on be less than thirty-two yards.

NOTE.—Reference in forming Rinks is made to the prefixed Diagram or Plan, called 'The Rink.'