

CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE GAME

3 - New rules and amendments 3(a) to 3(d)

To approve the changes to the Rule Book proposed by the Rules Committee and supported by the Board

3.	Rule	Previous Text	New Text	Rationale
3a	Position of Players R4 (b)(i)	The skip, or the vice-skip when it is the skip's turn to deliver, is in charge of the house.	The skip, or the vice-skip when it is the skip's turn to deliver or when the skip is not on the ice , is in charge of the house.	Additional text to previous rule - Passed at WCF Congress The vice-skip will often hold the brush if the skip is not on the ice (i.e. - using the washroom between ends and has not returned). This is against the rules and it is difficult for the umpires, who want to let this happen, but don't want to break the rules.
3b(i)	Mixed Doubles R14 (f)	Prior to the start of every end, one team shall place its "positioned" stone at the playing end of the sheet in one of two positions, designated A and B. The opponent's "positioned" stone shall then be placed in whichever position (A or B) remains vacant. The location of these positions shall be as follows.	Prior to the start of every end, one team shall place its "positioned" stone at the playing end of the sheet in one of two positions, designated A and B. The opponent's "positioned" stone shall then be placed in whichever position (A or B) remains vacant. The location of these positions shall be as follows (see diagram):	Additional text to previous rule - Passed at WCF Congress
3b(ii)	Mixed Doubles R14 (f) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.92 m. (3 feet) from the mid-point closer to the house. • 0.92 m. (3 feet) from the mid-point closer to the hog line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.915 m. (3 feet) from the mid-point closer to the house. • 0.915 m. (3 feet) from the mid-point closer to the hog line. 	Amendment to previous rule – Brings into line with WCF rule.
3b(iii)	Mixed Doubles	Based on the ice conditions, the teams shall determine the specific	Based on the ice conditions, when no event official is available to	Additional text to previous rule - Passed at WCF Congress

	R14 (f) (i)	placement for each sheet for Position A to be used prior to the start of the pre-game practice and that same placement must be used for the entire game.	make the decision the teams shall determine the specific placement for each sheet for Position A to be used prior to the start of the pre-game practice and that same placement must be used for the entire game.	Currently it states that the teams will decide on each sheet the placement of the Position A stone (it can be one of three distances in front of the house). It should be clarified that this is only when no officials are present, as normally the CU and CIT discuss the curl on the ice and make the decision.
3b(iv)	Mixed Doubles R14 (f) (ii)	Position B: Placement so that the stone is in the back of the house, bisected by the centre line and abutting the back edge of the tee	Position B: Placement so that the stone is stone is bisected by the centre line and is in the back of the 4-foot circle. The back edge of the stone is aligned with the back edge of the 4-foot circle (see diagram).	Amendment to previous rule – Brings into line with WCF rule.
3b(v)	Mixed Doubles R14 (f) (iii)	NEW	Power Play: Once per game, each team, when it has the decision on the placement of the “positioned” stones, can use the “Power Play” option to position those two stones. The in-house stone (B), which belongs to the team with last stone in that end, is placed on either side of the house with the back edge of the stone touching the tee line, at the point where the 8-foot and 12-foot circles meet. The guard stone (A) is positioned to the same side of the sheet, the same distance that was determined for the centre guards (see diagram). The “Power Play” option cannot be used in extra ends. Diagram 1	Additional Rule- Passed at WCF Congress And inserted New WCF Diagrams (1&2)

			Diagram 2	
3b(vi)	Mixed Doubles R14 (g) (i)	Unless predetermined, a coin toss will determine which team has the decision in the first end.	Teams opposing each other in the game shall use the Last Stone Draw (LSD) to determine which team has the decision in the first end. The team with the lesser LSD distance shall have the decision on the placement.	Amendment to previous rule – Brings into line with WCF rule.
3b(vii)	Mixed Doubles R14 (i)	While the team is in the process of delivery, the non-delivering player must be positioned inside the hog line with at least one foot/wheel on the ice surface at the playing end of the team's sheet. After delivery, either or both players may sweep their delivered stone and any stones set in motion that belong to their team anywhere in front of the tee line at the playing end. This applies during all of the team's delivered stones, including the LSD.	While the team is in the process of delivery, the non-delivering player may be anywhere on the ice surface of the team's sheet. After delivery, either or both players may sweep their delivered stone and any stones set in motion that belong to their team anywhere in front of the tee line at the playing end. This applies during all of the team's delivered stones, including the LSD.	Amendment to previous rule – Brings into line with WCF rule.
3c	Prohibited Substances R15	The use of prohibited substances or drugs, whether taken knowingly without therapeutic exemption or otherwise, is unethical and forbidden. If such use occurs player(s) will be disqualified from the competition and it could lead to further suspension.	The use of prohibited substances or drugs, whether taken knowingly without therapeutic exemption or otherwise, is unethical and forbidden. The anti-doping rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping Limited (or its successor), as amended from time to time. If such use occurs player(s) will be disqualified from the competition and it could lead to further	Additional text to previous rule – UKAD Legal requirement. If you are a member of The Royal Caledonian Curling Club then the anti-doping rules apply to you, regardless of what level you participate at.

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3d	Inappropriate Behaviour R16	Improper conduct, foul or offensive language, equipment abuse, or wilful damage on the part of any team member is prohibited. Any violation may result in suspension of the offending person(s) by the curling organising having jurisdiction.	Improper conduct, foul or offensive language, equipment abuse, or wilful damage on the part of any team member is prohibited. Any violation may result in disciplinary action according to the RCCC disciplinary policy .	Amendment to previous rule – Brings into line with RCCC Policies.

4 - Rewording of existing rules for clarity

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Rationale - During the review of the Rule Book by the Rules Committee a number of minor items that needed attention were identified. These are listed below, most are clarifications on interpretation and updating of terminology.

Pg	Rule	Previous Text	New Text
	Throughout Section R	Royal Club	RCCC
8	Teams R3 (c) (ii)	A substitute may play in any position in any round but not higher than the position of the curler he is replacing.	A substitute may play in any position in any round but not higher than the position of the curler being replaced .
14	Touched Moving Stones R8 (a) (i) R8 (b) (i)	If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the team to which it belongs, or by their equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team has the option to:	If a moving stone is touched, or is caused to be touched, by the team to which it belongs, or by its equipment, all stones are allowed to come to rest, after which the non-offending team has the option to: