



COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 12th August 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 at Scottish Curling offices

Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies

KP

Elaine Mills, Eilidh McCall Lawrie, Fraser Montgomery

KP welcomed two new committee members David Whiteside and Neil Murray to the committee also for their first meeting.

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

KP

Proposed: John McGowan

Seconded: Jim Hogg

3. Matters Arising

KP

All actions completed from previous minutes

4. Competition Draws

CG

CG updated on draws that had already closed and details on upcoming draws. Concerns around some comps however, closing dates are a few weeks away so there is still time.

CG noted no entries for Open champs as of yet and committee agreed that if a min number of 5 teams entered for each gender taking the competition total too 10 entries is not met then the competition will be cancelled.

Discussion also took place regards the seniors and where this should be placed in the calendar.

Discussion also took place regards senior champs and agreed to promote again on social media channels to encourage more entries and extend till end of August.

ACTION: CG to promote open champs again on socials and liaise with Peter to promote accordingly.

ACTION: CG to extend senior mixed to end of August share on socials

Discussion took place regards WC calendar also and how this will impact the calendar and the requirements for hosting Mx dbls with seniors the week later you will have the grand slam so stops it being brought forward seniors could be on at same time as grand slam. Options to be considered.

5. Rule changes

CG

CG and JM brought up some rule changes which arose from a rules committee catch up and are noted below.

WC brought in min age for junior comps should it be set as min age of 12 to play Scottish juniors from 30th June as if a team plays with someone under 12 and win champs that player would not be eligible to enter the WC event. Agreed by committee to approve. Same rule to be applied to Junior Mixed Doubles.

ACTION: CG to check teams current ages

It was also agreed to adopt min age of 16 for all competitions that lead to international representation with WC.

JM then explained issues of stone and sheet allocations at championships if we only have 5 teams of each gender and this was discussed by committee with recommendations made and approved.

ACTION: JM to summarise and share recommendations with CG and Alan Stanfield

Discussion also took place around teams playing with 3 team members if they lose a member due to illness or injury during a competition. It was noted that this is an ongoing issue throughout the season, and we should mimic what WC do. Agreed that a competition has to START with 4 players but subsequent games the team can play with three if they chose and that no penalty shots will be applied to that team.

6. 2025/26 Draft Calendar

CG

CG had shared with the committee a DRAFT 25/26 calendar as prepared by JM and the biggest issue on this was that champs would clash with the Olympics. A

number of options were discussed as to how best placed to accommodate championships whilst maximising the impact of Olympic fever and really drive new curlers into rinks and capitalise on this interest. Three potential dates we suggested for champs in order of preference, and these were to be shared with relevant parties. The committee then discussed how do we maximise on Olympic fever. A suggestion from board is to change the calendar and have no comps post Olympics and work with development managers to create opportunities with the rinks. Once the date for champs has been agreed the DRAFT calendar is then to be reviewed.

7. Date of next meeting: 9th October 2024

KP	Keith Prentice	Convenor, Director
JM	John McGowan	Umpire Convenor
Ka.P	Kaye Paterson	Umpire Rep
FM	Fraser Montgomery	RCCC Chair
DW	David Whiteside	Representative
VB	Vincent Bryson	CEO, SC
EML	Eilidh McCall Lawrie	HOD
EM	Elaine Mills	Administrator, SC
CG	Charlene Graham	Competitions Officer, SC
JH	Jim Hogg	Representative
NM	Neil Murray	Representative
AH	Alan Hannah	Director
SA	Scott Andrews	Academy Manager