



COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

26th February Teams 10:00 – 11:30

Minutes of Meeting

1. Apologies

KP

Greg Drummond, David Whiteside, Jim Hogg

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

KP

Few typos and errors on previous minutes for CG to adjust and then upload online

Proposed by NM

Seconded KaP

3. Matters Arising

4. Competition Draws

Currently few draws still pending rink approval – pairs / gateway / newcomers

All other draws had been completed at time of meeting

5. Action Log

CG

Discussion took place around some previous items and around junior championships. Rule S4 (c). states Automatic qualification to the finals

For Scheduling reasons, the Competitions Committee may grant teams direct entry into the Scottish Curling Junior Championships provided that such teams are involved in a World Curling sanctioned International Competition.

AH asked if this was to include WUGs or University Games as part of the 8 teams? Also, then discussion around 8 ends for qualifiers but 10 ends for championships was agreed.

6. AOB

SA presented to the committee results from a survey he had conducted with U21 athletes around World Junior Mixed Doubles and as this is now on the calendar should we offer up more opportunities for this type of mixed doubles competition.

Results are noted below:

- 93% want a slam series
- 77% want 2 slams
- 54% want it on Saturday / Sunday only

For the 2025/26 season Scott is looking to put 1 additional slam and 2025/26 season it will be 2 slams

Matt Murdoch ok with using their competition as one of the 2 slams in 2025/26. SA will do all the work for these, and no additional umpire support required but will ask if necessary.

EH has previously asked if the EJCT could be part of the U21 slam series and this was declined, asked committee to reconsider

AH raised that there is an increasing number of events that juniors are playing 15 – 18 events a season we need to balance out opportunity with welfare.

KP suggested invitational weekend for the Junior Mixed doubles events

7. Seniors

NM

NM brought a proposal to committee regards the seniors and do we remove the qualifying competition and make the seniors competition longer in the long run. Do we ask teams from this year what their thoughts would be, it wouldn't be a problem in terms of rule book etc. From a seeding element you would take the top 8 teams from previous year (with 3 of the same players from previous year) All games must be played to be included in TIS – does it need to go in rule book also

CG to pull together an additional survey to participants and to speak to Mike, there is a contractual element at play where Forfar have the quals and champs for next 2 years

8. Masters Cancellation

Email query from Margaret Carruthers

Discussion took place regards this however as Masters is being rescheduled it

Was not relevant CG to go back to Margaret.

9. Under 21 Slam seedings

CG

Discussion took place around U21 slam seeding and an issue that arose at Aberdeen.

Committee had previously discussed this, but it was agreed to change seeding for 2025-26 season to ongoing LEADERBAORD not previous slam.

Slam 1 of 2025/26 to be seeded from previous season results (if 3 players are present in team)

Slam 2 will be seeded from slam 1 as that is effectively the leaderboard and then slam 3 and 4 seeded from ongoing LEADERBAORD

It was also agreed to promote the leaderboard on social media more
SA to sense check the u21s random first draw for the season

Do we follow that seeding process down to U17s?

Do we have 3 separate leader boards? To be discussed further JM to chat to SA
JM congratulated all the winners of the slam series

10. Stick delivery question – folder with email trail

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Stick delivery curler is ambidextrous – correct hack when he is using the Relevant hack and this was questioned during a local game.

JM did research if you start a game left hand you finish left handed replicate

Ontario rule use first rotation use for whole game come off the same hack

JM to tidy up rule and pass to Alan Stanfield

11. Competition Entry numbers for discussion

KP/CG

Spreadsheet included CG to redo and send on to committee and add to
Next committee meeting agenda

12. July Competitions Committee meeting – had that scheduled in for a Saturday

But wanted to make sure it was ok all agreed and CG to get number plate details from everyone for reg plate recognition at Cairnie House.

13. Action CG summary of feedback surveys

CG

14. Bidding documents were discussed from rinks and competitions allocated accordingly by agreement of committee. CG to communicate bid outcomes to successful / unsuccessful rinks.

15. Date of next meeting – 17th April 2025

KP	Keith Prentice	Convenor, Director
JM	John McGowan	Umpire Convenor
Ka.P	Kaye Paterson	Umpire Rep
FM	Fraser Montgomery	RCCC Chair
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EML	Eilidh McCall Lawrie	Head of Sport & Communities
CG	Charlene Graham	Major Events Manager
JH	Jim Hogg	Representative
NM	Neil Murray	Representative
AH	Alan Hannah	Director
SA	Scott Andrews	Academy Manager