## **Rules For Club Competitions**

- 1. Members should not enter a competition if they know that;
  - they are likely to be unavailable for a period longer than two weeks during the period of the competition,
  - they will not be available to play on Finals Weekend.
- 2. The Challenger is the first named in the draw and is responsible for;
  - seeking to arrange the match with the Opponent within one week of the start of a round, on a date mutually acceptable to the Competition Notice. Any competitor unable to meet this deadline must advise the Competition Organiser and agree alternative arrangements,
  - reserving the rink,
  - arranging a marker who is acceptable to the Opponent.
- 3. The round shall be played by the agreed date or a walkover will be given to the Opponent, unless;
  - the Challenger can satisfy the Competition Organiser that he/she has made every possible attempt to play the match and that the Opponent has been unable to play,
  - the Competition Organiser agrees to an extension of time because a player is, or has been, ill or adverse weather conditions have severely affected the playing of a round.
- 4. The Opponent is also expected to make every effort to arrange the match with the Challenger.
- 5. The failure of a Challenger and an Opponent to comply with the rules will result in the disqualification of both players.
- 6. In a pairs competition, the substitution of a player who is ill or has had an accident may be made at any time with a player of similar handicap who has not already taken part in the competition, provided the substitution is agreed with the competition organisers.

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Any decision made by Roger and his sub-committee shall be final.