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World Mixed Doubles Competition Changes

Motion:

On behalf of Curling Canada, we propose the following changes to the format and structure of the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship to ensure the competition reflects the standards demanded of an Olympic sport.

Background:

- With the current format that includes up to 42 teams competing for the World Championship, within the pool there is a large divide in the skill level between competing teams.

Rationale:

- The suggested draw will ensure all Countries will be playing at the World Mixed Doubles Championship together.
- Will ensure that every Country will have an opportunity to win a World Championship every year.
- With Mixed Doubles Curling now an Olympic discipline, this will ensure the Competitive Integrity required for a World Championship.
- Provides developing Mixed Doubles competitors the opportunity of a “best ever” result, based on a more evenly ranked pool system.
- The Championship can be completed within the allotted 8 days of competition. (See appendix A, Draw Schedule)

Suggested Draw:

- Two competition pools (Pool A and Pool B). Pool descriptions below.
- The Championship playoff format would comprise of 16 teams competing in a single knock out playoff format. (See Appendix B, Playoff Format)
- 12 teams will qualify for the Championship round from Pool A, 4 teams will qualify for the Championship round from Pool B.
- Rewards placement within the championship draw based on the team's performance within the round robin.

Olympic Qualification Points:

- Increase the points awarded towards Olympic Qualification from the current 12 teams to 16 teams.



- System is then in place if the number of Olympic teams increases for future Olympic games.
- Ensures all teams that compete in Pool A have an opportunity to compete for Olympic points in the current competition year.
- This translates to having 20 teams competing for Olympic qualification points during the Championship.
- Provides the 4 teams from pool B a guarantee of a minimum of two games against Pool A teams.

Pool Descriptions:

Pool A

- Year one only, the top 16 Countries based on the WCF's World Mixed Doubles Rankings as of April 30th, 2017.
- The 16 teams are divided into 2 pools of eight competing in a 7 game round robin.
- The top 12 teams will qualify for the playoffs as follows, the top 2 in each pool are placed into the quarter finals. Teams ranked 5th to 8th are placed in round two and teams ranked 9th – 12th are placed in round one of the playoffs.
- The bottom 4 team Countries are relegated to Pool B for the next World Championship but will compete for Olympic points as outlined within the playoff structure.

Pool B

- Remaining entered Countries
- The number of pools required will be determined to ensure that each team plays a minimum of 5 round robin games during the Championship. (See appendix C, Pool B Options)
- The top 4 teams qualify for the Championship playoffs and will be placed into round one within the playoff bracket.
- These top 4 team Countries are promoted to Pool A for the next World Championship



Appendix A – Draw Schedule



If needed, there is one sheet available to pool B when pool A is playing.

Saturday

8:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games

11:30 am - pool A round robin 4 games

2:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

5:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

8:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

Sunday

8:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games

11:30 am - pool A round robin 4 games

2:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

5:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

8:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

Monday

8:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games

11:30 am - pool A round robin 4 games

2:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

5:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

8:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

Tuesday

8:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games

11:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games

2:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

5:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

8:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

Wednesday

8:30 am - pool A round robin 4 games

11:30 am - pool A round robin 4 games

2:30 pm - pool A round robin 4 games

5:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games

8:30 pm - pool B round robin 5 games



Appendix A – Draw Schedule – cont.

Thursday
8:30 am - pool B round robin 5 games
11:30 - last round robin games pool A 4 games
2:30 - last round robin games pool A 4 games
4:30 - Team meeting for the 7:30pm playoff teams
5:15 - Team practice for the 7:30pm playoff teams (10 min per team on the sheet they are going to play on)
7:30 - Playoff games
9:30 - Team meeting for the 9:00am playoff teams
10:15 - Team practice for the 9:00am playoff teams (10 min per team on the sheet they are going to play on)
Friday
9:00 am - Playoff games
11:00 - Team meeting for the 2:00 and 5:00 playoff teams
11:45 - Team practice for the 2:00 and 5:00 playoff teams (10 min per team on the sheet they are going to play on)
2:00 - Playoff games
5:00 pm - Playoff games
7:00 pm - Team meeting for the 8:00pm playoff teams
8:00 pm - Playoff games
10:00 pm - Team meeting for the Saturday playoff teams
10:45 - Team practice for the Saturday playoff teams (10 min per team on the first sheet they are going to play on Saturday)
Saturday
9:00 am - Playoff games
11:00 - Team meeting for the teams that played games 29 and 30
12:00 - Playoff games
2:00 - Team meeting for the Gold and Bronze medal games
3:00 pm - Playoff games



Appendix B – Playoff Format

Championship Round				
Round One				
	Round Two			
Pool B, 4th		Quarter Finals		
thu 6pm game 1			Semi Finals	
	fri 9am game 5			Final and Bronze
Pool A, 9th	Pool A, 8th	fri 3pm game 9		
		Pool A, 1st		
Pool B, 1st			sat noon	
thu 6pm game 2	fri 9am			
Pool A, 12th	game 6	fri 3pm		
	Pool A, 5th	game 10		
		Pool A, 4th		
			sat 3pm	winner 1st loser 2nd
Pool B, 2nd				
thu 6pm game 3	fri 9am			
Pool A, 11th	game 7	fri 3pm		
	Pool A, 6th	game 11		
		Pool A, 3rd		
Pool B, 3rd			sat noon	
thu 6pm game 4	fri 9am			
Pool A, 10th	game 8	fri 3pm		
	Pool A, 7th	game 12		
		Pool A, 2nd		
			sat 3pm	winner 3rd loser 4th



Appendix B – Playoff Format – cont.

Position / Olympic Qualification Point Matches				
		loser game 9		
		sat 9am game 29		
		loser game 10		
			sat noon	winner 5th loser 6th
		loser game 11		
		sat 9am game 30		
		loser game 12		
			loser game 29	
			sat noon	winner 7th loser 8th
			loser game 30	
	loser game 5			
	fri 6pm game 25			
	loser game 6			
		sat noon		winner 9th loser 10th
	loser game 7			
	fri 6pm game 26			
	loser game 8			
		loser game 25		
		sat 9am		winner 11 loser 12th
		loser game 26		



Appendix B – Playoff Format – cont.

loser game 1			
fri noon			
Pool A, 13th	fri 6pm game 21		
loser game 2			
fri noon			
Pool A, 16th		sat 9am	winner 13th loser 14th
loser game 3			
fri noon			
Pool A, 14th	fri 6pm game 22		
loser game 4			
fri noon			
Pool A, 15th		loser game 21	
		sat 9am	winner 15th loser 16th
		loser game 22	



Appendix C – Pool B Options

16 teams – 2 pools of 8

Top 2 teams from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

17 teams – 1 pool of 8, 1 pool of 9

Top 2 teams from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

18 teams – 3 pools of 6

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

19 teams – 2 pools of 6, 1 pool of 7

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

20 teams – 2 pools of 7, 1 pool of 6

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

21 teams – 3 pools of 7

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

22 teams – 2 pools of 7, 1 pool of 8

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

23 teams – 2 pools of 8, 1 pool of 7

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round plus the team with the next best loss record from all pools.

24 teams – 4 pools of 6

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

25 teams – 3 pools of 6, 1 pool of 7

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

26 teams – 2 pools of 7, 2 pools of 6

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

27 teams – 3 pools of 7, 1 pool of 6

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

28 teams – 4 pools of 7

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.

29 teams – 3 pools of 7, 1 pool of 8

Top team from each pool qualify for the championship playoff round.