

MIDLOTHIAN PROVINCE

of the

ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

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April 2019)

1.

The Province shall be called the "Midlothian Province of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club".

2.

Its object shall be to encourage Curling in the City of Edinburgh and also in Midlothian and afford facilities to the member Clubs to arrange matches among themselves and with other Clubs.

3.

The Province shall be confined to Clubs in membership of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in the City of Edinburgh and also in Midlothian and such other Clubs as may be allocated by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

4.

The Annual General Meeting composed of Members of the various Clubs forming the Province shall be held in Edinburgh no later than 30th April each year. This Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary by circular to the Secretaries of the Clubs forming the Province and posted at least seven days prior to the date of the Meeting, and such notice shall be deemed to be notice to all Members of the said Clubs. Each Club represented at this Meeting shall have one vote. At this meeting two representatives shall be appointed to represent the Province at Area Meetings.

5.

A President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to four ordinary Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Together with the immediate Past President, they will form a Committee of Management of the Province. The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. The President and Vice-President shall not serve more than two successive years in each Office. The ordinary Members shall not serve more than two consecutive years in such capacity but shall be eligible for re-election after the expiry of one year thereafter. The Membership of the Committee shall represent so far as is possible the various Clubs of the Province. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members to fill any vacancies which may arise in the Committee. An independent auditor or examiner shall also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The auditor or examiner may not be a member of the Committee and shall review the accounting records and make a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records as well as report any unusual items or disclosures identified. The financial year of the Province shall end on the last day of March each year.

6.

At General Meetings five shall form a quorum and at Committee Meetings three, the Chairman in either case to have a deliberative and (in cases of equality) a casting vote.

7.

The Committee shall act on behalf of Clubs forming the Province in the arrangement and management of all Province matches.

8.

The Committee shall have the power to make Bye-Laws which shall be binding on the Members until the next Annual General Meeting when the same shall be confirmed or otherwise as may be determined by the Members.

9.

The Province shall if possible hold a Bonspiel each year for the Province Challenge Cup, Colin Black Trophy, Prizes and R.C.C.C. Province Medal. It shall also if possible hold competitions for the Midlothian Province Salver and the King George IV Whisky Trophy.

10.

The Committee shall have all powers necessary for conducting the Bonspiel and other Province competitions and shall be a Court of Appeal on all objections and complaints connected therewith. These objections must be in writing and sent to the Secretary within three days of the game to which they apply. The Committee shall have power to take evidence thereon and its award shall be final and subject to no appeal or review.

11.

The Bonspiel and other Province competitions shall be played under the R.C.C.C. rules except where these are modified by Bye-Laws of the Province.

12.

The Province Challenge Cup, Colin Black Trophy, Midlothian Province Salver and King George IV Whisky Trophy shall remain the property of the Midlothian Province and shall not be won outright. A Club winning any Province trophy, apart from the Province Challenge Cup, shall be entitled to have custody of it until it is recalled by the Committee. The winner of the Province Challenge Cup shall be entitled to take possession of the Cup on such occasions as are approved by the Committee.

13.

The Annual Subscription shall be determined annually at the Annual General Meeting.

14.

The foregoing regulations may be altered or amended or new ones made at the Annual General Meeting if supported by two-thirds of the Clubs represented and voting. Notice of Motions must be made in writing to the Secretary at least a fortnight before the date of the Annual General Meeting and in giving notice of the Meeting it will be the duty of the Secretary to enclose to each Club a copy of the said Notice for its consideration.

BYE-LAWS

1.

Entries for all Province competitions shall be made in writing to the Secretary not later than 14th August each year.

2.

No Club shall engage in any Province Competition unless it has duly entered its teams by the appointed day with the Secretary and paid all subscriptions and levies exigible from it.

3.

A player shall be eligible to play for any Club of which he is a member but for only one Club in any one competition in any one season.

4.

The draw for all competitions shall be by ballot by the Committee. No two teams of the same Club shall compete against each other in the Bonspiel.

5.

In any competition, if a tie occurs between two or more Clubs, the Committee shall decide on a play-off or shall declare the winning Club in whichever way it thinks fit.

6.

No player may play more than once in the Bonspiel in any one season.

7.

The Province Challenge Cup and R.C.C.C. Province Medal shall be awarded to the Club having the highest average majority of shots per team and there shall also be awarded prizes to the teams of the winning Club. The Colin Black Trophy shall be awarded to the Club outwith the winners of the Province Challenge Cup with the greatest majority of shots and prizes shall be awarded to the players of that team. No Club having 30 Members or more shall win any Trophy or prize at the Bonspiel unless it has entered at least three teams. No Club having 20 to 29 Members shall win any Trophy or prize at the Bonspiel unless it has entered at least two teams. A Club having fewer than 20 Members shall be eligible to win the Colin Black Trophy and related prizes if it has entered only one team but shall not win any other Trophy or prize at the Bonspiel unless it has entered at least two teams.

8.

In the Bonspiel, if a **team** has only three players at the advertised starting time then the game will be started at that time and the offending **Club** shall be penalised one shot for each complete 5 minutes that only three players are present, up to a maximum of six shots. If a team has less than three players the game shall not start and if there are less than three players present 30 minutes after the advertised start time then the game shall be void and that team's opponents shall be awarded six shots.

9.

The following Rules will govern the King George IV Whisky Trophy Competition and any Club failing to observe these Rules will be disqualified from the Competition:

- (a) Entries are confined to rinks of any four members of the Club entering who are not excluded under Rule (b).
- (b) Any curler taking part in Championships organised by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club or Midlothian Province League Division One is eligible, in the season of such play, to take part only as a substitute and must play at lead.
- (c) District Medals, Inter-Province matches, Hotel weekend competitions, Bonspiels or games of a similar nature are not regarded as Competitions for this purpose.
- (d) If substitutes have to be called upon these must be eligible to play in terms of these rules.
- (e) Each Club taking part must notify the Secretary of the Province in writing at least one week prior to the date of their first scheduled game the names of the curlers selected to represent their Club.

10.

In all competitions, any Club failing to turn up when due to play will be held responsible for the ice charges of themselves and their opponents.

11.

In the Midlothian Province League, except in Division 1, if a team has only three players present when the bell sounds then the game will start and the offending team will be penalised one shot for each complete five minutes that only three players are present, up to a maximum of five shots. The non-offending team will have the last stone in the first end. If a team has fewer than three players present then RCCC rules apply.