

ASC Meeting [prior to match v RCA]. Curl Edinburgh. 11am, 04/12/24.

Present; A Asher, A Middler, K Prentice, A Chalmers, J Macdonald, J Mason, C Martin, D Haggart, A Crozier, P Davis.

Apologies; V Bryson, M Caffyn, N Ainslie, A Cowan, D Young, J McDermott, F Ross, P Ross, J Taylor, MA McWilliam.

The meeting was primarily to discuss the **new report format** which had been trialled.

Negatives – difficult to operate from a mobile, too many topics, who generates topics?

Positives – easier on PC or tablet, keeps reports consistent, provides a good guide to new reps unsure what to report on, not too diverse, prompts responses on fixed topics, better than free reign.

J Macdonald questioned whether his report was supposed to be from the area or ice rinks as he only had dealings with certain ice rinks, not others. Ideally reps & reports would cover all ice [curling] rinks between them.

Topics generated mostly had been suggested to V Bryson by A Asher. Easy to add other topics as they arise or in the report space that allowed for other matters to be noted. P Davis asked for recruitment [of new curlers] to be specifically added. The Indoor Grand Match 2025 would also become a topic for the next few reports. ASC / LSC could control the topics listed.

The spreadsheet summary generated [automatically] from reports would be circulated to the ASC committee. [This was easier to read by email / on tablet]. If there were action points or queries the CEO would deal with them or take to the Board if appropriate.

The consensus was generally positive & those present supported this format going forward.

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Getting curlers into clubs from beginner or gateway level. Some clubs still had **barriers to entry** [proposers, seconders etc] or were not as welcoming as others. ASC reps should work with ice rinks and clubs to ensure new curlers had access to welcoming clubs. Each rink is different but all should have some system that creates a simple and easy path to regular play. Contact name [such as ASC rep or development officer] available in each rink that coaches know and can refer new players to.

P Davis asked about limits on the **speed of stick delivery**. Excessive speed is dangerous but it is not feasible to put a limit or number on what is excessive. Warnings & suspension if necessary? Should stick users be allowed to run out or walk only? **K Prentice noted that the Rules / Competitions Committee would discuss this.** A Middler said previous WCF rules stated sticks had to release by the tee.