

VIII.—A RINK.

1. When two, three, four, or any number of players, not exceeding eight, form sides for a game, they make what is called a rink. Eight players, that is, four on each side, form a complete rink, and are classed as leaders, second and third players, and skips. Each player plays two bowls; but if there be no more than two players a side, each player may play four bowls. Should an odd number engage in the game, one side may play extra bowls to make the number of bowls on each side equal. When the side playing the odd bowls consists of two or more, the first and second players shall each play one of them.

2. In a game of singles each player plays two pairs of bowls.

2a. In all Tournaments or Medal Matches, the first game must be played with a full rink.

3. In tournaments and medal matches each rink shall consist of four players. Should any one player be unable to play at the time or place appointed, the rink may consist of the remaining three players, but the skip of the opposing team shall have the right to drop any one of his rink and have the first and second players of each rink play three bowls each, or one pair each, as he may elect or should the opposing skip not exercise that right, then from the score of the incomplete rink at the end