

14. No measuring of shots allowable previous to the termination of the end. Disputed shots to be determined by the Skips, or, if they disagree, by the Umpire; or, when there is no Umpire, by some neutral person chosen by the Skips. All measurements to be taken from the centre of the Tee, to that part of the Stone which is nearest it. No stone shall be considered without a circle, or over a line, unless it clear it;—and in every case, this is to be determined by placing a square on the ice at the circle or line.

15. Skips shall have the exclusive regulation and direction of the Game for their respective parties, and may play last Stone, or in what part of it they please; and, when their turn to play comes, they may name one of their party to take charge for them.

16. If any player shall speak to, taunt, or interrupt another, not being of his own party, while in the act of delivering his Stone, one shot shall be added to the score of the party so interrupted, and the end proceed.

17. If from any change of weather after a Match has been begun, or from any other reasonable cause, one party shall desire to shorten the Rink, or to change to another one; and if the two Skips cannot agree, the Umpire shall, after seeing one end played, determine whether the Rink shall be shortened, and how much, or whether it shall be changed, and his decision shall be final. Should there be no acting Umpire, or should he be otherwise engaged, the two Skips may call in any neutral Curler to decide, whose powers shall be equally extensive with those of the Umpire. The Umpire, moreover, shall have power, in the event of the ice being in his opinion dangerous, to stop the Match. He shall even have power to postpone it when, in his opinion, the state of the ice is not fitted for testing the curling skill of the players; and, except in very special circumstances, a Match shall not proceed, or be continued, when a thaw has fairly set in, or when snow is falling and likely to continue during the Match. In any case, the Match when renewed must be begun *de novo*.

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