

results, and the name of the club winning the last match. All of these reports must, without fail, be in the hands of the secretary of the Branch club, *before or on the 10th day of February*, after which date none will be received.

4. In the Primary Competition the players of any of the clubs may be changed for the successive matches; but in the Final Competition the players who represent a club in the first contest must continue unchanged as long as the club remains in the competition. Should any player become, from sickness, unable to appear on the ice, the next player before him on that side shall play with two pairs of stones; or the second player when it is the first who is absent.

5. In all the Primary Competitions the decision of the Umpire shall be final.

6. Immediately on receipt of the returns of the Primary Competition, the secretary of the Association shall appoint a time for the Final Competition, and shall give notice of the same to the clubs reported as being the survivors in the various groups; he shall also re-call the Tankard from its custodians, so that it may be on exhibition during the Final Competition, and handed to the winning club, at its close.

7. In all the matches for the Tankard, both Primary and Final, if any of the competing rinks are not ready to begin play at the hour named for the match, *one end shall be counted as played for every ten minutes' delay*; and the opposing rink, if ready to play, shall count one point in the game for each such period of time it is kept waiting—and each game shall consist of 22 ends.

8. As only those clubs which have been reported to the secretary of the branch, by the 10th February, as survivors in the Primary Competition can take part in the Final Competition, the last winner in each group will take care that the report of their success be duly made before that date.