

RULES OF CURLING.

1. The length of the Rink played shall be forty-two yards. (Alterations as to length of Rink are provided for in Section 17). The Tees shall be put down thirty-eight yards apart. In a continued straight line with the Tees, and four yards distant from each, a circle, eighteen inches in diameter, shall be drawn on the left hand side of said line (looking in the direction to be played), and its edge just touching it. Within this circle, whether standing on the Ice, or on any rest, support, or abutment whatsoever, permitted by the rules, each player, when playing his stone, shall place his right foot, and his left foot on the left hand side of the central line. (The circle to be on the opposite side of the line if the player be left-handed). When a hawk or hatch in the ice is used, it must be behind the circle above described, and not of greater length than 14 inches, measuring from the central line.

A circle of seven feet radius to be described from each Tee as a centre, and every stone to count which when at rest is not without this circle. A line shall be drawn at right angles to the Rink outside of circle, and any stone passing this line shall be removed from 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 Hog which does not clear this score; but no stone to be such which has struck another lying over the Hog-score. A line shall be drawn on the Ice, at right angles to the Rink, half-way betwixt the Tees, which shall be called 'The Middle Line.' No stone to be held as out with a circle or over a line, unless when at rest it is clear of such circle or line; this to be ascertained by placing a square on the ice at that part of the circle or line nearest the stone.

2. All matches to be a certain number of

NOTE.—A slight alteration in the construction of the Rink has recently been authorized by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. The Tees to be set down thirty-nine and a half yards apart, and the Hacks two feet behind the 'seven feet' radius Circle. This construction of the Rink may be used by the Ontario Clubs, by mutual consent of opposing Skips in any match. But the Ontario Branch Club, adhere to the old plan of Rink.

heads, to be agreed on by the Clubs, or fixed by the Umpire, before commencement; or otherwise, by time, or shots, if mutually agreed on. In the event of parties being equal at the conclusion of the Match, play shall be continued by all the Rinks engaged for another head; or, if necessary to decide the Match, for such additional heads as the Umpire shall direct.

3. Every Rink to be composed of four players a side, each using two stones. The rotation of play observed during the first head of a Match shall not be changed.

4. The Skips opposing each other shall settle by lot, or in any other way they may agree upon, which party shall lead at the first head, after which the winning party shall do so.

5. All Curling Stones shall be of a circular shape. No stone, including handle, shall be of a greater weight than 50 lbs. imperial, or of greater circumference than 36 inches, or of less height than one-eighth part of its greatest circumference.

6. No Stone, or side of a Stone, shall be changed after a Match has been begun, or during its continuance, unless with consent of the opponents.

7. Should a Stone happen to be broken, the largest fragment shall be considered in the game for that end—the player being entitled to use another stone, or another pair, during the remainder of the Game.

8. If a played Stone rolls over, or stops, on its side or top, it shall be put off the Ice. Should the handle quit the Stone in delivery, the player must keep hold of it, otherwise he shall not be entitled to replay the shot.

9. Players, during the course of each end, to be arranged along the sides, but well off the Rink, as the Skips may direct; and no party, except when sweeping according to rule, shall go upon the middle of the Rink to cross it, under any pretence whatever. Skips alone to stand at or about the Tee—the Skip of the playing party to have the choice of place, and not to be obstructed by the other, in front of the Tee while behind it the privileges of both, in regard to sweeping, shall be equal.

10. Every player to be ready to play when