

null and void. But if another stone be played before the mistake has been noticed, the end must be finished as if it had been played properly from the beginning.

12. If any player engaged, or belonging to either of the competing clubs, shall speak to, taunt, or otherwise interrupt any other player, not of his own party, while preparing to play his stone, and so as to disconcert him, one shot shall be added to the score of the party so interrupted, for each interruption, and the play proceed.

13. If in sweeping, or otherwise, a *running* stone be marred by any of the party to which it belongs, it shall be put off the ice, and the opposing skip shall have the option to add one to his score and allow the game to proceed, or to call the end null and void; but if marred by any of the adverse party, it shall be placed wherever the skip of the party to which it belongs may direct. If marred by any other means the player shall replay the stone. Should any *played* stone be displaced by any of the players before the head is reckoned, it shall be placed as near as possible where it lay, to the satisfaction of or by the skip opposed to the party displacing. If displaced by any neutral party, both skips to agree upon the position to which it is to be returned, and if they fail to agree the umpire shall decide.

14. The sweeping shall be under the direction and control of the skips. Except when snow is falling upon or drifting over the rink, a stone shall not be swept until it has crossed the MIDDLE SCORE, and may be swept by the party to whose side it belongs, until it comes to the SWEEPING SCORE; but all stones *when they have passed the sweeping score* may be swept by EITHER SKIP ONLY. Skips will have liberty to sweep behind the tee at all times, except when a player is receiving directions to play from his skip. All sweeping shall be across the rink, and the sweeper must be in front of the stone being swept, and at one side thereof; and no sweepings shall either be moved forward or left in front of a running stone, or of a stone "at rest." It shall not be allowable for the party to whom a running