

5. The Representative appointed to be present at a District Medal Competition shall, at the request of the Secretary of either Club, fix the day, the hour and the ice for the Match most suitable and mutually convenient, giving at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing to the Secretaries of both Clubs; and if either Club fails to appear at the place and time appointed, without an excuse which is satisfactory to the Superintending Representative or his Deputy, and which had also been forthwith, after notice received, intimated to the opposing Club, the Medal shall be awarded off hand to the Club which appears on the ice, provided the Umpire be satisfied of its being ready to play, and having complied with all the Regulations. The Representative Member, appointed to act as Umpire, shall, in the event of his being unable from any cause to give notice of the Match, or to attend thereat, depute an experienced Curler associated with the Royal Club, well acquainted with the Rules of the Game, and not connected with either of the competing Clubs, to act in his stead; but the Report, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Royal Club, shall be on the responsibility of the Representative himself.

6. Should, however, the two Clubs agree on the day, the hour, and the ice, notice shall be given thereof by either Secretary to the Superintending Representative, at least twenty-four hours before the time of the Match; and they may, in the event of his not being forward personally, or by deputy, at the hour intimated, appoint any Associated Curler, properly qualified, to act and report in his stead; only, along with the Report, shall be transmitted the party's authority to act, which must be in writing.

7. When no ice can be had during the season within which the Clubs have received Medals, they must be competed for the first following opportunity.

8. All District Medals shall be contested for by at least eight players a-side. And if no arrangement in writing, fixing the number of players, takes place between the Clubs, that number shall not be less than two-thirds of the Regular Ordinary Members of the smaller Club, as appearing in the last published 'Annual.'

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