

# Border Province

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## *Constitution and Rules*

### **Constitution**

1. The association shall be called "The Border Province of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club"
2. Its object shall be to encourage Curling in the Province hereby defined.
3. The province shall be confined to the Clubs affiliated to the RCCC in the counties of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Berwick. (Extra-provincial status applies to the Glendale Club from Northumbria and Yester Club from East Lothian).
4. A meeting of Representative Members of the Clubs forming the Province shall be held annually in May at the Border Ice Rink. Such meeting will be convened by the secretary by circular containing the Agenda addressed to the Secretaries of Clubs and posted not later than fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. Each Club at this meeting shall be entitled to be represented by two members who, however, shall only be entitled to one vote.
5. The Office-Bearers of the Province shall consist of a President, a Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and a Committee of Management of ten members as may be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Past President and area representative to the RCCC shall also be ex-officio members of the committee. The president and Vice President shall hold these offices for one year only. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year only but shall be eligible for re-election at the General Meeting annually. Each Member of Committee shall hold office for three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year thereafter. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of a Club in the Province as a member of the Committee. A quorum in any meeting shall be five.

### **The Border Bonspiel**

6. The province shall hold a Bonspiel each year to be played under the rules of the RCCC for a medal presented by the RCCC and the Province Cup.
7. The border bonspiel shall be held within the Border Ice Rink on dates and at times to be arranged with the management, but the committee shall endeavour to obtain an even distribution of day and evening sessions, and give each Club an equal share of these sessions. The Committee shall have the power to alter the venue should circumstances so warrant.
8. The Committee shall have all powers necessary for conducting the Bonspiel and shall be court of appeal on all objections and complaints connected herewith. Any objection or complaint must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary within three days after

the Bonspiel. The Committee shall have the power to take evidence thereon and adjudicate, and their reward shall be final and subject to no appeal or review whatever.

**9.** All games will be a maximum of 8 ends or time signal.

**10.** Clubs of twenty-five or under members shall enter not less than two rinks; Clubs with between twenty-six forty members shall enter not less than three rinks; Clubs between forty-one and fifty-five members shall enter not less than four rinks; Clubs with between fifty-six and seventy members shall enter not less than five rinks; and Clubs with above seventy members shall enter one extra rink for every one to fifteen members in excess of seventy. The players must be regular ordinary members of their respective clubs, or junior members, as defined by the RCCC Rules.

**11.** The Committee shall automatically enter the number of rinks per Club, as stipulated in clause 9 above, unless notice to the contrary has been received in writing by the Secretary prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October. If any Club is unable to play the number of rinks stipulated in clause 9 above, then the score for that Club shall be the total shots up or down as recorded by their other rinks divided by the number of rinks originally stipulated. No Club shall win the Bonspiel with less than two playing teams however occasioned.

**12.** Immediately after the entries are closed, a meeting of Committee shall be convened for the purpose of balloting the rinks.

**13.** No Club shall engage in the Border Bonspiel unless it has duly paid all levies and fines eligible thereon.

**14.** Should the opponents of two or more rinks fail to appear, these rinks shall play each other, as the Committee shall decide by ballot or other wise, but no two rinks from the same Club shall compete with each other. In the event of two outstanding rinks being of the same Club, the Committee may with consent, make arrangement by which they may engage in the Bonspiel.

**15.** Should any Club have one or more of its rinks prevented from playing by the non-appearance of their opponents, and no other opponents be found for them by the Committee, the score of that Club shall be taken on its remaining rinks which it has had engaged in the Bonspiel. If any Club fails to play the correct number of rinks entered, then the score for that Club shall be the total shots up or down by the other rinks divided by the rinks originally entered.

**16.** If a tie occurs between two or more Clubs, the trophy shall be share equally for that season.

**17.** The Province Cup to be held for one year and the medal given by the RCCC shall be won by the Club which has secured the greatest number of shots (the shots of its opponents being deducted) in proportion to the number of rinks IT HAS ENTERED FOR THE BONSPIEL, provided the Club has complied with all regulations.

**18.** One or more umpires shall be appointed by the Committee to superintend the Bonspiel. The Committee have the powers to withhold any prize from any club which does not play number of rinks entered. Their decision will be final.

**19.** All matches between Clubs associated with the province must give way to the Bonspiel.

**20.** Intimation of the Bonspiel shall be sent by the Secretary of the Province to Secretaries of all Clubs entered, such notice to be posted at least 30 days previous to the date fixed for the Bonspiel. In the event of a rink failing to appear and its Club having duly had notice, the Club shall be held liable by the Committee for the reasonable travelling expenses of their opponents and for the ice charges.

**21.** The annual subscription and all other charges shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

## **The Border League**

**22.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising the Border League competition, which shall open to all Clubs in the Province (and "Extra Provincial Clubs" as defined by the RCCC rule 51). The competition shall be known as the "Border League".

**23.** The winners shall be awarded custody of the Border League Curling Trophy for one season.

**24.** Each Club shall be entitled to enter one rink which need not, however, consist of the same members in each game.

**25.** Rinks shall consist of all regular members of Clubs in the border Province wherever resident, and or Occasional Members of such Clubs resident in the Border Province only.

**26.** Section games will be 8 ends or time signal.

**27.** There shall be two points awarded for a win, one point for a draw.

**28.** The competition shall be in one (or two sections), which shall be drawn by ballot.

**29.** In the event of a tie, the Club with most shots up per game played shall determine the ranking in their section.

**30.** In the case of one section the top 4 teams will play a Page Play-off. In the case of two sections the winner and runner-up in each section shall play a Page Play-off.

The page play off - The top two teams (winners of sections) will play a first semi final, the winner of that game goes direct to the final, the loser will play a second semi-final with the winner of the game between the next two teams (two section runners-up) to go into the final.

**31.** In event of any Club failing to fulfil the fixture it shall be the option of their opponents to arrange a fresh fixture or to claim the two points without further play.

**32.** Any dispute arising on the ice shall be referred to the Border Ice Rink Manger and/or any Committee member of the Province, whose decision will be final.

**33.** Any decision required as to the interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Committee of Management of the Border Province of the RCCC whose decision shall be final.

**34.** Any proposal to alter or amend the rules may be made at the Annual General Meeting of the representative members of the Border Province of the RCCC, provided 28 days notice in writing is given to the Secretary prior to such meeting.

## **The Harry Hogg Trophy**

**35.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising the Harry Hogg Trophy competition.

**36.** The competition shall be known as the "Harry Hogg Trophy" and shall be played under the jurisdiction of the Border Province of the RCCC.

**37.** The winners shall be awarded the Harry Hogg Trophy for one season.

**38.** Rinks shall be composed of any four regular members of Clubs within the Border Province. The Province committee will enter one rink from each Club, but Clubs may enter further rinks as desired. Any Club not wishing to take part in the Harry Hogg Trophy must notify the Secretary of the Province 28 days prior to the first tie of the competition. The competition shall be played as a knockout competition as defined by the RCCC.

## **The Pate Trophy**

**39.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising jointly with Midlothian Province, the Pate Trophy competition, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Border Province of the RCCC.

**40.** The competition shall be played between seven rinks from each of the Border and Midlothian Province Clubs and a President select team from each Province. No Club shall be represented by more than one rink. The Committee shall select Border Province Clubs.

**41.** The venue of the Pate Trophy competition shall alternate annually between the Border Ice Rink and an ice rink that shall be selected by the Midlothian Province.

## **The Gala Cup**

**42.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising the Gala Cup competition, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Border Province of the RCCC. The winner shall be awarded the Gala Cup for one season.

**43.** The competition shall be open to any two men and two ladies, playing in any order, who are members of the same Club as defined in rules 24 and 25.

**44.** The competition shall be played during weekends during the season on a knockout basis.

## **The Dun Trophy**

**45.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising the Dun Trophy competition, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Border Province of the RCCC. The winners shall be awarded the Dun Trophy for one season.

**46.** The competition shall be open to Clubs which are situated in the Counties of Roxburgh and Selkirk and shall be open to regular and occasional members of those clubs subject to rules 24 and 25.

**47.** Each Club competing shall enter two rinks. Each tie shall consist of two rinks from one club competing against two rinks from another club. The aggregate score shall decide the winner of each tie, which will be played on a knockout basis.

## The Melrose Kettle

**48.** The Border Province shall be responsible for organising the Melrose Kettle competition, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Border Province of the RCCC. The winning Club shall be awarded the custody of the Melrose Kettle for one season.

**49.** The competition shall be open to Clubs which are situated in the Counties of Roxburgh and Selkirk and shall be open to regular and occasional members of those clubs subject to rules 24 and 25.

**50.** Each Club competing must enter one rink only. After each tie the winning club may supply different players or play the same players in different positions within the team for the next round. No player may play in the same position more than once during the competition.

**51.** The competition shall be played on a knockout basis.

## Amendments

**52.** The foregoing rules may be altered or amended or new rules inserted by resolution of the Committee of Management duly intimated in writing to the Secretaries of Clubs within the province and to which resolution no objection or amendment has been submitted by Clubs within one month of receipt of such resolution. Alternatively, at the discretion of the Committee of Management any alteration, amendment or addition to the Rules may, on resolution of the Committee, be submitted at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of Representative Clubs of the Border Province subject to notice of the relative motion being made to the Secretaries of Clubs within at least Thirty days of the said meeting.

**53.** It shall be competent for any Club in the Province to intimate to the Committee of Management any proposal for alterations and amendments or additions to the rules and such proposals or proposals shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting of Representative Members of Clubs in the Province for approval or otherwise; provided always that any such proposal by a Club must be intimated in writing to the Secretary of the Province not later than 31st March.

**54.** A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee of Management or upon the written request of no fewer than five clubs of the Border Province, addressed to the Secretary. Such meeting shall be called and held within 14 days from date of receipt of such request. At such General Meetings a quorum shall consist of not less than twelve members.