

WEST OF FIFE PROVINCE
COMPETITION RULES

General

1. Province Competitions will be run generally to the Rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Where necessary, modifications to the RCCC rules or supplementary rules will be incorporated to suit the organisation of the Province Member clubs.
2. All Province Competition games will be played at Fife Ice Arena unless with the prior agreement of the Province Committee.
3. Any Club failing to provide a rink for a game that has previously been arranged will be responsible for the total cost of the sheet of ice provided, not just for their share of the sheet.
4. Club Skips will be responsible for ensuring that two cards, containing the names of all players and the correct sequence of scoring with final score is completed and passed to the ice-man for transmission to the Province Secretary.
5. Province Competitions will be open only to the Regular curlers of Member Clubs. In cases where curlers are members of more than one Club, they may only play for one Club in any competition.
6. Any complaint which a Skip may have regarding the conduct or result of a match and which cannot be immediately resolved with his opposition should firstly be addressed to his own Club Secretary. If there be support for the complaint, the Club Secretary should present its detail to the Province Secretary, or any member of the Province Committee, who shall arrange to give a ruling on the matter by referring it for a Committee decision.
7. Any complaint regarding the conduct or result of a game must be made as soon as possible to the Province Secretary, or any member of the Province Committee. In the case of a knockout competition, no complaint will be considered if the succeeding match has taken place.
8. In the matter of determining winners of competitions, the decision of a full Province Committee will be final. Where necessary, the Province Committee shall agree a method of tiebreaks where published Competition rules are insufficient or inapplicable.

Rules for Province League

1. The Competition is intended to encourage Club members to take part in outside competition, and as such is provided as a "testing ground" for aspiring curlers.
2. Clubs may play any member in the Skip position.
3. Two points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw in each match.
4. The winning Club will be that one with the greatest number of points at the end of the season.
5. In the event of more than one Club having equal points, the winning Club will be that one being most ends up over the season.
6. If a tiebreaker be necessary, the winning Club will be that one having scored most shots over the season.
7. If a further tiebreaker be necessary, the winning Club will be that one having won most ends over the season.
8. The winning Club will retain the Province Cup for one year.
9. The winning Club will be eligible for entry to the RCCC Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel subject to Rules for Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel, page 4.

Rules for Province Pairs

1. The competition will be open to curlers who preferably have been successful in winning their Club's last season pairs competition. However any 2 club curlers can enter.
2. The Competition will be played on a knockout basis.
3. Games will be played over four ends up to the Final, which will be played over seven ends.
4. Pairs competing in the final of the Competition will have their ice paid from Province funds, so long as they are sufficient for that purpose.
5. Winning Pairs will be those who are most shots up at the end of their match.
6. In the event of a draw, the winners will be that Pair having won most ends.
7. In the event that ends are tied, the Pair having the greatest number of shots up at any end will be the winners.
8. If a further tiebreak is necessary, the players playing last stones will draw the tee to decide the winner. Normal sweeping rules will apply.
9. The winning Pair will retain the Bill Linton Quaich for one year and receive individual prizes to keep.

Rules for Province Bonspiel

1. The Bonspiel will be played over two sessions.
2. Clubs will enter Rinks at the invitation of the Province and every effort will be made to allow as many Clubs to enter a maximum of 2 rinks.
3. In the event of a tie, the Club having the greatest number of shots up as an aggregate of their Rinks will be the winners. (See Minutes of AGM 25 April 1990).
4. If there is still a tie, the Club having the greatest number of ends up as an aggregate of their Rinks will be the winners.
5. As a tiebreaker, the Club having scored the greatest number of shots will be the winners.
6. The winning Club will be awarded the RCCC Province Medal.

Rules for Province Knockout

1. The competition is open to any four curlers of Member Clubs.
2. Every effort will be made to allow as many Rinks as possible from each Club.
3. While it is to be hoped that Rinks will play the same four curlers throughout the Competition, substitutes are allowed in the event that the initial four players cannot continue.
4. No more than three substitutes (Com. Minute 22/7/2010 refers) will be allowed in any Rink for the duration of the Competition, unless sanctioned by the Province before a match is played. Contravention of this Rule will lead to the elimination of an offending Rink, and their opponents will be declared the winners of the match.
5. No player may play in more than one Rink for the duration of the Competition.
6. Games will be played to the Ice Rink time bell.
7. In the event that a match is tied at the bell, the Rink having won the greater number of ends will be the winner.
8. In the event that ends are even, players playing last stones in each Rink will draw the tee to decide the winner. Normal sweeping rules will apply.
9. The winning Rink will retain the Province Rose bowl for one year and receive individual prizes to keep.
10. The winning Rink will represent the Province in the RCCC Scottish Province Championships in the following season.
11. The Club which is runner-up will be eligible for entry to the RCCC Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel subject to Rules for Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel, page 4.

Rules for Province Ladies Knockout

1. Rules for this competition are as for the Province Knockout, with the omission of Rules 9 and 10.
2. Winners of this Competition will retain the Province Salver for one year and receive individual prizes to keep.
3. The winning Club will be eligible for entry to the RCCC Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel subject to Rules for Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel as set out below.

Rules for Area 7 Inter-Province Bonspiel

1. The Rules for this Bonspiel are at the discretion of the Area, and as agreed by the participating Provinces.
2. Three Rinks will be selected from the Province (as currently agreed).
3. It is the intention of West of Fife Province that as wide a representation of the Province in outside competition as possible be made. To this end, the following Rinks will be eligible for this Bonspiel:
 - a. The winners of the Province League.
 - b. The Runners-up in the Province Knockout.
 - c. The winners of the Ladies Knockout.
4. When this selection process is applied and the representative Club from the Province Knockout is taken into account, any Club should supply only one Rink.
5. If a Club is represented twice, the second Rink must give way to the first eligible Club coming highest in the Province League for the preceding season.

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