

RENFREWSHIRE XIIth PROVINCE

PROVINCE COMPETITION RULES SEASON 2026 / 2027

The Renfrewshire XIIth Province Competition Rules will be displayed on the province website competitions page: <https://www.12thprovincecurling.com/competitions/>

- A copy will be displayed on the Renfrewshire Province notice board at Greenacres
- A copy will be sent to all the secretaries of participating clubs within the province

Greenacres do not charge a membership fee for club members playing in Renfrewshire XIIth Province Competitions who do not regularly play at the ice rink. This is a long-standing agreement from the Stevenson era.

Any member of a club which has Renfrewshire XIIth Province membership may play in any Renfrewshire XIIth Province competition for that club, or for any other province club of which they are a member. However, in any single competition in any single season, a member may not play for more than one club.

Scorecards must be made out prior to the game and should be correctly filled in by the appropriate teams. The cards should have the **full names** of the players, the match score, and be signed by the skips. They should be deposited in the Province Scorecard box in the Greenacres bar or handed to a Province Committee member if present at the competition.

All competitions will be eight ends or the bell, whichever is sooner.

In the event of a points tie in a league competition, teams will be ranked, unless otherwise stated, by applying the following:

- A) Highest shots difference
- B) Highest shots scored
- C) Highest number of ends won
- D) Lowest number of ends lost

In the event of a tie in a knockout competition, the winning rink will be decided, unless otherwise stated, by completing a draw shot challenge:

- One member from each team will be nominated to play a draw shot
- A coin toss should determine which team goes first, with the winner of the coin toss having the choice
- Teams are allowed to sweep their own stone only
- The ice rink measuring device should be used to record the first draw, then compare to the second draw
- The winner is determined by which stone finished closest to the pin
- If neither stone finishes in the house, then both players will throw again

Competition results will be updated and posted on the province website, noticeboard and facebook page as soon as possible.

The Free Guard Zone rule applies to the first five stones and will apply to all Province Competitions.

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FAILURE TO APPEAR

Please note that the RCCC rules do not apply where a game is void after 30 minutes if there are only 3 players in a team.

Rules for all games played within the Renfrewshire XIIth Province Competitions are as follows:

- a) A game commences as soon as the ice is available for play, usually indicated by a bell or a buzzer.
- b) If a team starts with three players, due to the late appearance of a player, one penalty shot will be applied 5 minutes after the bell. A following penalty shot will be applied every 5 minutes, up to a maximum of five shots. **A game will not be forfeit so long as there are a minimum of three players per team.**
- c) The format of play with three will be that the Skip plays the last two stones in an end, and the other players deliver three stones each per end.

Under circumstances where a team take to the ice with four players, and one player is injured, either during the warm up or during play, play continues with three players without penalty.

It is not acceptable, for a team to have a player deliver two stones and leave the ice, simply to avoid a penalty.

The game is forfeit if fewer than 3 players are available at the start of the ice time and the opposition team receives 2 points, 6 shots and 4 ends. The offending team receive 0 points and lose 6 shots.

Ice money is the responsibility of the offending team, or their club.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

In the event of a club cancelling or postponing a game, that club shall ensure that ice offered to their opposition must allow the game to take place at least 24 hours before the next round of the competition is affected. The province committee must be informed, by both teams, of all cancellations / postponements, including the new date and who was responsible for the cancellation / postponement.

In all cases where cancellation or postponement occurs and no suitable alternative ice and dates can be agreed between the clubs, then the club who cancelled or postponed the tie will forfeit the game and be liable for all ice money costs.

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COMPETITIONS

Members should note that all competitions, except the Ladies Broom and Ladies League, are open to male, female or mixed teams.

RAM'S HEAD

One rink entry per club and all games are proposed to be played at Greenacres on Friday evenings at 6pm.

The first section of the competition will be played on a league basis with teams qualifying for a knockout phase. The number of entries will dictate the number of sections and teams qualifying for the knockout phase.

The province committee will, before the start of the competition, notify participating clubs of league structure and number of teams to qualify from each section.

In the league section of the Ram's Head the winning scores will be based on POINTS – SHOTS UP – TOTAL SHOTS – ENDS.

In the event of a draw in the knockout section of the competition a draw shot challenge will determine the winner (see details above).

The winning team is nominated to represent the 12th Province in the Scottish Province Championships the following season.

BARRATT CUP

One rink entry per club and all games are proposed to be played at Greenacres on Monday evenings at 8.30pm.

The cup is a straight knockout competition with the number of rounds dictated by the number of entries. It will mean your club is committed to approximately four games, with the final in March.

Rinks will consist of four players drawn from a pool of no more than eight.

In the event of a draw in the knockout section of the competition a draw shot challenge will determine the winner (see details above).

SHAND HARVEY

Two-rink entry per club with one playing one game on the Saturday and one playing one game on the Sunday and will be played as eight ends or the bell.

The trophy will be awarded to the club with the greatest number of shots up and a prize will be awarded to the rink having the highest up shots. In the event of a tie, ends then total shots will decide the winning club.

It is played at Greenacres on the 2nd weekend of February, with Saturday and Sunday games both at 12.30pm.

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LADIES BROOM

Two-rink entry per club each playing one game for the Broom, open to female members.

It is played at Greenacres in January, with games at 3pm and 6pm.

A club may enter only one rink but would be ineligible to win the Broom, but eligible to win the prize for the highest-up rink.

The Broom will be awarded to the club with the greatest total number of shots up.

In the event of a tie ends then total shots will decide the winning club.

LADIES LEAGUE

Open to female members. Games will take place on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Open to more than one entry per club, providing that if more than one team per club is entered, no player plays for more than one team.

The rules for the Ladies League are the same as the league section of the Ram's Head.

PRESIDENT v VICE - PRESIDENT

One rink entry per club. Taking place at the Waterfront in March, with games at 2.30pm, 5.30pm and 8pm.

Clubs can nominate a preferred playing time and the Province will endeavour to arrange the draw to satisfy all clubs. We request that you try to be as flexible as possible.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest up rink in both the Presidents and Vice-Presidents teams.

In the event of a tie winners will be decided on Ends and then Total Shots.

GREENACRES POINTS TROPHY

The Province would like all clubs to consider combining their existing points competition within the Greenacres Points.

Individual players would then have the opportunity for their score to be entered into either their club competition, the Province competition or both.

Traditionally entries have been accepted on the day but the Province would appreciate a notice of commitment by any club who intend to use the competition to hold their own Game of Points.

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INTER - PROVINCE COMPETITIONS

The Province Committee would appreciate it if all clubs give consideration to providing either teams or individual players for each, or all, of the following competitions.

THE WALDIE – GRIFFITH INTER PROVINCE COMPETITION

This Inter-Province Cup is a four-team entry Scottish Curling competition played for annually by the Scottish Provinces. This year our Province did not have enough interest to enter the competition.

Once the draw is made the Province will agree the dates and the method of play to complete the four games with our opposition. Full competition details and rules are in the Scottish Curling Rules of the Game or the Scottish Curling web site. The playing level of this competition may appeal to competitive skips entering their own team so the Province would be delighted to accept competition teams, club teams or individual entries from which it could form teams.

HARRY HART

The Harry Hart Trophy is an Inter-Province competition played annually between 3 rinks each from Renfrewshire and Ayr Provinces. It is played on the 1st Wednesday of March at 3pm at Greenacres.

GILMOUR MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Gilmour Cup is an Inter-Province competition played annually between 4 rinks from Renfrewshire and Dunbartonshire provinces. It is played on the 2nd Saturday of December at 12.30pm at Greenacres.