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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs
Re: Amendment & Clarification of 2017-18 Conditions of Play

The Board of Management has approved a submission from the State Match Committee to amend the 2017-18 Conditions of Play.

The amendment clarifies the intent of Conditions of Play 2.29 and 2.30.

The State Match Committee has also issued a clarification of the use of substitute and replacement players in resumed pennant matches.

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Chief Executive Officer

Amend Condition of Play 2.29

2.29. Restricting Movement of Players

At the commencement of each end, Singles players, leads and seconds shall be at the mat end of the green.

In fours a third may move to the head end of the green before the commencement of the end.

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

2.29.1. Singles Game

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls

2.29.2. Pairs game

2.29.2.1. Leads: After delivery of their second and fourth bowls

2.29.2.2. Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls

2.29.3. Triples Game (2 bowls)

2.29.3.1. Leads: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.2. Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.3. Skips: After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.4. Fours Game

2.29.4.1. Leads: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.2. Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.3. Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl.

The third for each team may stand at the head end until it is their turn to play.

2.29.4.4. Skips After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.5. Players remaining at head end

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their first bowl.

2.29.6. Penalty

See also Law 13, Possession of the Rink

(i.) On the first occasion the umpire shall warn the player concerned. The skip of the team and manager/Coach in a sides game shall also be advised of the warning.

(ii.) On the second occasion the end in progress shall be declared completed and the opponents awarded the number of shots the same as the number of bowls in use in that game.

(iii.) In a team game, On the third occasion the match shall be forfeited to the opponents.

(iv.) In a side game, On the third occasion the offending player shall take no further part of the match. A substitute or replacement player shall not be permitted and the team shall play one player short (as if the second were missing) as per the requirements of COP 2.28.5.1.

Note: There is NO provision in this COP for a skip to call a player to head to inspect the head or for a singles player to visit the head before his third bowl.

Note: Warnings/penalties apply to individuals. A warning given to a player is not a warning for the team or side.

Amend Condition of Play 2.30

The first sentence of COP 2.30 is now to read

2.30 Instantaneous Penalties

If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a Player/s, **(where there is no penalty specified in that Law or Rule)** such as: ...

The remainder of this Condition is as originally printed.

Clarification of use of Substitutes and Replacement Players in a resumed Pennant Match

The State Match Committee advises that in a **resumed** Pennant match where players from the original side are not available to play when the match resumed:

1. If one player is absent from a team (within a side), a substitute player (only) may be used to take that player's place. The substitute may play lead, second or third but is not permitted to play skip.
2. If two players are absent from a team (within a side), a substitute and a replacement player may be used in that team. The replacement player is permitted to play skip.
3. If three players are absent from a team (within a side), a substitute and a replacement player may be used in that team and the team shall complete the match with three players (as permitted under COP 2.28.5) with the three players each playing two bowls and the members of the team playing in the positions of lead, third and skip (the team plays as if the second is the member absent). The complete (opposition team) will play consecutive bowls in the second position. In this case the lead shall assume the duties of keeping the score card.

Note: replacement players are permitted in a resumed Pennant match **ONLY** and only when two or more players are absent from that team.

The above provisions apply to each team within a side.

Note: The Conditions of Play provide that a substitute may be play in place of a player who is absent for part of a match. (for example, a substitute may be used in place of a player who becomes ill during the course of a match)