

stone belongs to place their brooms before it or behind it to screen it from the wind, unless with consent of both skips ; and the use of a broom or any other instrument as a fan, either to promote or retard the running of a stone, is strictly forbidden, and is to be dealt with as "a running stone" marred by the party to which it belongs. See sec. 13.

15. All stones shall be of a circular shape. No stone, including handle, shall be of a greater weight than fifty pounds, or of a greater circumference than thirty-six inches, or of a less height than one-eighth part of its greatest circumference.

16. No stone or side of a stone shall be changed after a match has been begun unless with the consent of the opposing skip. Should a stone happen to be broken during a game, the largest fragment shall be considered in the game for that end, and the player shall be entitled to use another stone or another pair during the remainder of the game.

17. Should a played stone roll over, or stop on its edge or top, it shall be put off the ice. Should the handle quit the stone in delivery, the player will not be entitled to replay the stone unless he retains his hold of the handle.

18. No measuring of shots allowable previous to the termination of the end. Disputed shots to be determined by the vice-skips, or, if they disagree, by the umpire ; or, if there is no umpire, by some neutral person chosen by the skips. All measurements to be taken from the centre of tee to nearest point of stone, after removing stones intervening.

19. If any of the competing rinks are not ready to begin play at the hour named for a 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.