

making default in playing for a District Medal, shall be placed on the list of clubs entitled to compete for Medals in the season following, unless excuse, sufficient to justify such default, be submitted to the Executive Committee, at least two weeks before Annual Meeting in April, and receive their approval.

6. When the umpire appointed to superintend a Medal Match finds that he will not be able to do so personally, he shall appoint another curler, well conversant with the game, to act as his deputy, who shall have all the powers of the umpire, but the report of the match must be countersigned by the umpire, and all such reports must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Branch within three days after the match has been played, and must contain the names of the players in each rink on both sides, the number of heads played, the result of the match and of each separate rink, as well as the place where and the time when played, and such other information as the schedule may call for.

7. Should the two clubs meet agreeably to appointment to play the match, and the umpire or his deputy not be present, the skips representing the competing clubs shall meet and appoint any regular member of any associated club as acting umpire for the occasion, who shall have all the rights and privileges of the regular umpire.

8. All medals not played for, during the season for which they are allocated, shall be withdrawn.

9. All District Medals shall be contested for by at least eight players a side, and no club shall be compelled to play with more than that number unless its membership exceeds twenty; and, if beyond that number, not any more than one rink of four men for each complete series of seven regular ordinary members on its list.

10. All competitions for District Medals shall be played by twenty-two ends or heads; unless before beginning to play, some other number of ends shall have been agreed upon by the competing skips.