Border Ice Rink Ladies Section

Constitution and Bye-Laws

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Constitution

- **1.** The club shall be called Border Ice Rink Club (Ladies Section) and its headquarters shall be at the Border Ice Rink, Abbotseat Road, Kelso.
- **2.** The objects of the club shall be to promote interest in curling and to provide from the funds of the Club such financial assistance as the Committee of Management may from time to time consider necessary in these interests.
- **3.** All lady members of Border Ice Rink Club who are members of a Ladies Section belonging to a Club in Border Province which has been affiliated to the R.C.C.C. shall automatically be members of the club.
- **4.** It shall be competent for two thirds of the members at a General Meeting upon a recommendation to that effect from the Committee of Management to confer upon anyone the distinction of Honorary Member in recognition of being a distinguished curler or of services rendered to the club. They shall be subject to the whole rules and bye-laws of the club but shall have no voice in the management of the Club unless elected to office for which they shall be eligible.
- **5.** The Committee of Management may elect an Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents who shall hold office until their successors are appointed
- 6. The Committee of Management shall consist of one representative from each club affiliated to the Ladies Section. Three members of the Committee of Management shall form a quorum. The Committee shall elect a chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall each hold office for two years and the Vice Chairman shall succeed to the office of chairman. The Chairman shall thereafter remain a member of the Committee for one year as immediate past Chairman ex officio. The Committee of Management shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be re-elected annually and have no vote at meetings. It will be the duty of the Committee to manage and direct the ordinary business and affairs of the Club and any special business that may be remitted to them. The four Senior Members shall retire each year. Should a vacancy occur it may be filled by the Committee. The Committee shall hold at least a minimum of five meetings per year and arrange the affairs of the Club. Minutes shall be taken of all the proceedings of the Committee and shall be open to the inspection of any member thereof. The Committee shall cause correct accounts and books to be kept showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.
- **7.** The Committee of Management may invest the funds of the club not required for the immediate need of the Club or may lend same at such rate of interest and on such terms and conditions as the Committee of Management shall decide. All investments made by the Committee shall be in the names of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Secretary and

Treasurer of the Club for the time being, and the survivors and survivor and their successors in these respective offices as Trustees for the Club and the said Office Bearers as Trustees foresaid shall hold all investments of the Club funds for behalf of the Club and the members thereof present and future.

- **8.** An Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be held on a date to be decided by the Committee of Management but not later than the seventh day of June for the purpose of electing Office Bearers to the Committee, appointing and auditor and transacting any other competent business of the Club. At such a General Meeting the Committee of Management shall present its report. Seven days notice shall be given to all members of any General Meeting. A special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee of Management or upon the written requisition of not fewer than fifty members of the Club addressed to the Secretary. Such meeting shall be called and held within ten days of the date of the receipt of such requisition. At General Meeting twelve members shall form a quorum.
- **9.** The treasurer shall receive and disburse monies belonging to the Club, keep an exact account of same in a Cash Book which shall be examined and submitted to the Annual Meeting. She shall keep such other accounts and books as are necessary to show the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club.
- **10.** It will be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence, to give notice to each member of all meetings, to keep a Minute Book in which she will enter all minutes and submit the same for approval at the next meeting. She will also keep a register of the members of the Club.
- **11.** Any member ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights to and claims upon the Club, its property and funds.
- **12.** Subject to the provisions contained in these rules the Committee of Management shall have the power to make, alter and amend the byelaws of the Club and to make new byelaws which shall be binding on the members until revoked or otherwise determined by the Club
- **13.** The Committee of Management shall have power to deal with any matter arising which is not specially provided for in these rules. None of the foregoing rules shall be altered or added to except at the General Meeting of the Club. Notice of any motion for alteration or additions to the rules or byelaws and all other notices of motion except byelaws made by the Committee of Management in terms hereof and motions submitted by the Committee of Management must be lodged with the Secretary in writing seven days before the date of such meeting.

Bye-Laws

- 1. The Club will take no responsibility for any article taken into or left in the premises.
- **2.** No expenses incurred in the Club premises shall be paid for by visitors, they only being liable for the charges for the use of the ice in the event of their taking part in any game.
- **3.** Members are responsible for the decorum of their guest and will be held responsible for any breach of decorum.
- 4. Dogs are not permitted in the Club Premises.

Courtesy in Curling

Curling has always been noted for good sportsmanship and for the friendly rivalry that exists on the ice. The courtesies suggested below should be practised by all curlers who understand the true spirit of the game.

- 1. When a player is on the hack ready to deliver: -
 - Stand Still
 - Keep silent if she is within earshot
 - Keep a respectable distance away
- **2.** Do nothing that would distract her or disturb her concentration. This applies particularly to your opponents.
- **3.** Don't be afraid to congratulate opposing players when they make a good shot and, above all, never, by word or deed, be guilty of any action that would embarrass a player who has missed a shot.
- **4.** Be on the hack ready to play your shot when your turn comes. Under no circumstances cross the ice when a stone is being played or a player is on the hack.
- **5.** Unless sweeping, leads and seconds should remain at side ice between the hog lines.