



BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

Policy Regarding the Creation of National Championship Draws

Policy Statement

National Championship draws are created to be fair and equitable to all participating athletes. They consider the unique characteristics of each venue and the individual challenges of each Host Organizing Committee. Each draw assumes that all athletes abide by the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Definitions

The “*Scheduler*” refers to the individual who is creating the draw schedule.

The “*Drawmaster*” refers to the individual(s) who are conducting the random draw resulting in the assignment of participants/teams to playing positions within the draw schedule.

The “*Draw Schedule*” refers to the structure of the draw wherein the round robin format is created with the assignment of rinks and greens.

The “*Draw*” refers to the random assignment of participants/teams to playing positions within the draw schedule.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and transparency around the principles and situational factors considered when a draw is created for a national championship.

Principles

The following principles must be applied when creating a national championship draw. They are listed in order of priority. When a facility does not allow for the full application of a principle, the Scheduler will apply required accommodations.

1. When creating a draw for a competition with multiple events, all teams in an individual category (e.g., Women’s Triples) should be kept together on the same green and events should rotate on a daily basis in order to ensure that all athletes enjoy the same advantages regarding green conditions.
2. Playoff rounds and medal rounds will be played on the best possible rinks. When an event is being ‘live-streamed’, playoff rounds and medal rounds will be played on the best possible rinks that can also accommodate live-streaming.
3. The sequence of round robin play, rink numbers and start times should be determined before specific opponents are determined.
4. Players and teams should not play on the same rink more than once during the round robin play.



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5. Players and teams should play on the same number of “good” and “poor” rinks as identified in advance by the Host Organizing Committee.
6. For each individual event (or section), players or teams should play a similar number of games on each green.
7. Mid-day travel should be reduced to a minimum and then distributed evenly amongst the players and teams.
8. Teams should not play back to back matches on the same green on the same day unless playing an opponent who is also playing back to back matches on the same green on the same day.
9. Every effort will be made to avoid having A and B teams play each other in the last rounds of a round robin tournament. However, in those instances where last minute changes make this unavoidable, it is assumed that both teams will abide by the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Additional Factors Considered

10. The Scheduler will have knowledge of the greens. This knowledge will either be first-hand or provided by the Host Organizing Committee.
11. The Scheduler will determine the rinks and times that each team will play during the round robin phase.
12. If possible, the direction of play (N-S or E-W) may be changed mid-day, enabling the same rink number to be played in each direction.
13. It may be possible for rink centres and boundaries to be moved laterally between games or between days. The draw schedule is prepared on the assumption that rinks will not be adjusted.
14. The Scheduler will work with the Host Organizing Committee to ensure that the schedule can be accommodated logistically.

Application

15. The Scheduler will be the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Chief Umpire. In the event that the Chief Umpire is not available, the Board of Directors will appoint a Chief Scheduler.
16. The Drawmaster will be a staff member of Bowls Canada Boulingrin. The draw for team assignments will be conducted under the observation of a member of the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Board of Directors.
17. The Draw for team assignments for non-open Championships will take place following the Preliminary Entry Deadline as the teams are confirmed.
18. The Draw for open events will take place immediately following the final entry deadline.



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19. In those cases where Championship teams include an “A” and “B” team from the same province, every effort will be made to have the “A” and “B” team meet in Round 3 of the Draw by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All A teams will first be placed in one blind draw and all team numbers will be placed in a second blind draw.
 - b. As each A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - c. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - d. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.
 - e. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.

20. With the exceptions of singles events, in those cases where there are byes in the opening session, every effort will be made to have the host team play in the first session of the Draw by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All team numbers that play in the first session will be placed in one blind draw.
 - b. The host team number will be drawn.
 - c. All remaining team numbers will be added to the team number blind draw and all remaining teams will be added to a second blind draw.
 - d. As each A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - e. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - f. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.
 - g. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.

21. In those cases where there are byes in the opening session, and there is an “A” and “B” team from the host province, every effort will be made to have both of the “A” and “B” teams play in the first session of the Draw (but not play each other) by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All team numbers that play in the first session will be placed in one blind draw and the “A” and “B” host teams will be placed in a second blind draw.
 - b. When the host A or B team number is drawn, the other team will be assigned a team number based on their opposing team number from Round 3 of the schedule, and this number will be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - c. All remaining teams will be added to the blind draw.
 - d. As each remaining A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - e. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - f. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.
 - g. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.

22. For the Outdoor Singles, when multiple groups are used, an emphasis will be placed on the following:
 - a. Each gender will be determined separately
 - b. Participants from the same province will not be in the same group (if possible)



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- c. The provincial winners from the provinces with the largest numbers of registered BCB members will be placed in separate groups (as best as possible)
- d. Groups will be created prior to the Final Entry Deadline
- e. A bracket system will be designed for post-sectional play using the following principles:
 - i. When there are four sections, each sectional first place player will play a randomly selected sectional second place player from a different section in the quarter-finals; each winner advances to the semi-finals to play against a randomly selected player from a different section, with those winners advancing to the gold medal match.
 - ii. When there are three sections, then each sectional first place player will be ranked against each other as outlined in Appendix B, B.2 of the Conditions of Play. The top two sectional players will receive byes to the semi-finals. No tie break games will be played to determine those byes. The remaining first place player will play against a randomly selected sectional second place player from a different section and the other two sectional second place players play each other in the quarter finals. Each winner then advances to play in the semi-finals with those winners advancing to the gold medal match.