



## TEAM INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Team

On behalf of the umpiring team, welcome to the European Junior Curling Tour 2017 Event at Braehead.

I have been appointed Chief Umpire for the Competition and will be assisted by Jim Stewart, Robin Turner, Colin Melrose, Angus Shearer, Stewart Sutherland, Gordon Whitelaw and Ken McCall

Below is some information that we hope will assist you to understand how the competition is being run. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach the umpires before starting your first game, or ask your coach to raise the matter at the Chief Umpires Meeting.

Chief Umpire's Meeting	One representative of each team is asked to meet with the Chief Umpire 30 minutes before the start of their first game. The team representative should be the Team Coach and/or Team Skip and/or Team Representative. The Meeting will be held within the Umpires Room.
Sweeping	WCF sweeping rules will be applied to this competition.
Measures	Will be done by umpires – any one player from each team is welcome to watch but the remainder of the team should stand behind the hack or out at the hoglines
Speed of Play	Speedy play is essential to try and prevent subsequent sessions running late, which ultimately affects everyone. Please try to be ready to play at all times An 8 end game SHOULD take no more than 2 hours. So that you know how much time is remaining, a clock will be positioned alongside Sheet 8, set to 2 hours, and started at the beginning of each game. Umpires will be closely monitoring speed of play and will not hesitate to take appropriate action. We will be expecting to see 2 ends completed in 30 minutes, 4 ends within one hour, the 6 <sup>th</sup> end nearing completion in 1½ hours and the 8 <sup>th</sup> end well advanced when the 2-hour clock runs down.
Completion of scorecards/ line score sheets and posting scores	You will be asked to confirm the score by signing the scoresheet being kept by the umpires. Please remember to put up your scores on the boards at the away end, including the last end.
Original Team Line-Up Form	Please hand your completed Original Team Line-Up Form to the umpires before taking to the ice for your first game.
Procedure for determining 'Last stone first end' i.e. LSD?	Draw Shots will take place at the <b>beginning of each game</b> and following completion of the practice stones. Draw Shot Averages will be used for final ranking position for playoffs. Please be ready at the stated start time. The team throwing the Dark coloured stones will throw first. Each team will play a single draw shot TOWARDS the home (i.e. observation window) end. Any draw shots played towards the far end will NOT be measured and will be recorded as 199.6cm. Players will leave their Draw Shot stone in place until it is measured by the Umpires. Any stone removed before it is measured by the umpires will be recorded as 199.6cm. Whichever team has the lower Draw Shot will have the choice of throwing first or second stone in the first end. <b>Remember that each member of your team must throw one draw shot.</b> <b>When your stone is being measured, please confirm to the umpire the name of the person throwing the stone, as we don't know all of you by sight.</b>

Extra Ends	All games are scored on a win/loss basis. If required, <b>one extra end</b> will be played. If there is no score in the extra end, the team throwing the final stone will <b>lose the game</b> .
Tie break procedure	There will be <b>NO</b> tie breaks.
Ranking	On completion of the round robin, teams will be ranked by number of wins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be <b>NO</b> ranking within individual sections.</li> <li>• Teams will be ranked from 1 to 15 across all three sections according to their Win/Loss record. Teams on equal number of wins will be ranked by Draw Shot Average; the team with the lesser DSA receives the higher ranking.</li> <li>• The DSA is the average distance of all the individual Last Stone Draws stones which were delivered by a team during the round robin. The single least favourable result is automatically eliminated before calculating the average distance. The team with the lesser DSA receives the higher ranking. If the DSAs are equal then the team with the best non–equal counting LSD receives the higher ranking.</li> </ul>
Post Round-Robin Team Meeting	A brief meeting with the Chief Umpire will be held within the Umpires Room, starting 15 minutes after completion of the final round-robin game. All qualifying teams are requested to send a representative capable of making decisions on behalf of the team. Any team not represented will forfeit the right to choice of LSFE/stone colour as appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draw and sheet allocation for the quarter-finals will be announced.</li> <li>• The higher ranking team has the choice of LSFE.</li> <li>• The lower ranking team has the choice of stone colour.</li> </ul>
Ice conditions	The icemakers try to give you the best possible ice to play on. Make sure your shoes and kippers are <b>CLEAN and in usable condition</b> every time you go on the ice, which includes trips to the toilet or changing rooms- it is in your own interest to reduce the chances of dirt from shoes causing pickups
Change of Line-Up	If you make any changes to your line-up during the competition, either change in personnel or order of play, please complete a <b>Game Team Line-Up Form</b> BEFORE you take to the ice. Forms can be obtained from the umpires.
Discipline in Curling	All competitors will be expected to exercise normal levels of discipline both on and off the ice. Any unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with appropriately.
Ice Damage	Some ice damage was caused by brush abuse last year. This situation will be closely monitored by umpires and appropriate disciplinary action taken.
Hogline Infringements	Last year there seemed to be an increase in hogline infringements as the competition progressed. Umpires will be paying particular attention to this <b>AND</b> will deal with it in accordance with Rule R5 (d) & (e).
General Housekeeping	No fire alarms are planned so, if the alarm sounds, out we all go. If you are buying food out in the Mall, please eat it out there and do not bring it into the ice hall.
Brush Bags Drop-off	All brush bags should be placed in the designated area beyond Sheet 8. Please do not leave bags lying in other areas where they might create a trip hazard. Any bags found in dangerous locations will be removed.

Good luck and enjoy the competition.

*John McGowan*

Chief Umpire